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Conference Agenda

Labadi Beach Hotel,
Accra, Ghana



**Innovate, Invest, Implement:
Revolutionised Financing for
Sustainable Energy Sector
Growth in Africa"**



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Day 1 Activities

Time	Activity
07:00 – 08:30	Registration & Networking Breakfast
08:00 – 08:30	Pan-African Welcome Display
08:30 – 08:45	Opening Ceremony & Lead Sponsor and AETC 2025 Official Video
08:45 – 08:55	Scene Setting: Tydon Jojo Dadzie, TeachinAid School
09:00 – 09:45	<p>Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address: Emelia Cedar-Palm Akumah, Founder & President of AETC</p> <p>Keynote Addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Omar Farouk Ibrahim, APPO Secretary General • Mr. Francesco La Camera, IRENA DG • Conference Lead Sponsor • Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO SEforALL • Hon. Dr. John Abdulai Jinapor, Minister for Energy and Green Transition, Ghana • H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of Ghana
09:45 – 10:00	Exhibition Tour, Networking and Picture Taking
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Plenary 1: High-Level Ministerial Panel [no Q&A]</p> <p>Theme: Empowering Africa's Progress: Navigating Policy, Trade, and Finance for Energy Transformation Amidst Political Dynamics.</p> <p>Concept Note:</p> <p>Africa's energy sector holds immense potential for growth, but its realization hinges on skillfully navigating the complex interplay of evolving energy policies, trade dynamics (both intra-African and global), innovative financing, and the shifting political landscape. This ministerial panel will convene African energy ministers to explore these strategic levers. Discussions will focus on harmonizing policies for energy trade, attracting diverse financing for both conventional resources (including hydrocarbons and gas) and renewables, and addressing the impact of political transitions and regional dynamics on energy development. The panel aims to identify ways to build resilient energy systems, foster intra-African collaboration, and leverage the continent's global influence to create an enabling environment for sustainable energy transformation. The goal is to provide actionable insights for policymakers and investors on how to power Africa's progress through strategic policy, trade, and finance within the existing political realities.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Keynote: NJ Ayuk, African Energy Chamber</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Dr. John Abdulai Jinapor, Minister for Energy and Green Transition, Ghana • H.E. Dr. Omar Farouk Ibrahim, APPO Secretary General • H.E., Rt. Hon. Ekperikpe Ekpo - Honourable Minister of State, Petroleum Resources (Gas)

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10:00 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Birame Souleye Diop, Minister of Energy, Petroleum and Mining, Senegal (Will be represented by Oumy Khairy Diao Diop, Permanent Secretary for Energy, Senegal)• Hon. Sangafowa-Coulibaly Mamadou, Minister for Mines, Petroleum and Energy, Ivory Coast• Mr. Thomas Manu, AETC Board Chair• NJ Ayuk, Executive Chairman, Africa Energy Chamber• Gabriel Obiang Lima, Chairman of The Central African Pipeline System (CAPS), Strategic Partnerships and Funding Committee• Honourable Mohamed Arkab, Minister of Energy, Mines, and Renewable Energies, Algeria (Will be represented by Mr. Miloud Medjelled, Director General of Foresight at the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Renewable Energy, Algeria)• H.E. Diamantino Petro Azevedo, Minister of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas, Angola• S.E. Mme Ndolonodji Alixe Naimbaye, Minister of Mines, Petroleum and Geology, Chad• Hon. Kingnide Paulin Akponna, Minister of Energy, Water and Mines, Benin• Senator Heineken Lokpobiri, Honorable Minister of State, Petroleum Resources (Oil), Nigeria
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Plenary 2: Africa Energy Finance & Investment Forum (AEFIF) (in partnership with AEICORP)</p> <p>Key Insight Speech (15 mins): Dr. Cassiel Ato Baah Forson, Minister of Finance, Ghana</p> <p>Panel Discussion (1 hour)</p> <p>Moderator: Alice Osei Okrah, Partner, Strategy and Transactions, EY Parthenon</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zakaria Dosso, Managing Director at Africa Energy Investment Corporation (AEICORP)• Adjei Boateng, Chief Investment Officer, Blackstar Group• Isaac Simpson, Head of Financial Advisory & Equity Capital Markets Stanbic Ghana• Sandisiwe Ncemane, General Manager, Gas Aggregation and Commercialization [Central Energy Fund]• Dr. Simon Madjie, Chief Executive Officer, GIPC• Mr. Farihan Alhassan, MD, Ghana Commercial Bank• Ademola Ogunbanjo, President and Chief Executive Officer Oando Clean Energy Limited• Samaila Zubairu, President & CEO, Africa Finance Corporation
12:30 – 13:40	Lunch Break

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13:40 – 14:00	<p>Plenary 3: Fireside Chat 1</p> <p>Topic: Advanced Energy Technology Financing and Innovation in Africa</p> <p>Moderator: Ogutu Okudo, Chief Executive Officer, Guuru Energy</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nana Menya Ayensu, Former US Special Assistant to the President for Climate Policy, Finance, and Innovation • Dr. Joe Mensah, Snr Vice Pres & Head Of Gh Business Unit, Kosmos Energy
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Plenary 4: Leveraging Technology for Energy Security and Sustainable Growth in Africa: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts and Market Dynamics.</p> <p>Includes: Keynote Address + Panel Discussion + Q&A</p> <p>Moderator: Nidra Yebuah, SLB</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ainojie Alexander Irune, Managing Director, Oando Energy Resources • Kevin Dadzie, Ghana Regional Manager, BP • Theophilus Ahwireng, Managing Director of MODEC Production Services Ghana JV Ltd (To be Represented by Mr. Adrew Adu, Commercial & Contracts Manager, MSPG • Emmanuel Solomon, Chief Executive Office, Apply Technologies. • Adaku Ufere, Mission 300 Donor Management Officer, SEforALL • Dr. Toni Aubynn, Petroleum Hub, Chief Executive Officer • Rixck W. Barsi-Giah, Vice President Technical Services, National Oil Company of Liberia. <p>Concept Note:</p> <p>Concept Note: The global energy landscape is undergoing a profound transformation, driven by geopolitical instability, the urgent need for decarbonization, and rapid technological advancements. Africa, with its vast energy resources and burgeoning demand, stands at a critical juncture. This conference will explore how innovative technologies can empower Africa to achieve energy security, foster sustainable economic growth, and navigate the complexities of the evolving global energy market.</p>

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	<p>Plenary 5: Leveraging Digital Innovation for Sustainable Mineral Supply Chains and African Energy Industrialization.</p> <p>Moderator: Melissa Mensah, ACA Law Consult, Partner, Ghana</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Momoh Jimah Oyarekhua, Chairman, CORAN • Tony Burkson, Founder and CEO, VAOB • Mr. Kweku Andoh Awotwi, Board Chair, UBA, Ghana • Humphrey Asiimwe, CEO, Uganda Chamber of Energy and Minerals • Georgette B. Sakyi-Addo, Executive Director, Georgette Barnes Limited • Benjamin Boakye, Executive Director, Africa Centre for Energy Policy • Denis M. Gyeyir, Africa Senior Program Officer, Natural Resource Governance Institute • Robert Laryea, Managing Partner, RMC Management Consultants <p>Concept Note:</p> <p>Africa possesses a wealth of critical minerals essential for the global energy transition, including lithium, cobalt, manganese, and rare earth elements. This abundance presents a unique opportunity for African nations to leverage their natural resources to drive industrialization and sustainable economic growth. However, the current global supply chains often leave African countries as mere raw material providers, hindering their potential for value addition and long-term development.</p>
15:15 – 16:30	
16:30	Closing of Day 1 Strategic Conference
19:00+	Exclusive Gala Dinner & Awards Night

Day 2 Activities (Venue A | Venue B)

Time	Activity
07:00 – 08:30	Registration / Coffee & Networking
08:30 – 08:45	Partner & Sponsor Ads
08:45 – 09:00	Keynote Address on the topic Intra-African Gas Trade and its Role in Regional Energy Markets by H.E., Rt. Hon. Ekperikpe Ekpo - Honourable Minister of State, Petroleum Resources (Gas)
09:00 – 09:10	Keynote Address by H.E. Jane Naana-Mensah , Vice President of Ghana
09:10 – 09:15	Presentation/Keynote: Daere Akobo , Pana Holdings
09:15 – 09:20	Presentation/Keynote: Mr. Olakunle Osobu , Deputy Managing Director - NLNG
09:20 – 09:25	Scene Setting: H. E. Dr. Omar Farouk Ibrahim , APPO Secretariat
09:30 – 10:30	<p>(Main Dialogue) Plenary Session 6: The Intra-Africa Energy Dialogue (In partnership with APPO)</p> <p>Theme: Strengthening Energy Security and Economies Through Intra-African Trade in Sustainable Solutions</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Omar Farouk Ibrahim, Secretary General, African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO) • Emelia Akumah, Founder and President, AETC • Anibor Kragha, Executive Secretary, African Refiners & Distributors Association (ARDA) Abidjan - Ivory Coast • H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, The Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) • Gabriel Obiang Lima, Chairman of The Central African Pipeline System (CAPS), Strategic Partnerships and Funding Committee • Sebastião Gaspar Martins, CEO, Sonangol, Angola • Mr. Sediko Douka, ECOWAS Commissioner of Energy • Mr. Rashid Ali, Executive Director, AFREC • Dr. Simon Madjie, Chief Executive Officer, GIPC <p>Closing Remarks: H.E. Dr. Omar Farouk Ibrahim, Secretary General, African Petroleum Producers' Organization (APPO)</p>

Day 2 Activities (Drill baby Drill Room | Just Transition Room)

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	<p>Concept Note:</p> <p>Intra-African Energy Dialogue at AETC 2025, is a core initiative by the Africa Energy Technology Centre for the Africa Energy Technology Conference co-hosted by Association of Petroleum Producers Organization- APPO, focusing on boosting trade in sustainable energy solutions among African countries, particularly APPO members. The dialogue aims to convene policymakers, industry leaders, tech providers, and financiers to address opportunities and challenges in creating a strong intra-regional energy market.</p>
09:30 – 10:30	<p>The rationale highlights the underdeveloped intra-African energy trade despite diverse resources. Strengthening this trade is crucial for energy security, economic growth, sustainable adoption, resource optimization, and investment attraction. The dialogue will leverage APPO's strengths and AETC's innovation showcase to catalyze this trade. Key objectives include promoting intra-APPO energy resource trade, renewable technology exchange, developing regional value chains, harmonizing trade policies, facilitating cross-border infrastructure investment, showcasing African solutions, strengthening APPO-AETC collaboration, and identifying financing mechanisms. Discussion areas will cover optimizing hydrocarbon trade within APPO, developing regional gas markets, promoting renewable energy trade, establishing quality standards, leveraging digitalization, addressing trade barriers, the role of RECs, and financing mechanisms.</p>

Breakout Sessions

	<p>Plenary Session 10: Ministerial Closing Panel: Roadmap to Energy Security and Sustainability (From Accra to Sao Paulo – G20 in Africa)</p>
15:45 – 16:45	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Energy Minister for Ghana,
16:45 – 17:00	Closing Remarks
17:30	Official Summit Conclusion

Breakout Session A (Drill baby Drill Room)

Time	Activity
10:30 – 10:45	<p>Plenary Session 7 (Breakout): Fireside Chat 2 (Women in Technology) Topic: Technology’s Role in Empowering Women in Africa’s Energy Sector</p> <p>Speaker: Mrs. Uju C. Ifejika, Chairperson & Chief Executive Officer Britannia-U Nigeria Limited (BUNL)</p>
10:45 – 11:30	<p>Breakout Session: Women in Energy: Empowering Women in Energy, Breaking Barriers and Driving Innovation.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ama O. Sarpong, ENI</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Tolulope Longe, National President, Women in Energy, Oil and Gas, Nigeria. • Irene Etiobhio, Chief Petroleum Industry Analyst, OPEC, Austria • Ms Asanimio Omezi, Executive Secretary, Women in Energy Network, Nigeria. • Adeola Akinrinmade, Executive Director, Finance, Petralon Energy • Yelena Fotso, CEO, Anfel Consulting • Professor Elsie Effah Kaufmann, Dean of the School of Engineering Sciences, University of Ghana. <p>Women in Energy Technology - Bridging the Tech Gap: Empowering Women to Drive Innovation in Africa's Energy Sector.</p> <p>Concept Note:</p> <p>This session will explore the critical role of technology in empowering women within the African energy sector. We will delve into how access, training, and leadership in technology can break down barriers, foster innovation, and accelerate the transition to sustainable energy solutions. We aim to highlight successful initiatives, discuss challenges, and propose actionable strategies to ensure women are at the forefront of Africa's energy technology revolution.</p>
11:30 – 12:45	<p>Plenary Session 8 (Breakout): Leveraging Technology and Collaborative Regulatory Measures to Maximize Energy Potential in Africa. (NOC & IOC Forum)</p> <p>Moderator: Joshua B. Narh, Director & Board Member Wingfield Group Accra</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kwame-Ntow-Amoah, CEO of GNPC • Bayo Ojulari, Group CEO (GCEO) of the Nigerian National Petroleum, Company (NNPC) Ltd. • Anthony Paul, Energy, Policy & Strategy Advisor, Trinidad & Tobago & AETC Advisory Board • Mr. Edgar Neto • Cany Jobe, Director of Exploration and Production, GNPC • Mr. Maurizio Pinna, The Managing Director, ENI Ghana Exploration and Production Limited • Fabian M. Lai, Acting President & CEO, National Oil Company of Liberia

Breakout Session A (Drill baby Drill Room)

Time	Activity
11:30 – 12:45	<p>Concept Note: Africa possesses vast energy resources, but unlocking their full potential requires a strategic blend of technological innovation and effective regulatory frameworks. National Oil Companies (NOCs) play a pivotal role in driving energy sector development. This session focuses on how collaborative regulatory measures, coupled with cutting-edge technologies, can optimise energy production, distribution, and consumption across the continent.</p>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break

Plenary Session 9 (Breakout)

Topic: Scaling Up Renewables – Integrating Renewables into Existing African Systems.

Moderator: Yorm Abledu, Lecturer, UPSA

Presentation: Daere Akobo, Group Chairman, Pana Holdings

Speakers:

- **Ing. Seth Mahu**, Renewables Director, MEGT
- **Mr. Erik Nygard**, Founder & C.E.O, Kofa
- **Ing. Edward Ekow Obeng-Kenzo**, CEO, VRA
- **Timothy Kudar Jarry II**, Director, Exploration and Data Management, National Oil Company of Liberia
- **Mrs. Eunice Biritwum**, Executive Secretary, Ghana Energy Commission
- **Mustapha Mohamed Benamara**, Director, Sonatrach R & D Centre
- **Mark Awuah Baah**, Chief Executive Officer, GRIDCO

14:00 – 15:30

Concept Note:

This session will explore the critical role of technology policy in driving sustainable energy development across Africa. We will examine investment strategies and risk management frameworks necessary to accelerate the adoption of clean energy technologies, including carbon capture, ESG considerations, and the development of diverse energy sources (hydrogen, hydro, electricity, wind, solar, and EVs). The session will address the interconnected challenges of infrastructure development, financing, and climate change, emphasizing the need for innovative policy solutions to unlock Africa's vast renewable energy potential.

Breakout Session B (Just Transition Room)

Time	Activity
	<p>Plenary Session 11 (Breakout):</p> <p>Topic: ESG’s Role in Driving Decarbonization and Climate Change</p> <p>Moderator: Ekua Appiah-Menka, Manager, Research & Strategy, BOST</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afetsi Awoonor, Managing Director of Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation Company (BOST) • Dr. David Arku CFIOSH, IOSH Vice President • Kwamina Asomaning (will be represented by Sydney Nii Ayitey Tetteh, Executive Vice President for Energy & Infrastructure, Stanbic Bank Ghana Limited) • Tolu Kweku Lacroix, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network, Ghana • Clement Gyan-Mensah, Senior Business Development Manager - Enterprise Singapore. • Brian Muriuki, Head of NBD & Opportunity Delivery Nigeria, Managing Director & Country Chair Ghana – Shell
10:30 – 11:30	
	<p>Plenary Session 12 (Breakout)</p> <p>Keynote: Empowering Africa’s Energy Future: Youth Capacity Building and Innovation</p> <p>Moderator: Mary Keller</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradley Poku-Amankwah, Principal Coordinator, Ghana Energy Transition Office • Justina Erastus, Founder, Youth in Oil and Gas Summit • Asha Amani, Managing Director, Tetco Consulting • Rosa Monique Djangba, Director for International Relations, WEC FEL Ghana <p>Concept Note:</p> <p>Africa's energy sector is undergoing a transformative period, driven by the need for sustainable, reliable, and accessible energy solutions. Young professionals represent a critical resource in this transformation. This session focuses on the essential role of youth in driving innovation and building capacity across the energy value chain, from generation and transmission to distribution and consumption. It will explore strategies for enhancing skill development, fostering entrepreneurship, and promoting the adoption of new technologies among young Africans. By empowering youth, we can unlock their potential to contribute to a resilient and prosperous energy future for the continent.</p>
11:30 – 12:45	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break

Breakout Session B (Just Transition Room)

Time	Activity
	<p>Plenary Session 13 (Breakout): Africa's Gas Potential: Monetization and its Role as a Transition Fuel. (15-min presentation + 1hr 15min conversation).</p> <p>Moderator: Rubabat Oseni</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith Adjobah Blay, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana National Gas Company (Ghana Gas) • Michelle Burkett, CEO, WAPCo • Mr. Bamanaga Usman Jada, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Oil and Gas Freezones Authority, Nigeria • Mr. Godwin Tameklo, CEO, National Petroleum Authority • Peter Stuttaford, CEO, Thomassen Energy B.V
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel Aduda, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Defense, Nigeria • Sebastião Gaspar Martins, CEO, Sonangol, Angola • Victoria Emeafa Hardcastle (Will be represented by Mr. Nasir Alfa Mohammed, Deputy CEO, Petroleum Commission, Ghana) • Appiah Kyei, Director of Commercial and New Ventures, Kosmos Energy • David Pappoe Jnr., President, Africa Energy Chamber, Ghana <p>Concept Note:</p> <p>Africa possesses significant natural gas reserves, offering a potential pathway to address energy access challenges while transitioning towards a lower-carbon future. This session, "Africa's Gas Potential: Monetization and its Role as a Transition Fuel," will explore the opportunities and challenges associated with leveraging gas resources for sustainable development. It will delve into strategies for monetizing gas assets, examining the role of gas as a bridge fuel, and considering the long-term implications for Africa's energy landscape.</p>

Day 3 Activities: Technical Sessions & Workshop

Venue: China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), Accra

Time	Activity
07:00 – 08:00	Registration
08:00 – 08:30	Keynotes (Knowledge partners)
08:30 – 10:00	Disruptive Technologies Transforming Africa's Oil, Gas, and Energy Sector
10:30 – 12:00	Catalyzing Energy Innovation & Entrepreneurship (Two parallel break out session)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:30	Africa Energy Innovation Pitch Hub (Pitch by next gen innovators)
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Optimizing Africa's Oil & Gas Sector in Transition: Technology, Local Content, and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gora Lo, General Coordinator, Secrétariat Technique Du Comité National De Suivi Du Contenu Local (St-Cnsl)
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Presentation of awards and certificates</p> <p>Closing remarks</p>



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