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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The project "Supporting Energy Efficiency for Access in West Africa"(SEEA-WA) is a regional project to support the implementation of energy efficiency measures within ECOWAS. It aims to overcome the obstacles of technical, financial, legal, institutional, social, and related capacity building issues that hinder the penetration of energy efficiency measures in ECOWAS member states. Based within ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), SEEA-WA seeks to combine energy efficiency in synergy with the ongoing work on renewable energy to expand energy access. The total duration of the project is 40 months.

The overall objective of SEEA-WA is to improve framework conditions for access to energy services by supporting the creation of a regional programme on governance related to energy efficiency and access. The specific objectives are to:

- Aid the development of policies and regulatory frameworks necessary for the adoption of energy efficiency measures;
- Raise the awareness of policy makers, and commercial actors in the key areas of the energy value chain;
- Build capacities at the regional and national level to facilitate the implementation of energy efficient technologies.

The project received financial support from the European Commission ACP-EU Energy Facility, as well as from ADEME (France) and the UNDP-PREP programme and are supplemented by ECREEE's own resources. The project is implemented in a partnership between ECREEE, AEA (Austrian Energy Agency), AERE (Alternatives pour l'Énergie, les énergies Renouvelables et l'Environnement), ENERGIA (International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy), ECI (European Copper Institute) and ADEME (Agence de l'environnement et de la maîtrise de l'énergie).

The project officially started on 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2011 with a successful Kick-off Meeting, which was held on the occasion of the ECREEE Regional Workshop "Accelerating Universal Energy Access Through the Use of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency" from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 in Accra, Ghana. Present at this launch meeting were representatives of the European Commission, co-donors and all project implementation and associate partners, representatives from the Ministries of Energy, Environment and Finance of all 15 ECOWAS Member States, and the local and international media.

During the first 6 months of project implementation, a strong network of stakeholders in all ECOWAS countries was established, stock taking missions to all Member States were conducted, drafting of the Energy Efficiency (EE) policy paper was started and an EE Technical Committee was established.

This technical report provides a summary of activities conducted in the first 6 months of the project.

## 2. Description

Name of beneficiary of grant contract:	Economic Community of West African States ECOWAS
Name and title of the Contact person:	Mahama Kappiah Executive Director, ECREEE
Name of partners in the Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)</li></ul>



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Title of the Action:	Supporting Energy Efficiency for Access in West Africa (SEEA-WA)
Contract number:	129364 – ENERGY FACILITY, FED/2009/240
Start date and end date of the reporting period:	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 to 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2012
Target countries or region:	West Africa, ECOWAS countries
Final beneficiaries &/or target groups (if different) (including numbers of women and men):	ECOWAS women and men, both for the minority who currently have access to modern energy but are faced with high prices and unreliable services, and the majority for whom gaining access to affordable modern energy depends on reducing costs so as to make access programmes economically viable.
Countries in which the activities take place	West Africa, ECOWAS countries

### 3. Status of implementation of the Action

#### 3.1. Activities and results

The main activities carried out under the project are:

- Energy efficiency appraisal and diagnosis in ECOWAS countries;
- Regional level institutional capacity building and knowledge sharing;
- National level institutional capacity building, knowledge sharing and institutional change;
- Development of the ECOWAS Regional Policy on Energy Efficiency;
- Energy efficiency prioritisation and scope;
- Content and visual identity;
- Carry out regional and national media campaigns focused on the general public;
- Regional and national capacity building on technical issues;
- Regional and national financial tools;
- Exchange of technical experience.

The status of implementation of these activities is presented in sections 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 below, in accordance with the three major activities that were carried out during the first 6 months of the project:

- establishment of a network of regional competence centres and national focal institutions;
- stock taking missions, in each of the 15 ECOWAS countries;
- drafting of a regional policy on energy efficiency.

##### 3.1.1. Regional network

ECREEE has a network of "National Focal Institutions (NFIs)", one in each of the 15 ECOWAS countries (see **Error! Reference source not found.**). These NFIs have been the main national supporting partners in the start-up phase of the SEEA-WA Project and will support the implementation of its activities throughout the project period. Excellent working

relations with these NFIs within the framework of the project have been built, notably during the Regional Workshop on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Accra, Ghana in October 2011, which was also the kick-off meeting of the SEEA-WA project. (see **Error! Reference source not found.**)

The NFIs were fully involved in the organisation of the national stock taking missions and facilitated the data collection and contacts with relevant national stakeholders. The NFIs are also involved in the process of selecting national Energy Efficiency Competence Centres. A call for tenders for the selection of the national Competence Centres, published on the ECREEE website, was also sent to the NFIs who ensured a wider outreach in the Member States. The SEEA-WA project team is in the process of examining the 23 responses to the tender to select the best institutions for the task. The first national Competence Centre has already been selected, namely the Energy Foundation of Ghana. The Competence Centres will work in close cooperation with the NFIs, will be fully engaged in all SEEA-WA project tasks and will ensure the implementation of EE activities within the framework of this project and beyond. They also have a strong role in knowledge dissemination towards relevant national stakeholders. It is expected that the final choice and awarding of the contracts to the Competence Centres will be completed is in progress.

### **3.1.2. Stock taking missions**

National Stock Taking Missions were carried out to all 15 ECOWAS countries. The purpose of these missions was to determine:

- the global energy situation within countries;
- the status of energy policy and energy access;
- ongoing actions in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- recommendations from national authorities for national and regional actions.

The missions were carried out by ECREEE, the NFIs and the SEEA-WA Project Partners.

At the time of this report, 14 out of 15 stock taking missions have been completed and 13 draft reports have been written. The final stock taking mission to Cape Verde will be conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2012, and all reports will be completed by the end of March 2012. The draft reports will be sent to the NFIs for their final comments prior to publication on the ECREEE SEEA-WA website. The draft reports are included as annexes (see annexes 7 - 20).

### **3.1.3. Drafting of a regional policy on energy efficiency**

The project team developed a draft outline of the Regional Policy on Energy Efficiency, which was circulated to the NFIs for comment, after which the project team has started working on the draft Regional Policy on Energy Efficiency. When complete, the draft will be submitted to a regional validation workshop, scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 in Dakar, Senegal. If approved, the Paper will be submitted to the region's Energy Ministers at a High Level Forum to be held in October 2012 (see **Error! Reference source not found.**)

### **3.1.4. Establishment of an Energy Efficiency Technical Committee**

In order to benefit from expert advice on energy efficiency and to ensure ownership of the Regional Energy Efficiency Policy Paper, an EE-Expert Committee was established (see annex 6). The Committee is composed of national, regional and international experts (see list

of participants in the annex) who have competencies in energy efficiency, and will provide the following advisory services:

- Provide guidance on SEEA-WA project activities;
- Provide suggestions to ECREEE on energy efficiency policies, strategies, programs and projects;
- Support the development of the Regional Policy Paper on Energy Efficiency;
- Review and provide comments on all reports and documents submitted to the Committee;
- Contribute to the identification and dissemination of best practices in energy efficiency within ECOWAS;
- Contribute in the identification of technical and financial partners interested in energy efficiency issues;
- Support the preparation of documents and studies on energy efficiency.

The first meeting of the EE Technical Committee will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2012 at the ECREEE Secretariat in Praia, Cape Verde. Special focus of this first meeting of the Committee will be given to the development of the Regional Policy Paper on Energy Efficiency.

### **3.1.5. Awareness Raising on the Potential of EE**

The project team carried out a broad range of awareness raising actions for energy efficiency, as described below.

#### **3.1.5.1. *Stock taking missions***

As part of the stock taking missions, the NFIs, ECREEE and the project partners met the key stakeholders, both private and public, in the countries visited, and discussed with them the current status and potential for energy efficiency in their country. The outcome of these discussions are included in the stock taking mission reports and will feed into the Regional energy efficiency white paper.

#### **3.1.5.2. *Regional Workshop***

A Regional Workshop on “Accelerating Universal Energy Access Through the Use of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency” was organised by ECREEE in Accra, from 24 to 26 October 2011. The SEEA-WA project was officially launched during the workshop. The workshop had a participation of 150 stakeholders from the Ministries of Energy, Environment and Finance of all the 15 ECOWAS Member States, international organisations, including the EC delegation in Accra, USAID, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ADEME, SEEA-WA Partners and the local and international media.

During this workshop, wide ranging discussions took place on the potential of both Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for the region. The participants included high level representatives from all the ECOWAS countries (see **Error! Reference source not found.**).

#### **3.1.5.3. *High Level Forum***

The project team has begun active work on organising a regional validation workshop for the Regional Policy Paper on Energy Efficiency, to be held in June 2012 in Dakar, Senegal. The validation workshop will complete the draft Regional Policy Paper on Energy Efficiency.

A High Level Forum, scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2012, in Accra, Ghana has also been scheduled (see draft concept note in **Error! Reference source not found.**). The



Forum will be organised on the occasion of the ECOWAS Ministers Meeting and will be attended by the ECOWAS Energy Ministers, by public authorities from the ECOWAS countries, by regional stakeholders, and by representatives of the international community. ECREEE and the SEEA-WA team were able to mobilise several partners for the implementation of the forum (such as the Global Forum on Sustainable Energy, GEF, UNIDO the Austrian Development Cooperation, the Government of Spain and France). The Regional Policy Paper on Energy Efficiency will be presented to the Energy Ministers for consideration and adoption.

Within the framework of the Forum, several EE initiatives will be discussed in the form of technical workshops (e.g. EE lighting, standards and labelling for EE appliances, financing models for EE projects). Roadmaps for the implementation of these actions at the regional level will be developed.

### 3.1.6. Facilitate implementation of energy efficient technologies

Within the framework of the stock taking missions, priority measures to facilitate the implementation of energy efficient technologies have been identified. Best practice examples in the region will be especially taken into account for the development of actions in the frame of the SEEA-WA project. The implementation of these actions will begin after the October High Level Forum, once the Regional Policy Paper on Energy Efficiency has been adopted by ECOWAS Energy Ministers.

### 3.2. Contracts awarded for the implementation of the action

During this first project period, one contract was awarded to the Energy Foundation as the national Competence Centre for Ghana. Special role of this competence centre will include sharing the outstanding experience of Ghana on awareness raising campaigns for energy efficiency and on the implementation of standards and labelling for energy efficient appliances among the other ECOWAS Member States. The Energy Foundation will also serve as a supporting partner in a special training session on standards and labelling within the framework of the High Level Forum in Ghana.

### 3.3. Action plan

Project activities are, for the moment, progressing as originally planned, according the following calendar.

Year 1													
Activity	Semester 1						Semester 2						Implementing body
	Month 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1.1 Stock taking, diagnosis.													AEA, ECREEE, AERE
1.2 Regional level institutional capacity building, knowledge sharing.													ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, UNIDO, UNDP, ECI-Oxford, ENERGIA

Year 1													
Activity	Semester 1						Semester 2						Implementing body
	Month 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1.3 National level institutional capacity building, knowledge sharing, institutional change.													ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford
1.4 ECOWAS EE policy paper													AEA, ECREEE, AERE, ENERGIA
1.5 Gender													ENERGIA, AEA, ECREEE
2.1 Prioritisation and scoping													ECREEE, AEA, ENERGIA, ECI
2.2 Content and visual identity.													ECREEE, AEA, ENERGIA, ECI
2.3 Carry out national campaigns focused on key intermediaries,													ECREEE
2.4 Carry out regional and national media campaign focused on general public													ECREEE
3.1 Regional and national capacity building on technical issues.													ECREEE, AERE, AEA, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford
3.2 Regional and national financial tools.													ECREEE, ECI-Oxford, AERE
3.3 Technical exchange of experience													ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford
Visibility and Communication													ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford



For the following years:									
Activity	Semester 3	4	5	6	7				Implementing body
1.1 Stock taking, diagnosis.									AEA, ECREEE, AERE
1.2 Regional level institutional capacity building, knowledge sharing.									ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, UNIDO, UNDP, ECI-Oxford, ENERGIA
1.3 National level institutional capacity building, knowledge sharing, institutional change.									ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford
1.4 ECOWAS EE policy paper									AEA, ECREEE, AERE, ENERGIA
1.5 Gender									ENERGIA, AEA, ECREEE
2.1 Prioritisation and scoping									ECREEE, AEA, ENERGIA, ECI
2.2 Content and visual identity.									ECREEE, AEA, ENERGIA, ECI
2.3 Carry out national campaigns focused on key intermediaries,									ECREEE
2.4 Carry out regional and national media campaign focused on general public									ECREEE
3.1 Regional and national capacity building on technical issues.									ECREEE, AERE, AEA, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford
3.2 Regional and national financial tools.									ECREEE, ECI-Oxford, AERE
3.3 Technical exchange of experience									ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford
Visibility and Communication									ECREEE, AEA, AERE, ADEME, ENERGIA, UNDP, UNIDO, ECI, ECI-Oxford

## **4. Partners and other Co-operation**

### **4.1. Relationship among the formal partners of this Action**

The ECOWAS Commission is the beneficiary of ACP-EU Energy Facility financial support for the SEEA-WA action. ECREEE, a specialised agency of ECOWAS, has been mandated to carry out the action, as the lead project partner.

Relations between the ECOWAS Commission, ECREEE and the other project partners are excellent, as described below.

#### **4.1.1. AEA**

AEA participated in the SEEA-WA Kick-Off Meeting during the Accra workshop, and in the Stock taking Missions for Ghana, Sierra Leone and Cape Verde, alongside ECREEE staff and the NFIs. AEA has prepared the stock taking reports for these countries except for Cape Verde. Stock taking to Cape Verde will be conducted from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2012. AEA has been particularly active in organising the upcoming High Level Forum and has obtained support for the Forum from GFSE (Global Forum for Sustainable Energy) and the Austrian Development Cooperation. AEA is also supporting ECREEE in the process of identifying the national Competence Centres and in the development of the Regional Policy on Energy Efficiency.

#### **4.1.2. AERE**

AERE, represented by Mr. Edgar Blaustein, participated in the SEEA-WA Kick-Off Meeting in Accra, and also in stock taking missions for Ghana and Nigeria, alongside ECREEE and the NFIs. Mrs Anne Rialhe, also of AERE participated in stock taking missions in Burkina Faso and Senegal, alongside ECREEE and the NFI and prepared the reports for these missions. AERE has been particularly active in supporting ECREEE in the drafting of the regional EE policy. AERE has been in contact with French public authorities, in view of obtaining support for the High Level Forum.

#### **4.1.3. ENERGIA**

ENERGIA reviewed the stocktaking questionnaire from a gender perspective and participated in the SEEA-WA Kick-Off Meeting in Accra. ENERGIA has begun sharing their experience with awareness raising on gender issues and contributes to the development of the Regional Policy on Energy Efficiency by providing particular support on gender issues.

### **4.2. Relationship with State authorities in the Action countries**

Relations with State Authorities are excellent. The NFI of each of the ECOWAS MS has been actively participating in the project, notably at the Accra Workshop, the stock taking missions, and in drafting the Regional Policy on Energy Efficiency.

Furthermore, the relations have been strengthened through the project: during the stock taking missions, as project team members met the most important public stakeholders in each ECOWAS country.

#### **4.3. Relationship with other organisations involved in implementing the Action:**

##### **4.3.1. ECI (associate partner)**

ECI participated in the Accra Workshop and has been advising the project team on means and modalities for integrating the private sector into energy efficiency actions.

##### **4.3.2. ADEME (project donor and associate partner)**

ADEME participated in the Accra Workshop. ADEME has worked with project team to build cooperation with other projects, notably carried out by GERES and by Electricité de France.

##### **4.3.3. UNDP (project donor)**

UNDP was one of the principal organisers of the Accra Workshop. UNDP has been involved in the planning of the High Level Forum. A UNDP representative will participate in the EE Technical Committee.

##### **4.3.4. UNIDO**

UNIDO participated in the ACCRA Workshop and will be a partner organisation for the organisation of the high level forum in October.

##### **4.3.5. Global Forum on Sustainable Energy**

The GFSE will offer considerable support in the organisation of the high level Forum in October.

#### **4.4. Links with other Actions**

The project team has developed strong links with the following actions.

##### **4.4.1. ProCEAO**

The ProCEAO, supported by the ACP-EU Energy Facility, is focused on improved cooking stoves in four countries of the ECOWAS region. The project has a strong energy efficiency component. ECREEE participated in the ProCEAO launch meeting. The projects have agreed to work together, notably in the field of dissemination of best practices in cooking.

##### **4.4.2. RREP-WA**

The RREP-WA project, supported by the EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme, aims to support ECOWAS in developing a regional renewable energy policy. The SEEA-WA and RREP-WA met extensively during the Accra Workshop. The two projects cooperated during the stock taking missions. The projects have regular contacts, in order to assure maximum coherence between the EE and RE policies. The projects will organise in common a regional validation workshop in June, for the two policies.

#### **4.5. Previous EC grants in view of strengthening the same target group**

ECOWAS has not received any previous EC grant for the same target group.



## 5. Visibility

The SEEA-WA project team has conducted the following activities with regards to visibility and communication:

- A project website [www.seea-wa.org](http://www.seea-wa.org) has been launched, currently mainly containing information on the project targets and activities. The website will be developed further according to the project activities. In due course, the final stock taking reports and all other reports on the activities of the SEEA-WA project will be published on this website.
- Within the framework of the stock taking missions, high level decision makers have been made aware of the project activities. The network of NFIs, as well as the nominated EE Competence Centres will ensure vital communication towards the national stakeholders. The High Level Forum being organised in October will provide an excellent opportunity to address the Energy Ministers, other stakeholders of all ECOWAS countries and the international Energy Community.
- SEEA-WA has successfully started to liaise with other relevant ongoing initiatives in the region and has established excellent communication channels to the project teams.
- SEEA-WA has developed a project logo, a project information leaflet and a project banner, prominently presenting the EC logo. The leaflet has been distributed in the stock taking missions and at all relevant ECREEE events to assure dissemination of project information.
- Visibility of the EU contribution has been extensive: The head of the EC Delegation in Accra participated in the principal round table of the Ghana Workshop, EC support was discussed during all the stock taking missions (already 14 of the 15 ECOWAS countries). EC support is clearly shown in the draft concept paper for the upcoming High Level Forum. Commission Piebalgs has been invited to participate in the Ministerial Round Table on day 3. Discussions are underway with the Commissioner's cabinet, with respect to his possible participation. The EC logo figures prominently in all documents produced and distributed within the framework of the project.

ECOWAS and the project team have no objections to EC action to publicise the action. We will cooperate in any way possible.

Name of the contact person for the Action: **Mahama Kappiah**

Signature:

A blue circular stamp with the text 'CEEEC' at the top and 'ECREEE' at the bottom. In the center is a map of Africa. A handwritten signature in black ink is written across the stamp.

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