



“Energy for sustainable development in Africa in the post-COVID19 world – looking for the New Normal”

Webinar Series - Concept

The African Energy Commission (AFREC) of the African Union, the South Centre, and the Clean Energy Innovation Partnership (CEIP) are pleased to collaborate in presenting this series of Zoom webinars on “Energy for sustainable development in Africa in the post-COVID19 world – looking for the New Normal.”

Africa is home for about 1 bn people of many cultures, and by 2050 the population of the continent is expected to double. Currently, low levels of economic development prevent the increase of the quality of life of most African people and generate severe risks of vulnerabilities of men, women and children and ecosystems. Africa, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, has generally low levels of per capita income, energy supply and consumption, road and railroad infrastructure. Very limited access to fertilizers results in low agricultural productivity, leading to food insecurity and inducing deforestation. The unique and diverse ecosystems of the continent are fragile and under continuous pressure. Climate change, deforestation, water and air pollution further deteriorate living conditions and present severe risks to African countries and their peoples.

The COVID-19 outbreak and its consequent economic downturn present additional challenges and pose questions requiring urgent answers. At the same time, the pandemic has already resulted in exploring the post-Covid 19 pandemic New Normal. For instance, a special report by AFREC on the implications of COVID-19 on African Countries and, in particular, on the African Oil Energy Sector has recently been published (<https://www.afrec-energy.org/special-reports.php>). It pinpoints some future measures required, including expanding renewables. The post-Covid 19 pandemic recovery strategies and plans should inform the implementation of “Designing the African Energy sector Transition: An approach for social and economic transformation in a climate compatible manner” developed by AFREC with the support of South Centre.

Short- and long-term success of the pandemic measures depend upon, among others, elements, **strategic vision** reflecting current situation and future uncertainties; and aligning interests of all stakeholders.

In order to build such strategic vision, we have invited leading experts from all parts of Africa and from other parts of the world to take part in a series of webinars, entitled, **“Energy for sustainable development in Africa in the post-COVID19 world – looking for the New Normal”**.

We expect that the webinars will result in collecting comprehensive information and will generate ideas for further work on the strategies development and stakeholders’ engagement that are important and necessary for Africa’s successful energy transition that will meet the needs and priorities of all its citizens and propels its sustainable development.

The second webinar in the series, **“Sustainable Energy for Africa: transition through growth. How to boost output, improve access and reduce impact on the nature and society? Technologies, scenarios, strategies, sources of finance and business models”** will take place on **Wednesday, 22 July 2020, 1300h GMT**. Here we will assess existing tools and future uncertainties with the purpose of generating strategic scenarios – realistic, resilient and capable of providing holistic and leasing solutions matching interests of the key stakeholders in various African regions.

The webinars will be held in English.

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WEBINAR 2

“Sustainable Energy for Africa: transition through growth. How to boost output, improve access and reduce impact on the nature and society? Technologies, scenarios, strategies, sources of finance and business models”

Panelist	Discussion
<p>Mr. Bah Saho</p> 	<p>Acting Executive Director of ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)</p> <p>The challenges and opportunities for the ECOWAS arising from the pandemic and experiences from renewable energy programs in ECOWAS that could inform the health crisis and recovery.</p>
<p>Mahamane Sow</p> 	<p>CEO EDF Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Impact of the pandemic on collecting and enhancing consumer's payments and the role of utilities in facilitating the decentralization trend.</p>
<p>Dr Modiba Dicko</p> 	<p>Consultant in the area of solar energy health supply chain management and innovations and former WHO project coordinator</p> <p>The current state and future of energy provision to the continent's health sector and energy services for cooling.</p>

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Mohamed Adow



Director of Power Shift Africa

Financing mechanism that could support the energy transition and climate adaptation and why to keep focus on these issues.

Dmitry Kalinin



Partner, Clean Energy Innovations Partnership

Ways to align the response to the immediate problems with the long-term energy and development aspiration of Africa and financing approaches.