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Momentum & Markets: Capitalising on West Africa's Energy Investment Boom

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AGENDA

West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit Agenda

Day One – Monday 1 February 2027

07:30 — 07:30 – 09:00 **WA-ECS 2027 Registration & Networking**

09:00 — 09:00 – 09:30 **WA-ECS 2027 Opening Ceremony**

09:30 — 09:30 – 10:45 **Ghana Country Spotlight: The Transformational Journey to Regional Leadership**

Ghana has turned sector-wide financial strains into a genuine reform story, clearing over $1.4 billion in legacy debt and emerging as one of West Africa's most ambitious renewable energy players.

- What can other markets in the region learn from Ghana's growth playbook?
- How has resolving legacy IPP and gas-supply arrears changed investor confidence in Ghana's power sector?
- What will it take to move Ghana's utility-scale solar, gas, and BESS pipeline from tender to construction at pace?
- How has Ghana's move towards competitive, transparent procurement set a new benchmark for investment across the region?

Speakers



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10:45 — 10:45 – 11:15 **Networking Coffee**

11:15 — 11:15 – 12:15 **Ministerial Roundtable: Momentum & Markets: Capitalising on West Africa's Energy Investment Boom (Open to all WA-ECS attendees)**

Capital is increasingly moving toward West Africa over other regions; it is imperative to understand what is driving this shift and how can it be sustained and capitalised upon to ensure it is not a temporary trend.

- How has West Africa become a leader in power investment on the continent, and how can this success be sustained in the long-term?
- What policy commitments would give private capital confidence to commit to the next generation of projects?
- How is the West African region working together to meet the needs and solutions for regional interconnection targets?

12:15 — 12:15 – 13:45 **Lunch**

13:45 — 13:45 – 14:45 **A Synchronised Market: Moving from Bilateral to Market Trading**

With the region now interconnected and synchronisation testing completed, West Africa is becoming a fully tradable power market.

- How will a functioning Day-Ahead Market change cross-border power trading and merchant generation of power including solar, wind, hydro, and thermal?
- What will it take to move the region's pipeline of interconnection projects from construction to full commercial operation?
- How are investors shifting from construction financing to market-enabling instruments?
- What will Ghana's role in an interconnected West Africa be?

14:45 — 14:45 – 15:45 **Two Markets, One Gas Supply: Balancing Export & Domestic Power**

With new gas discoveries and LNG capacity coming online, the region must weigh domestic power against export capacity.

- How should investors weigh the region's LNG export ambitions against the priority of powering domestic grids?
- What unlocks bankable projects from offshore gas discoveries?
- Which markets are best positioned to become the region's next gas hub?
- Where are the opportunities for the private sector to enter Ghana's gas market?

15:45 — 15:45 – 16:15 **Networking Coffee**

16:15 — 16:15 – 17:15 **De-Risking the Deal: Financing West Africa's Energy Pipeline**

With capital flowing into West Africa, the challenge is now turning these commitments into bankable, operational projects.

- How are receivables-backed bonds giving utilities new ways to raise money locally, and creating fresh opportunities for investors?
- Which financing structures offer the clearest path from commitment to construction across the region's flagship projects?
- How are guarantee mechanisms being rebuilt or scaled to accelerate financial close?
- What market features do the private sector look for when looking to inject capital in new frontiers?

17:15 — 17:15 – 19:00 **Social Event**

Day Two – Tuesday 2 February 2027

08:00	08:00 – 09:30 **Registration & Networking**
09:30	09:30 – 10:45 **Hosted Boardroom**
	09:30 – 10:45 **YES! Opening Ceremony** 09:30-09:40 EnergyNet Opening Remarks 09:40-09:50 Host Country Keynote Address 09:50-10:45 Walk With Me Programme: Why YES!? Hear success stories from YES! Alumni and be blown away!
11:15	11:45 – 12:30 **The Parallel Market: Industrial Demand Driving Growth** Falling electron costs are driving bankable captive power solutions for major industrial players in West Africa. • Where are industrial offtake models becoming replicable? • How has captive power (solar, hydro, thermal) demand from industrials created a bankable segment of the energy market? • How is the falling cost of electrons making self-generation an increasingly attractive option for industrials moving off diesel?
	11:15 – 12:30 **Why You Should be Excited About Ghana's Energy Sector!** Ghana's job market is shifting fast, with new training pipelines and graduate programmes opening doors for young people. • How is government policy creating jobs for you? • What does it mean for youth that private companies are investing in graduate programmes? • How are homegrown tech pipelines equipping young Ghanaians with real digital skills for tomorrow's jobs?
12:30	12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**
14:00	14:00 – 15:00 **Hosted Boardroom**
	14:00 – 15:00 **YES! Interactive Workshop**
15:00	15:00 – 15:30 **Networking Coffee**
15:30	15:30 – 16:30 **Built to Scale: Taking West Africa's Utility-Scale Tenders to Financial Close** As falling renewable tariffs drive a growing pipeline of tenders, financial close remains the primary barrier between a signed deal and an operating plant. • What regulatory and tariff conditions would give private sector the confidence to commit capital to national grids? • What will it take to move the region's solar, wind, thermal, and hydro tenders to financial close? • Where is the investment opportunity as utility-scale tenders (solar, hydro, wind, thermal, gas) pair solar with storage by default? • How has Ghana broken its largest-MW project record three times this year, and how can it sustain that growth?
	15:30 – 16:30 **Graduate Scheme Presentations**
16:30	16:30 – 17:30 **WA-ECS 2027 & YES! Ghana Closing Ceremony**