

EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

CLIMATE FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRANSITION IN AFRICA

6 & 7 July 2023

Residential Training in Accra, Ghana

VENUE: [African Capacity Building Foundation](#)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

In July 2023, the European University Institute (EUI) organises a conference and executive training course in Ghana, focusing on climate financing for the sustainable energy transition in West Africa in collaboration with the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, the African Capacity Building Foundation (specialised agency of the African Union) as well as the African School of Regulation (ASR, an initiative promoted by the EUI's Florence School of Regulation). The academic event is supported by the European Commission in the framework of the Young African Leaders Programme.

The event reflects the EUI's ambition to foster collaboration with African partners in academia and policymaking to advance knowledge and policy solutions together through higher education and research, with the view to supporting inclusive growth and sustainable development in both continents and bringing concrete benefits to our young populations and future generations.

The main goals of the EUI initiative in Ghana are:

- Co-creating knowledge with West African experts on sustainable energy transition, a vital topic for the Africa-Europe partnership as well as sustainable development;
- Enhancing relationships with relevant academic and policymaking stakeholders in West Africa;
- Raising awareness of the EUI and its programmes on Africa: Young African Leaders Programme (YALP), African School of Regulation (ASR) and beyond;
- Enhancing the western-African alumni chapter of the Young African Leaders Programme.

Within the context of the two-day executive training following the conference, the first training day will cover the energy needs of Africa and the role of markets, regulation, and the technological pathways to meeting those needs. The participants will also discuss the general trends in sustainability in the energy sector, focusing on regional and global perspectives.

The second day will draw from the empirical evidence on the consequences of climate change in Africa to explore the opportunities climate finance offers for a sustainable energy transition. It will cover financial products and instruments such as climate, social, and sustainability-linked bonds. It will discuss the challenges of accessing climate finance and opportunities to overcome them. Guided by practical case studies, the section will also focus on strategies for accessing finance for the green transition. It will be very hands-on and interactive.

LEARNING METHODS

- Knowledge transfer sessions led by academics and policymakers with significant experience in the field;

- Case studies analysis;
- Active exchange in groups via an interactive simulation game.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the training programme, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the energy needs of Africa and the market mechanisms and technological pathways to address those needs;
- Assess the sustainability implications and the regulation's role in meeting Africa's energy needs;
- Develop attractive regulatory frameworks to create the enabling environment to accelerate the deployment of the technologies needed to meet the energy needs of Africa;
- Outline the available financial landscape for sustainable energy transition by identifying instruments, mechanisms, and actors;
- Identify possible sources of finance, the requirements for attracting climate finance for homegrown projects, and gain the skill and ability to develop bankable projects.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Mid-career and senior management professionals working in the areas of finance and sustainable energy in the public and private sectors.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

- The training will take place in a residential mode on the **6 & 7 July 2023** at the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) training centre in Accra, Ghana. Selected participants will be expected to be present on the training venue in Accra on the days of the training;
- The programme will include approximately **13 hours** of in-session training;
- Participants who successfully complete the training seminar will receive a **Certificate of Attendance** from the EUI's School of Transnational Governance.

PROGRAMME AGENDA

DAY 1 – THE ENERGY NEEDS OF AFRICA, THE ROLE OF MARKETS, REGULATION, AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL PATHWAYS TO MEETING THOSE NEEDS.

Thursday, 6 July 2023

08.30 – 09.00 GMT Participants Arrival to Training Venue & Registrations

- 09.00 – 09.30 GMT** **Welcome Greetings, Tour de Table, and Training Overview**
Trainers:
Kenneth Amaeshi, School of Transnational Governance, EUI
Elias Zigah, African School of Regulation
- 09.30 – 11.00 GMT** **Meeting the Energy Needs of Africa: The Role of Markets and Technologies**
Trainer:
Elias Zigah, African School of Regulation
- 11.00 – 11.30 GMT** **Health Break**
- 11.30– 13.00 GMT** **Climate Change in West Africa**
Trainer:
Christopher Hurst, STG Climate, EUI
- 13.00 – 14.00 GMT** **Lunch Break (and Prayers)**
- 14.00 – 15.30 GMT** **Meeting the Energy Needs of Africa: The Role of Regulation**
Trainers:
Ignacio Perez-Arriaga, African School of Regulation
- 15.30 – 16.00 GMT** **Health Break**
- 16.00 – 17.30 GMT** **Sustainability Strategies for Energy Transition in Africa**
Trainer:
Kenneth Amaeshi, School of Transnational Governance, EUI
- 17.30 – 17.45 GMT** **Wrap-up of Training Day 1**

DAY 2 – OPPORTUNITIES OF CLIMATE FINANCE TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRANSITION

Friday, 7 July 2023

- 08.00 – 08.30 GMT** **Participants Arrival to Training Venue & Registrations**
- 08.30 – 09.45 GMT** **Climate Finance: Determining Project Bankability and de-risking options**
Trainers:
Jan Cornillie STG Climate, School of Transnational Governance, EUI
- 09.45 – 10.00 GMT** **Health Break**

- 10.00 – 11.30 GMT** **EU instruments of private sustainable finance: impact on investments in Africa**
- Trainers:**
Jan Cornillie, STG Climate, School of Transnational Governance, EUI
- 11.30 – 11.45 GMT** **Health Break**
- 11.45 – 13.00 GMT** **International carbon markets: using art 6 of the Paris Agreement to attract additional international finance.**
- Trainers:**
Jan Cornillie STG Climate, School of Transnational Governance, EUI
- 13.00 – 14.00 GMT** **Lunch Break (and Prayers)**
- 14.00 – 15.00 GMT** **Case Study 1: Lake Turkana Wind Project in Kenya**
- Trainer:**
Christopher Hurst, STG Climate, EUI
- 15.00 – 16.00 GMT** **Case Study 2: Attracting Investment for Sustainable Mobility and Productive Use of Renewable Sources**
- Trainer:**
Carol Ofafa, African School of Regulation
- 16.00 – 16.30 GMT** **Health Break**
- 16.30 – 17.30 GMT** **Concluding Remarks, Course Evaluations & Awarding of Certificates**