

CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN THE GREATER HORN OF AFRICA (IGAD) REGION

Regional Dialogue and Report Launch

7 October 2022, 12.00 – 17.00 EAT (11.00 – 16.00 CET)

Speke Resort & conference centre, Munyonyo

Event

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Concept Note

The IEA will convene a regional conference on 7 October 2022 to discuss how best to advance clean energy transitions in the IGAD / Greater Horn of Africa region¹. The event will feature the launch of a new IEA report on Clean Energy Transitions in this region, whose key findings will be presented and serve as background to guide the discussion. The conference will gather energy leaders and other stakeholders to exchange views on best practices, success stories and lessons learned from across the region. Additionally, the dialogue explore how clean energy transitions can create opportunities to enhance socioeconomic development, improve livelihoods and support resilient communities. Discussions will also focus on energy investments across the region.

The online event will gather representatives from the 8 focus countries as well as from regional and international organizations and financial institutions. It aims, among other objectives, to foster enhanced political will for ambitious clean energy transitions and to promote robust interregional stakeholder dialogue that will inform and guide national policymakers in their quest to implement high-impact policies in their respective countries.

The launch presentation of the new report will be followed by discussions on opportunities for, and challenges to, the acceleration of clean energy transition pathways in the IGAD / Greater Horn of Africa region. Discussants will also be invited to share their perspectives on the role that clean energy transitions can play towards building resilience and growth in the region.

This IEA initiative is a component of the Agency's increasing focus and work on Africa. By providing a platform for a regional exchange of views on its analysis and policy recommendations, the IEA aims to help improve coordination among energy initiatives and key stakeholders, as well as harness the expertise and networks of local resources in the IGAD / Greater Horn of Africa region. It also seeks to support the development and implementation of high-impact policies that will stimulate investment in all relevant areas of clean energy transitions in the long term. Throughout the event, raising high-level awareness on how best to ensure progress towards successful clean energy transitions and achieving SDG 7 will be a priority.

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¹ Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda

Agenda

Friday 7th October 2022

12:00 – 13:30	Lunch with dignitaries and participants
13:35	Group photos
14:00 – 14:20	Keynote Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Mary Burce Warlick, Deputy Executive Director, IEA (<i>virtual</i>) • Hon. Ms. Ruth Nankabirwa, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda (<i>in person</i>) • H.E. Ms. Kitty Van Der Heijden, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands (<i>virtual</i>)
14:20 – 14:45	Presentation of Key Findings of the Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Syrine El Abed, Ms. Emma Gordon and Mr Arnaud Rouget, lead-authors, IEA
14:45 – 15:00	Q&A with press
<i>Tea break</i>	
15:10 – 16:00	Session I: How can the region countries' clean energy transitions achieve energy access and development goals? What is needed to get there? <i>Moderated by Syrine El Abed, Africa Programme Officer, IEA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abdourahman Daher Idriss, Energy Engineer and Head of the Energy Information System, Ministry of Energy in charge of Natural Resources, Djibouti • Mr. Desbele Hagos, Head of the project formulation unit, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Eritrea • Mr Yiheyis Eshetu, Director for Energy Policy, Strategy and Info Directorate, Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia • Mr Peter Thobora, Assistant Director of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy, Kenya • Mr. Ismail Bashir haji Mohamed, Energy Specialist, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Somalia (<i>to be confirmed</i>) • Mr. Tom Remis, Undersecretary, Ministry of Energy and Dams, South Sudan • Ms. Nahla Abdullah, Engineer in the Renewable Energy Directorate, Sudan Electricity Holding Co, Sudan • Mr Usamah Kaggwa, Acting Assistant Commissioner at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Department, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda

Guiding questions:

- *What have been the greatest areas of progress and the greatest barriers to scaling up energy access, developing renewables and leveraging energy efficiency across the region?*
- *How can countries in the region accelerate progress in the fields of clean energy transitions?*
- *How do we ensure that momentum towards universal energy access, further integration of renewables and increased efforts on energy efficiency continues despite current challenges?*

16:00 – 16:50

Session II: What are the region clean energy transitions investment needs and how to reinforce regional integration?

Moderated by Emma Gordon, Investment Analyst, IEA

- **Mr. Augustin Ngafuan**, Uganda Country Manager, **African Development Bank**
- **Mr. Denis Ariho**, Lead Technical Expert, **EACREEE**
- **Mr. Osman Babikir**, Director Economic Cooperation & Regional Integration Division, **IGAD**
- **Dr Paul Kyalimpa**, Deputy Director General, **Uganda Investment Authority**

Guiding questions:

- *What should be the priorities of clean energy transitions investments in the region in the short, medium and long term?*
- *What are the key obstacles to attract and maintain clean energy transitions investments and how can they be overcome?*
- *How can regional collaboration play a role in accelerating this needed investment?*
- *What new opportunities and modalities exist to scale up regional and international cooperation efforts to accelerate clean energy transitions?*

16:50 – 17:00

Closing remarks and conclusions

- **Eng. Abdon Atwine**, Assistant Commissioner Electrical Supply at Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, **Uganda**
- **Mr. Arnaud Rouget**, Africa Programme Manager **IEA**