



#FEC2026

Future of Energy Conference
2026



Side Events

Guidelines



Africa
Centre for
Energy Policy



25th – 26th August, 2026

8:30am Each Day

Labadi Beach Hotel,

Accra, Ghana

Theme

**Powering Africa's Industrial
Transformation: Energy
Systems for Value Addition
and Competitiveness**

The Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from partner institutions, development agencies, private sector actors, research organizations, and civil society groups to convene partner-led side events at the 2026 Future of Energy Conference (FEC).

About FEC 2026 Side Events

Deep Dive Dialogues: Partner-Led Perspectives on Africa's Energy Transformation

The FEC 2026 side events are partner-led, interactive sessions designed to complement and extend the main conference discussions. Convened by partner institutions, development partners, governments, agencies, and sector specialists, these events provide a platform to delve deeper into plenary themes and broader Conference focus, offering practical insights, technology demonstrations, and drive targeted actionable policy dialogue. The FEC 2026 side events are leveraging partner expertise and aligning with plenary discussions to ensure that conference dialogues translate into actionable strategies, collaborative partnerships, and practical interventions that advance Africa's energy access, industrial competitiveness, and sustainable development objectives.

Key objectives of the side events include:

- **Deepening technical and policy engagement:** unpacking complex issues such as energy infrastructure readiness and policy alignment, industrial energy intensity, and regional value chain development.
- **Showcasing solutions and innovations:** presenting emerging energy technologies, pilot projects, and scalable interventions that address cost, reliability, and sustainability challenges.
- **Fostering partnerships and investments:** creating spaces for governments, investors, developers, and civil society to explore collaborative models, co-develop projects, and de-risk energy and industrial initiatives.
- **Promoting inclusion and capacity building:** highlighting gender- and youth-focused initiatives, as well as community-driven models that support equitable access and value addition in Africa's energy-industrial landscape.

Focus Areas and Relevance

Proposals should align with either the overarching theme or at least one of the Conference thematic areas:

- 1.The Economics of Power: Understanding Africa's Energy Cost Structure
- 2.Technology Pathways for Competitive Industrial Energy
- 3.Regional integration and energy trade
- 4.Financing Industrial Energy Infrastructure
- 5.Energy Systems and Policy Alignment for Industrial Competitiveness

Format of Side Events

Side events may take the form of:

- Technical workshops or masterclasses including technical capacity building focused.
- Fireside Chats
- Panel discussions
- Roundtables or closed-door dialogues
- Expert submissions
- Research presentations
- Cross country experience sharing and learning.
- Technology demonstrations or showcases.

We strongly encourage formats that promote active audience engagement to foster a more interactive and enriching experience.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be assessed based on:

- Alignment with conference theme and thematic areas
- Clarity of objectives and expected outcomes.
- Relevance and timeliness of the topic
- Quality and diversity of proposed speakers
- Potential for partnerships, innovation, and actionable impact

Key Dates

- Application Opening: **9 April 2026**
- Submission Deadline: **15 June 2026**
- Notification of Selected Partners: **By 30 June 2026**
- Final Confirmation & Programme Integration: **7 July 2026**
- Conference Dates: **25 – 26 August 2026**

Note: Selected partners will be required to confirm participation promptly to secure their slot in the official programme. Specific date and time for your side event will be communicated once confirmation is received.

Partner Responsibilities

Selected partners will:

- Lead the overall design and delivery of their session
- Confirm speakers and session format within agreed timelines
- Provide session materials in advance
- Lead the publicity design and promotion of their event alongside the broader Conference
- Work closely with the FEC Secretariat to ensure alignment with the overall programme

Submission Requirements

Interested organizations should submit:

- Title and brief description of the proposed side event
- Objectives and expected outcomes
- Proposed format and target audience
- List of proposed speakers/partners (if available)
- Organizational profile (s)
- Submissions should be sent through the registration [link](#) or via the FEC 2026 [registration portal](#).

Why Host a Side Event?

FEC 2026 offers a unique platform to:

- Engage directly with high-level policymakers and industry leaders in our region
- Showcase thought leadership and innovative solutions
- Build strategic partnerships and influence policy dialogue
- Co-create actionable pathways to advance Africa's energy system readiness to power value addition and industrialization aspirations.
- Contribute to shaping Africa's energy and industrial future

Important Points to Note

Speaker Selection

Speakers should be experts or thought leaders in their respective fields, with relevant experience and insights to contribute to the discussion. Diversity in perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences should be considered when selecting speakers to ensure a well-rounded and inclusive dialogue.

Promotion & Outreach

Organizers or entities interested in hosting side events are responsible for promoting their side events to ensure maximum participation and engagement. ACEP will do well to update the conference website with details of each side event. Side event organizers are encouraged to use various promotion channels like their website, social media platforms, email newsletters, and targeted outreach to relevant stakeholders.

Logistics & Support

ACEP will provide a venue and basic audiovisual support for each side event. However, hosting organizations are responsible for all other logistical arrangements, including any additional equipment or resources required for the success of their event. While ACEP may offer additional support where possible, the primary responsibility for planning and execution rests with the host.

Collaboration & Partnership

Collaborations between multiple organizations to co-host side events are encouraged, fostering cross-sectoral dialogue and partnerships. Partnerships

with academic institutions, industry associations, NGOs, private organizations, CSOs, and other relevant stakeholders can enhance the quality and impact of side events.

Evaluation & Feedback

After the event, organizers should gather feedback from participants to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the side event. Feedback can be collected through surveys, evaluation forms, or other means to identify strengths, areas for improvement, and lessons learned.

Compliance & Code of Conduct

Side events must adhere to the conference's code of conduct and guidelines for respectful and inclusive participation. Any promotional materials or activities associated with side events should comply with the conference's branding guidelines and ethical standards, which ACEP will share with successful applicants.





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