



CONCEPT NOTE

Validation Workshop of Regional Action Plan of WACCA

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1. Background:

The ECOWAS region is characterised by low energy access rates and high dependency on traditional biomass for cooking. According to the energy balance of the region, close to 80% of the total energy demand of the region comes from traditional biomass with over 90% of the population using traditional biomass (wood and charcoal) as primary domestic cooking fuels in most countries. This results in more than 4 million premature deaths per year, globally; with the majority of the victims being women and children under 5 (WHO 2012). Additionally, the use of wood and charcoal as primary cooking fuel contributes to deforestation which is one of main drivers for climate change.

Though efficient cooking energy services (cookstoves and fuels) exist, they are not getting to those who need them the most. In the ECOWAS region the widespread adoption of clean cooking energies services is hampered by a series of barriers (social, political, technical, logistical, and financial). A concerted effort is necessary in order to achieve a viable market for clean cooking energy technologies. In this vein, the West Africa Clean Cooking Alliance (WACCA) was launched in 2012 at the High Level Energy Forum in Accra, Ghana with the ambitious goal of universal access to safe, clean, affordable, efficient and sustainable cooking fuels for the entire ECOWAS population by 2030.

Specifically, through WACCA, it is expected that by 2020, 100% of the population would have access to improved cookstoves and the share of the population with modern and alternative fuels, including LPG, for cooking should increase to 36% by 2020 and 41% by 2030. Moreover the share of efficient charcoal production should increase to 60% by 2020 and 100% by 2030. To meet these bold objectives, bold actions must follow in order to remove all the barriers impeding a widespread distribution and adoption of clean cooking energy services. According to most actors, the priority is at the political level. Therefore, Member States (MS) must show the political will to support the promotion of clean cooking energy. Currently most MS states do not have a specific strategy/action plan focused on clean cooking energy services. In order to establish a viable market for clean cooking energy technologies, this is must.

2. Rationale:

To support the establishment of an enabling environment, a regional action plan must be drafted and adopted by member states (MS). This Regional Action Plan will set the stage for both regional and national actions capable of drastically increasing access to clean cooking energy services. Without a strong political will, interventions to address the issue of access to clean cooking energy will be fragmented and will, therefore, always fall short of the targets. Thus, WACCA commissioned an international consultant to draft an action plan for the region. This activity recently concluded after several months of stakeholders consultations. WACCA is now organizing a workshop to validate the resulting Regional Action Plan with the participation of key regional and international stakeholders.

- a. The objectives** of this game-changing workshop are as follow:
- To launch an institutional dialogue to support not only the implementation of the regional action plan but also WACCA as a regional initiative.
 - To sensitize participants about the establishment of national clean cooking alliances and national action plans.
 - To increase awareness of other initiatives (regional and international) in order to share knowledge and build on synergies.
 - To raise WACCA's profile in the ECOWAS region and beyond as a key stakeholder and knowledge broker for the promotion of universal access to clean cooking energy services.
 - To discuss and validate the final action plan document.

b. The expected outcomes of the validation workshop are:

- The regional action plan is discussed and validated as roadmap to achieving the objectives set for WACCA.
- Draft a statement (Dakar Declaration on Clean Cooking Energy Services) showing commitment from key stakeholders and authorities such as policy makers and development partners to support the implementation of the action plan.
- Participants commit to supporting the establishment of national alliances on clean cooking energy and drafting of national action plans.

c. Workshop date:

The validation workshop for the Regional Action Plan on the promotion of clean cooking energy services will be held on October 1, 2015

d. Workshop Venue:

The workshop will be held at the King Fahd Palace in Dakar, Senegal.

e. Target Group:

The target groups for the validation workshop are:

- a. Stakeholders from the ministries of energy, forestry/agriculture and environment from the 15 ECOWAS Member States;
- b. Civil society organizations such as NGOs, private sector actors, and policy research institutions active in sustainable bioenergy promotion and development, management of forest, environmental protection, agriculture and energy.
- c. Private sector actors involved in the value chain (supply and demand).
- d. Technical and financial partners who have or are likely to support the WACCA initiative.

Validation Workshop on the WACCA Action Plan

King Fahd Palace, Dakar:

Draft Agenda

Thursday 1st October 2015

Validation of the Detailed WACCA Action Plan Document Chairperson: CILSS	
14:00 -14:15	<p>Welcome Remarks and Introduction to the workshop – ECREEE</p> <p>Video on WACCA</p>
14:15 – 14:30	<p>WACCA Initiative</p> <p>Siré A. Diallo, WACCA Coordinator</p>
14:30 – 15:20	<p>Presentation of the Regional Action Plan</p> <p>International Consultant and Team</p>
15:20 – 16:00	<p>Discussion and validation of the Regional Action Plan</p> <p>Chairperson</p>
16:00	<i>Refreshment Break</i>
Special Session: Launch and Presentation of the Brazil-WAEMU "Feasibility Study on the Production of Biofuels in the WAEMU Countries" Chairperson: NEPAD	
16:15	<p>Introduction and Background to the Study</p> <p>Directorate of Mines, Oil and Renewable Energy, WAEMU Commission (name to be confirmed)</p> <p>Ministry of External Relations, Brazil (name to be confirmed)</p>
16:20	<p>Presentation of the Study Findings:</p> <p>Alexandre de Souza Ramos, Analyst, Brazilian National Development Bank (BNDES);</p> <p>Luiza Mattos, Project Manager, BAIN & Company Consultancy; Others (tbc)</p>
17:10	Discussions and feedback
18:15	End of Day 2