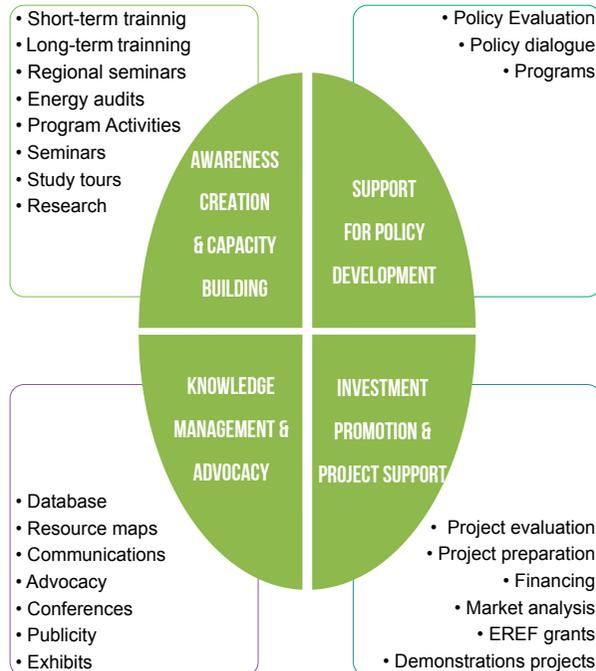


OBSERVATORY

The establishment of a web-based information and knowledge platform – ECOWAS Observatory for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECOWREX) to address the existing knowledge and information barriers towards a sustainable energy development by providing decision makers, project developers, investors and other market enablers with tailored information, data and planning strategies on the energy sector in the ECOWAS Region.

STRATEGY



OTHER PROGRAMMES

BIOENERGY

A Regional Bioenergy Programme to enhance sustainable bioenergy production in the ECOWAS Region that promotes food security and safeguard the environment, thereby promoting a low carbon economy.

SMALL HYDRO POWER

A Small Hydro Power Program to address the barriers to the development and utilization of small hydro resources in the region.

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WHO WE ARE



Inauguration of ECREEE, June 6th, 2010, H.E Victor Gbeho, President of ECOWAS (left) and H. E. José Maria Neves, Prime Minister of Cape Verde (right)

ECREEE is a specialized agency of ECOWAS and was legally established in 2008 by Regulation C/REG.23/11/08 of the 61st Session of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The Centre commenced operation in June 2010 with support of

the Governments of Austria, Spain and technical assistance of UNIDO. The Secretariat of the Centre is based in Praia, Cape Verde, and operates through a network of National Focal Institutions (NFIs) among all ECOWAS countries.

ECREEE has a public mandate to promote sustainable development in West Africa by creating an enabling environment for regional renewable energy and energy efficiency markets. The Centre contributes to the achievement of the targets of the UN Sustainable Energy for All Initiative and the ECOWAS Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Policy.

ACTIVITIES

- Lead and coordinate the implementation of the ECOWAS/UEMOA White Paper on energy access
- Promote RE&EE technologies and services through:
 - Tailored policy, legal and regulatory frameworks and quality standards;
 - Capacity building of key groups of different sectors;
 - Advocacy, awareness raising, knowledge management and networking;
 - Business and investment promotion.

POLICY SUPPORT

ECREEE with the support of the European Union, UNIDO and other partners developed the ECOWAS Renewable Energy Policy and the ECOWAS Energy Efficiency Policy. The policies were adopted at the ECOWAS High Level Energy Forum which took place from 29 to 31 October 2012.

According to the policies the share of renewable energy in the overall ECOWAS electricity mix will increase to 10% by 2020 and 19% by 2030 (excl. large hydro). Around 25% of the rural population will be served by mini-grids and stand-alone systems. By 2020 the average losses in grid system will be reduced from currently 16% to the world standard level of 7%.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

In the area of capacity development the Centre implements the following activities:



Training Program

change and train-the trainers approaches

- Execution of a regional capacity needs assessment and formulation of a capacity development program for different sectors and technologies
- Tailored trainings for different market enablers by using the added value of regional inter-ex-
- Operation of the ECOWAS RETScreen training network

INVESTMENTS AND BUSINESS PROMOTION

Under this window the Centre promotes green investments and businesses in the grid-connected as well as in the rural energy market.

ECREEE manages the ECOWAS Renewable Energy Facility (EREF) which provides small grants for small-scale renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in peri-urban and rural areas. The EREF undertakes regular call for proposals and supports feasibility studies, business start-ups and small investments.

The Centre manages the ECOWAS Renewable Energy Investment and Business Initiative which supports the development of a project pipeline for medium- and large-scale projects. So far the initiative identified 450 MW of PV, 420 MW of wind, 400 MW of small-scale and medium-scale hydro and 310 MW of bioelectricity projects. The Centre organizes regular investment forums.

