

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES		COMMUNAUTÉ ECONOMIQUE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST
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IMPLEMENTATION LEVELS AND SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN

ECOWAS DIRECTIVE ON GENDER ASSESSMENTS IN ENERGY PROJECTS

Levels of implementation

- I. Institutional framework
- II. Legal and regulatory framework
- III. Operational framework

No.	Actions	Activities	Responsible entity	Dependencies	Due dates
Institutional Framework					
1	Dissemination of workshop proceedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a brief note on the Directive and present to the Minister responsible for Energy • Circulate brief note and draft Directive to other relevant government ministries, departments and agencies • Circulate the press release on the workshop outcome and the provisions of the draft Directive to the national press for news stories in national newspapers and other media. 	Member State's representative energy experts	Validation and adoption of the draft Directive by the Energy Experts.	7 July 2017
2	Identification of Competent Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish technical committee comprised of Member State respective energy experts involved in the validation of the draft Directive, a representative of the Minister responsible for energy and other relevant experts, including representatives of other ministries and non-governmental organizations (particularly women groups), • Organize a committee meeting to discuss the provisions of the regional Directive, with the objective to decide on the Competent Authority. • Conduct a gap analysis, with a focus on the Competent Authority with the objective of identifying weaknesses and steps and resources needed to achieve effective implementation of the Directive. • Develop a national action plan which addresses those identified weaknesses and needs. The action plan should clearly outline what tasks will be conducted independently by the country and those which could be done by ECOWAS & ECREEE. A copy of the action plan should be sent to ECOWAS/ECREEE. • Organize national awareness raising workshop to build support for the Action Plan 	Member State's representative energy experts and Technical Committee	Establishment of technical committee	October 2017
3	Capacity development of Competent Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a regional training program (including manuals and toolkits) • Organization of national training activities • Development of harmonized templates for Gender Assessments, 	ECOWAS + Member State's representative Energy Experts, and Member	Submission of training needs assessments from Member States, including	October 2017 – 2018

		Management Plans, Gender Assessment Reports	State's Technical Committee	report of the gap analysis	
Legal and regulatory framework					
1	Adoption of Directive by authorities of ECOWAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare documents and appropriately prepare respective Energy Ministers for adoption of the Directive at the Energy Ministers level. • Communicate the provisions of the Directive to the country's representative on the ECOWAS Council of Ministers for adoption at the Council of Ministers Meeting. • Prepare Council adopted Directive for presentation at national presidential committee meetings. • Present adopted Directive at parliamentary hearings • Maintain regular communication of progress with the media, through press releases and organization of technical committee meetings (see Article 26 of the regional Directive) 	Member State's Energy Experts and Technical Committee, ECOWAS	Adoption of Directive by the ECOWAS Energy Ministers	2018
2	Translation of regional Directive into national law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish expert group (technical committee members, Competent Authority representatives) to translate the regional Directive into national law/regulation. • Expert group to decide and draft form of national law/regulation, including making determinations of project thresholds, procedures, judicial review, etc. States may choose to use the Model Law/Regulation as a starting point. • Organize stakeholder consultations to review and validate the law/regulation. • Facilitate its adoption into law/regulation • Report to ECOWAS the national law/regulations that have been implemented • Appropriate necessary funding to Competent Authorities to begin implementation of national law/regulation 	Member State's Energy Experts and Technical Committee	Adoption of Directive by the ECOWAS Energy Ministers	2018 - 2019

Operational framework

1	Competent Authority procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competent Authorities to develop and put in place fee schedules, penalties, review and approval timelines, standard templates, and internal operating procedures. These may be based on existing environmental/social impact assessment measures. 	Competent Authorities	Adoption of national laws	2018 - 2019
2	Training in members states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize trainings of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulators and other relevant officials NGOs Consultants and assessment professionals Private developers 	Member State's Energy Experts, Technical Committees, Competent Authorities, ECREEE/ECOWAS		2018 onward
3	Monitoring and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member States submit an annual report (to be publicly available) to ECREEE regarding the status of implementation of the Directive, outlining achievements and setbacks and describing appropriate best practices; and ECREEE presents the annual report to the Council of Ministers on the status of the implementation of the Directive. 	Member State's Energy Experts, Competent Authorities, ECREEE/ECOWAS	Adoption of Directive by the ECOWAS Energy Ministers	Ongoing following adoption of the Directive