

The decade of the mini-grid:

Accelerating innovation to address the energy trilemma in Sub-Saharan Africa



ENERGY
CATALYST

Day One agenda

Tuesday 30 March 2021

Times shown in BST

13:00 Opening remarks

Aaron Leopold, Chief Executive Officer, **Africa Minigrid Developers Association (AMDA)**

13:30 Panel 1: Technology and product trends

Addressing the latest technology developments on the market and innovation needs for microgrid optimization.

Panellists:

- Benjamin Attia, Senior Research Analyst, Energy Transition Practice, **Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables**
- Thomas Dubeau, Chief Strategy Officer, **Access to Energy Institute (A2EI)**
- Nico Peterschmidt, Director, **Jumeme**
- Harrison Leaf, CEO, **SteamaCo**
- Elizabeth Nyeko, CEO, **Modularity Grid**

Moderator:

Jessica Stephens, Chief Operating Officer, **Africa Minigrid Developers Association (AMDA)**

14:30 Break

15:00 Panel 2: The finance landscape

The investment opportunities in the mini-grid market, what investors are looking for and who is offering it to them in 2021.

Panellists:

- Ieva Indriunaite, Policy & Partnerships Manager, **Renewable Energy Performance Platform**
- Alix Graham, Manager, **InfraCo**
- Clifford Aron, Principal, **GreenMax Capital Group**
- Daphne Pit, Founder, **Pit Pure Power**
- Geoffrey Manley, Director, Head of Energy Access & Efficiency, **CDC Group plc**

Moderator:

Humphrey Wireko, Associate Principal, **CrossBoundary**

16:30 End of Day One

The decade of the mini-grid:

Accelerating innovation to address the energy trilemma in Sub-Saharan Africa



ENERGY
CATALYST

Day Two agenda

Wednesday 31 March 2021

Times shown in BST	13:00	Opening keynote
		Yann Tanvez, Infrastructure Lead West and Central Africa & Head of Mini-Grids Africa, IFC Investment Upstream, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group
	13:30	Panel 3: Energy demand
		<i>The importance of going beyond the electricity and integrating the use of energy with productivity and cold chains as a strategy for sustainable growth of the energy demand of mini-grids.</i>
	Panellists:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridget Menyeh, Research Associate, Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) Programme• Makena Ireri, Research Lead, Low Energy Inclusive Appliances, CLASP• Michele Bruni, Chief Commercial Officer, InspiraFarms• Riccardo Ridolfi, Chief Executive Officer, Equatorial Power
	Moderator:	Leslie Labruto, Global Head of Energy, Acumen
	14:30	Break
	15:00	Panel 4: Future of the market
		<i>Looking ahead and recommendations on regulation and policy that can boost the mini-grid sector and allow it to scale.</i>
	Panellists:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joao Duarte Cunha, Division Manager for Renewable Energy, African Development Bank• Emily McAteer, CEO and Co-Founder, Odyssey Energy Solutions• Sam Duby, Director, TFE Africa• Emma Miller, Business Manager, Shell Foundation• Ruchi Soni, Programme Manager, SEforALL• Arnaud Henin, Managing Director, Gommyr Power Networks
Moderator:	Jon Lane, Associate Director and Head of Energy Access, the Carbon Trust	
16:00	Closing keynote	
	To be confirmed	
16:15	Closing remarks	
	Aaron Leopold, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Minigrid Developers Association (AMDA)	
16:30	End of event	