



Access to Modern Energy in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas: Policies, Practices and Knowledge Sharing.

A UNEP facilitated workshop

3-5 November 2009, Dakar, Senegal

About the event

The three-day workshop will bring together stakeholders, policy makers and energy experts from North, West and Central Africa to focus on central issues related to energy access, especially to urban and peri-urban areas. The workshop will present and discuss the latest studies on energy access for the poor as well as energy security, and relate these results to technology transfer, capacity building and achieving the MDGs. Key to these issues is the availability of information on energy needs, best practices, technologies and funding possibilities. The event is a combined initiative of the UNEP-facilitated knowledge network Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD) and the EUEI-UNEP Capacity Enhancement and Mobilisation Action for Energy in Africa (CEMA). The workshop will also focus on how institutional and human capacity in the sub-regions can be enhanced and mobilized so that national and regional authorities are best equipped to take advantage of present and future cooperation and support facilities, especially the new Africa – EU Energy Partnership (AEEP).

Key topics

- Issues and challenges of energy access in peri-urban areas: results of the latest GNESD thematic studies
- Establishing an information exchange platform on modern energy access solutions for peri-urban areas;
- The Africa –EU Energy Partnership (AEEP): Mobilizing and enhancing capacity in the sub-region to take full advantage of the new support facilities;
- The Knowledge and Information Base for Energy Solutions in Africa (KIBESA) – a wiki-based tool developed in CEMA

Who should attend?

- Senior energy sector stakeholders from national government such as Ministries and Departments of Energy
- Energy utility and regulator representatives
- Rural electrification and energization agencies
- Energy-sector officers from Regional Economic Communities
- Senior energy researchers and experts

Workshop programme

Day 1: Tuesday 3 November

- Urban and Peri-Urban Energy Access: the GNESD case studies
- Barriers to electricity access in Urban and peri-urban Areas (Panel Discussion)
- Barriers to access to modern cooking fuel in peri-urban areas (Panel Discussion)

Day 2: Wednesday 4 November

- Capacity needs in North, West and Central Africa related to the Africa – EU Energy Partnership
- Network and knowledge sharing
- Demonstration of the online knowledge tool KIBESA

Day 3: Thursday 5 November

- Strategy to remove barriers on energy access
- Addressing energy access needs through policy, implementation and knowledge sharing - Combining experience from successful policies, interventions and knowledge networks
- Energy access, knowledge sharing and successful policy implementation (High-level panel discussion)

Host organization

The workshop is hosted by the Environment Development Action in the Third World (Enda-TM), a partner in both GNESD and CEMA.

<http://energie.enda.sn/>

Location

The workshop will be held at the Pullman Hotel, Dakar, Senegal

<http://www.novotel.com/gb/home/index.shtml>

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged at the workshop venue, subject to availability.

Financial support

Full support for travel, accommodation and living expenses will be available for a limited number of high-level participants from North, West and Central Africa. For further information, please contact: Secou Sarr at ENDA:

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Partners

The event is sponsored through the two UNEP-facilitated initiatives: the Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD) and the EUEI-UNEP Capacity Enhancement and Mobilization Action for Energy in Africa (CEMA).

The **Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD)** is a UNEP-facilitated knowledge network of Centres of Excellence and Network Partners, acknowledged for their work on energy, development and environmental issues. GNESD is one of several Type II partnerships in the field of Energy that were launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg,

The EUEI-UNEP **Capacity Enhancement and Mobilisation Action for Energy in Africa (CEMA)** implemented by UNEP DTIE (France) and UNEP Risø Centre (Denmark), in collaboration with partner Centres throughout Africa, is a four-year activity designed to support the Africa-EU Energy Partnership. CEMA aims to enhance the dialogue between African and EU stakeholders, particularly at sub-regional level, through targeted policy engagement, special studies, information dissemination and targeted

