



Tomorrow: ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum 2019 Kicks Off In Accra

21 October 2019--Tomorrow, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) kicks off its third annual **ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum (ESEF)**, at the Kempinski Hotel in Accra, Ghana. Registration details, along with other event information can be found [here](#).

In collaboration with its co-organizers [Alliance for Rural Electrification](#) (ARE) and [GET.invest](#), ECREEE through this event brings together leaders in the West African region committed to moving forward the region's sustainable energy goals. Geared toward facilitating business deals and promoting investment in the area, ESEF2019 aims to impact sustainable change and empower sustainable energy stakeholders to move toward a viable regional energy market.

During the three-day conference, attendees will hear from a myriad of experts, tasked with identifying and addressing the region's most pressing energy issues and determining actionable steps for energy and economic efficiency amongst ECOWAS states. Ministers, directors and high-level delegates of energy and utilities from the 15 ECOWAS member states will participate in the discussions, in addition to key partners such as USAID, World Bank, Islamic Development Bank, West African Development Bank, GIZ, UNIDO, IRENA and many more.

This year's event will also feature a B2B matchmaking session, where participants can connect with potential business partners, investors and relevant experts in a series of select personal meetings. The matchmaking is sponsored by GET.invest and supported by ARE. Interested participants can register [here](#).

With the support of ECREEE and its sister agencies West Africa Power Pool (WAPP) and the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Authority (ERERA), the region has already made tremendous strides toward putting in place the policy and regulatory framework for a viable

sustainable energy market. As such, translating this enabling environment into concrete projects powering inclusive energy access and growth is one of the key objectives of ESEF2019.

As a true testament to ESEF's growing success and dedication to collaborative, solution-oriented pathways, this year's event is supported by The Austrian Development Cooperation (ADA); The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID); UNIDO; GIZ; The World Bank Group; The European Union; The Global Environment Facility (GEF); GET.invest; and ARE.

For more information on the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum 2019, please visit: esef2019.org.

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About ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) was established by the ECOWAS Commission in 2008 during the 61st Session of ECOWAS Council of Ministers. ECREEE is a specialized ECOWAS agency based in Praia, Cabo Verde, with a public mandate to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency markets. It acts as an independent body but within the legal, administrative and financial framework of ECOWAS rules and regulations. The overall mandate of ECREEE is to contribute to the sustainable economic, social and environmental development of West Africa by improving access to modern, reliable and affordable energy services, energy security and reduction of energy related externalities (GHG, local pollution). Since its inception, ECREEE has been working diligently to create favorable conditions for regional RE & EE markets by supporting activities directed to mitigate existing technology, financial, economic, business, legal, policy, institutional, knowledge and capacity related barriers.

About GET.invest

GET.invest is a European programme that mobilises private sector investments in decentralised renewable energy projects. Supported by the European Union, Germany,

Sweden, the Netherlands, and Austria, it builds a bridge between business and project developers, financiers and regulators. Find out more at <https://www.get-invest.eu/>

About The Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE)

ARE is an international business association that promotes a sustainable decentralised renewable energy industry for the 21st century, activating markets for affordable energy services, and creating local jobs and inclusive economies. We enable improved energy access through business development support for more than 130 Members along the whole value chain for off-grid technologies. Find out more at <https://www.ruralelec.org/>

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