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Concept Note:

Harnessing Regional Energy Governance for Central Africa's Energy Security



**September 4, 2024
(2.00 – 4.00 p.m. West African Time).**

Webinar on “Harnessing Regional Energy Governance for Central Africa's Energy Security”

Overview

Join us on September 4, 2024, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. West African Time for an engaging and insightful webinar on "Harnessing Regional Energy Governance for Central Africa's Energy Security."

This webinar, organized jointly by the University of Delaware's Energy and Environmental Policy program and the African Development Bank (AfDB) Division of Energy Policy, Regulation and Statistics, will feature expert discussions in both English and French. The event will delve into the key issues highlighted in a recent policy brief jointly published by both organizations, addressing pressing energy challenges in the Central African region.

The webinar will bring together thought leaders and experts from the University of Delaware, AfDB, the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Central African Power Pool (CAPP), and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to explore solutions and strategies for enhancing regional energy governance.

[\(Click here to download the joint policy brief on “Harnessing Regional Energy Governance for Central Africa's Energy Security.”\)](#)

Problem Statement

Central Africa, home to eleven countries, grapples with critical energy challenges, including pervasive energy poverty, limited electricity access, and a constrained financial base for energy development. Thus, the region faces significant hurdles in achieving a just and sustainable energy transition, impeding the provision of affordable, reliable energy, the deployment of renewable energy sources, and the development of a large-scale power grid infrastructure.

Many countries in the region lack proven domestic energy resources, compelling them to import hydrocarbons for power generation, with substantial economic and logistical implications. Despite these challenges, Central Africa possesses abundant untapped resources, such as water basins like the Congo River (for hydropower), wind, solar, and natural gas.

However, national energy governance systems often diverge, limiting collaboration that could leverage collective regional interests to improve energy access and security. By harnessing regional institutions for energy security and integrating energy systems, Central Africa can achieve economies of scale and scope, significantly enhancing its energy landscape.

This webinar thus addresses the need for a robust regionalized energy governance approach in Central Africa, offering a more effective solution to the region's complex energy policy issues.

Objectives

The webinar will:

- i. Discuss the challenges and limitations of national energy governance in Central Africa.
- ii. Highlight the opportunities and benefits of regional energy governance to strengthen energy security.
- iii. Examine various regional and continental initiatives to improve regional energy access.
- iv. Discuss the need for a reinforced approach for regional energy integration.

Workshop Organization

The webinar is jointly organized by the University of Delaware's Energy and Environmental Policy Program and the Energy Policy, Regulation and statistics Division (PESR.1) of the African Development Bank (AfDB). This event aligns with AfDB's goal of promoting African energy security, and the University of Delaware's commitment to leading innovative research for effective energy transitions and sustainable development.

Target Audience

The webinar is open to all, including energy utilities within and outside Africa, students, researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and anyone interested in sustainable energy management in Africa.

Webinar Registration

The webinar will be held on September 4, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. West African Time (WAT). Please register to attend via (www.afdb.zoom.us/webinar-regional-energy-governance). Registration opens on August 12, 2024, and closes on August 31, 2024. Only registered participants will receive the Zoom link and updates via email before the webinar.

We look forward to your participation in this pivotal discussion on harnessing regional energy governance for Central Africa's energy security. Do not miss this opportunity to engage with leading experts and contribute to shaping a sustainable energy future for Central Africa. Register now!

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AGENDA

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, |Day 1|

14:00 – 14 :05	Opening Session
	Welcome and Opening Remarks: <i>Mr. Callixte Kambanda, Manager, Energy Policy, Regulation and Statistics Division (PESR1), Power, Energy, Climate Change & Green Growth, (PEVP) Complex, AfDB</i>
14 :05 – 14 :10	
	Welcome and Opening Remarks: <i>Prof. Joseph Trainor, Dean – Biden School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware, Delaware, US.</i>
14 :10 - 14 :30	Presentation of the Policy Brief
	Presentation of Highlights of the Brief: <i>Mr. Etchu Tabenyang (University of Delaware)</i>
14:30- 15:20	Panel discussion
	Scene-setting and Introduction of the Panelists Views from Panelists, and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator: <i>Dr. Kalim Shah, Associate Professor, Energy and Environmental Policy Program, University of Delaware.</i>• Panelist 1: <i>Mr. Ibrahima Konate, Manager, Energy Operations, Central Africa region, AfDB.</i>• Panelist 2: <i>Mr. Attadet Mougoro, Permanent Secretary, Central Africa Power Pool (CAPP).</i>• Panelist 3: <i>Mr. Ndemazagoa Desire, Director, Energy, The Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).</i>• Panelist 4: <i>Dr. Charly Gatete, Senior Applied Researcher, African School of Regulation</i>
15:20 – 15:50	Q&A
	All Participants
15:50 – 16:00	Closing Session
	Closing remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Callixte Kambanda, Manager, Energy Policy, Regulation and Statistics Division (PESR1), Power, Energy, Climate Change & Green Growth, (PEVP) Complex, AfDB.</i>• <i>Prof. Levi Thompson, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, University of Delaware.</i>