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Participants and facilitators during the Energy Transition workshops held at University of Cape Coast

The Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP), in partnership with the University of Cape Coast and Takoradi Technical University, recently engaged students in a four-day series of workshops focused on Africa's evolving energy landscape.

Led by Dr. Charles G. Ofori, the ACEP team spent two days at each university engaging students on “Energy Transition in Africa: Balancing Development and Justice”, alongside sessions on Natural Gas Management and Commercialisation facilitated by Joseph Willie Amoah, PhD.

The workshops provided students with an opportunity to examine the opportunities and challenges associated with Africa's energy transition and consider how they can position themselves to contribute to a rapidly changing energy landscape. Discussions went beyond the conventional framing of the transition as a climate issue, exploring its implications for development, industrialisation, energy security and economic opportunity.

A key focus was the role of young people and the diverse disciplines they represent in shaping Africa's energy future. Students from engineering and the sciences, economics, law, business and the social sciences explored how their respective fields can contribute to building energy systems that support sustainable development and advance energy justice.

The sessions also challenged common misconceptions about the energy transition and emphasised the importance of African agency in shaping the continent's energy future. With Africa endowed with significant reserves of many of the critical minerals required for the global energy transition, participants examined how these resources can be leveraged responsibly to support industrialisation, create economic opportunities and deliver broader development benefits.

The discussions underscored the need for Africa to move beyond simply supplying the resources required for the global transition and instead explore how its mineral, energy and human resources can support value creation and industrial development on the continent.

Through open and engaging discussions, the workshops equipped students with new perspectives on the energy transition and encouraged them to see themselves as active participants in shaping Africa's energy future.



Program/Event Highlight

Building the Next Generation of Women in Clean Energy Technology

8th July | Accra, Ghana



Graduands of the GET-CaDeP with ACEP and Solar Taxi representatives

On 8 July 2026, the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP), in partnership with Solar Taxi, graduated the first cohort of 24 young women trained under the Green Energy Technology Capacity Development Programme (GET-CaDeP).

The programme was designed to equip young women with practical skills in solar technology, electric vehicles (EVs) and battery systems, while creating pathways for greater participation in Ghana's growing clean energy and technology sectors.

The graduates completed a structured technical training programme followed by hands-on internships with Solar Taxi and other industry partners. Through this practical component, participants gained experience working with EV systems and battery technologies, building skills that are increasingly relevant to Ghana's clean mobility and renewable energy transition.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, ACEP Policy Lead for Petroleum and Conventional Energy, Kodzo Yaotse, described the initiative as a deliberate response to the underrepresentation of women in Ghana's clean energy and technology space. He commended the graduates for the courage, discipline and commitment they demonstrated in completing a programme that placed them in technical fields often perceived as male-dominated.

He encouraged the graduates to view the training not as an endpoint, but as a foundation for continued professional growth, including opportunities to take on leadership and policy roles within the energy sector. Also speaking at the ceremony, Jorge Appiah, Chief Executive Officer of Solar Taxi, congratulated the graduates and commended their commitment throughout the programme. He reaffirmed Solar Taxi's support in helping connect the graduates to market opportunities where they can apply their newly acquired skills in EV and battery technology.

The graduation marks an important step in expanding the pipeline of skilled women entering Ghana's emerging clean energy economy. As the country navigates the energy transition, programmes such as GET-CaDeP demonstrate the importance of ensuring that women are not only participants in the transition, but are equipped with the technical skills and opportunities to shape it.



Program/Event Highlight

Young Fiscal Accountability Champions Analyse Ghana's 2026 Mid-Year Budget Review

30th July | Accra, Ghana



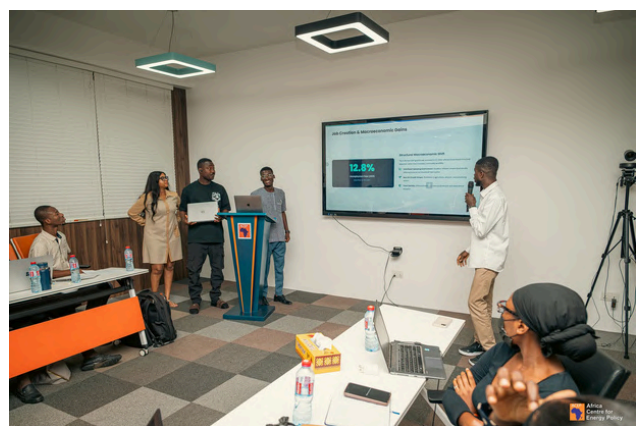
Participants present their analysis of Ghana's 2026 Mid-Year Budget Review during the workshop

Participants from the Youth Champions for Fiscal Accountability Fellowship, Media Fellowship, and Digital Accountability Engagement recently reconvened for a practical workshop focused on analysing Ghana's 2026 Mid-Year Budget Review.

The session provided participants with an opportunity to examine key public finance issues, including revenue mobilisation, public expenditure, debt, the fiscal deficit, energy sector risks, infrastructure spending, procurement, jobs and social impact. Beyond analysing the figures, participants worked on developing evidence-based narratives that can make complex public finance issues more accessible and meaningful to citizens.

The workshop forms part of ACEP's commitment to equipping young people, journalists, bloggers and digital content creators with the knowledge and tools to understand public finances, ask informed questions and contribute to conversations that promote transparency and accountability.

ACEP seeks to support a more informed public discourse around how public resources are raised, allocated and used by strengthening the capacity of emerging voices to engage with public finance.



Program/Event Highlight

EPA Launches Guidelines to Curb Fugitive Methane Emissions in Ghana's Petroleum Sector

3rd August | Accra, Ghana



Stakeholders unveil the Guidelines for Inspection, Monitoring, and Reporting of Fugitive Methane Emissions

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), in collaboration with Clean Air Task Force, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), and the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP), has launched the *Guidelines for Inspection, Monitoring, and Reporting of Fugitive Methane Emissions from Oil and Gas Operations in Ghana*.

The guidelines mark an important step towards strengthening Ghana's efforts to detect and reduce methane emissions from the petroleum sector. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, and reducing emissions from oil and gas operations can contribute significantly to climate action while improving environmental management across the sector.

The guidelines provide a comprehensive framework for petroleum operators to detect, monitor, report and mitigate fugitive methane emissions across Ghana's upstream and midstream oil and gas operations. They are intended to strengthen consistency in inspection and monitoring practices and provide a clearer basis for reporting and addressing methane leaks and other unintended emissions.

The launch brought together stakeholders from government, regulatory institutions, the petroleum industry, civil society organisations and development partners to discuss the implementation of the guidelines and reaffirm Ghana's commitment to addressing methane emissions.

As part of the implementation process, ACEP will continue to work closely with the EPA and relevant institutions to facilitate structured capacity building for stakeholders and support the effective application of the guidelines across the petroleum sector. The guidelines provide an important foundation for strengthening methane management in Ghana's oil and gas industry and advancing more effective environmental and climate governance.



Courtesy Visit

Sierra Leone Financial Intelligence Agency Visits ACEP

5th August | Accra, Ghana



Director General of the FIA Sierra Leone and ACEP Representatives during his courtesy visit to ACEP

The Director General of the Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA) of Sierra Leone, Mr. David Borbor, who also serves as Chair of the Beneficial Ownership Committee, paid a courtesy visit to the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP).

The visit provided an opportunity for the delegation to learn more about ACEP's work in resource governance and to explore potential areas of collaboration with the Agency and the Beneficial Ownership Committee.

Discussions focused particularly on strengthening Sierra Leone's beneficial ownership framework and the role of transparency in improving governance of the extractive sector. A key area of discussion was the development of a robust Beneficial Ownership Register that can help identify the individuals who ultimately own or control companies and strengthen public oversight of corporate structures.



Effective beneficial ownership disclosure is an important tool for promoting transparency and accountability, particularly in sectors where significant public resources and revenues are involved. Stronger systems can also support efforts to detect and combat illicit financial flows, corruption and other forms of financial misconduct, while improving the integrity of investment and business environments.

The engagement also created space for both institutions to exchange perspectives and consider opportunities for continued collaboration to strengthen beneficial ownership transparency and resource governance in Sierra Leone.

The visit reinforces the importance of cross-country learning and institutional collaboration in advancing stronger governance systems across Africa.

Program/Event Highlight

ACEP Welcomes Cohort 11 of the NextGen Resource Governance Leaders Programme

10th August | Accra, Ghana



The new cohort of emerging NextGen resource governance leaders begins its three-month journey with ACEP

The Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) has welcomed Cohort 11 of the NextGen Resource Governance Leaders Programme, bringing together eight young professionals from across Africa for a three-month journey of learning, research and leadership development.

The NextGen Resource Governance Leaders Programme is designed to equip emerging African leaders with the knowledge, research and analytical skills needed to engage meaningfully in resource governance and contribute to policy development across the continent. The programme also places emphasis on leadership, ethics, digital communication and the practical skills required to navigate and influence the resource governance landscape.



Over the past months, the NextGens have engaged with key issues shaping Africa's natural resource sector, while strengthening their ability to conduct research, analyse policy and communicate evidence effectively. They have been exposed to Africa's Green Minerals Strategy, Circular Economy, Just Energy transition, Leadership Ethics, Critical Thinking, Policy Writing, Communication and Digital Advocacy among others. The programme will keep providing opportunities for participants to learn from practitioners and experts, exchange perspectives with peers from across the continent, and apply their knowledge to real-world resource governance challenges.

As Cohort 11 continues its journey, ACEP looks forward to opportunities of learning, collaboration, research and new ideas, while supporting the next generation of African professionals working to strengthen resource governance and shape better policy outcomes across the continent.

Program/Event Highlight

Managing Africa's Extractive Future in the Energy Transition

20th to 27th August | Accra, Ghana



Participants, partners and facilitators at the Summer School on Managing Africa's Extractive Future in the Energy Transition

From 20 to 27 August, the Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP), in partnership with the Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI) and GIZ, convened the Summer School on Managing Africa's Extractive Future in the Energy Transition. The programme brought together 50 participants across Anglophone Africa from diverse fields for a week of learning and dialogue on how Africa can navigate its extractive future amid a rapidly changing global energy landscape.

A central message emerged throughout the Summer School: Africa must move beyond conversation and focus on action. As the energy transition reshapes global markets, investment patterns and geopolitical relationships, Africa must not only respond to these changes but strategically position itself to capture the opportunities they present.

The programme focused on two critical pillars of Africa's extractive sector: hydrocarbons and mining. Participants explored the different stages of the oil and mining lifecycles, from exploration and development to production and eventual closure, examining the opportunities and challenges that arise at each stage. Discussions highlighted the importance of effective resource governance in ensuring that Africa's natural resource wealth translates into sustainable development. Participants also examined fiscal and tax regimes and how their design and implementation can influence investment, government revenues and the distribution of benefits from natural resources.

The conversations then turned to the opportunities presented by green minerals and the energy transition. Participants were challenged to move beyond simply discussing Africa's critical mineral endowments and instead consider what it will take to build the industries, capabilities and value chains needed to capture greater value on the continent. The message was clear: Africa cannot afford to remain a supplier of raw materials while other economies capture the industrial and technological benefits of the transition.

The energy transition itself is also taking on a broader significance. It is no longer only about climate. It is increasingly linked to energy security, industrial competitiveness, critical mineral supply chains, geopolitical rivalry, economic resilience and technological leadership. For Africa, this demands a different framing of the transition: one that recognises both its challenges and the opportunities emerging from the global shift, and deliberately positions the continent to benefit from them.

The Summer School also examined methane emissions and Africa's oil and gas future, with discussions

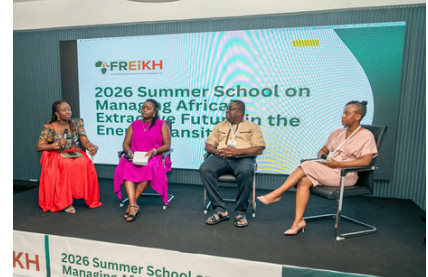
focusing on the need for better understanding of methane emissions, stronger measurement and reporting systems, and practical measures to reduce emissions while managing Africa's oil and gas resources. Alongside this, participants explored what a just energy transition means for communities affected by the growing demand for transition minerals. The discussions considered how Africa can ensure that mineral development delivers inclusive growth, protects livelihoods and creates meaningful opportunities for resource-rich communities.

Financing was another critical theme. As Africa seeks to expand energy access, strengthen energy security and support industrialisation, the ability to mobilise capital remains a major challenge. Participants examined the changing global financing landscape and explored the role of innovative financing, effective risk allocation and stronger investment frameworks in mobilising the capital needed to support Africa's energy future.

Across the week, the discussions reinforced that Africa's extractive future cannot be considered separately from its broader development ambitions. Resource governance, energy, industrialisation, finance, climate action and community development are deeply interconnected. The continent's ability to benefit from the energy transition will depend on how effectively it brings these priorities together.

The Summer School therefore closed with a call to translate knowledge and dialogue into action. Africa's ability to shape its extractive future will require knowledge, strong institutions, strategic policies, investment, regional cooperation and a deliberate commitment to ensuring that value is created and retained on the continent.





Program/Event Highlight

FEC 2026: Advancing Africa's Industrial Energy Future

25th-26th August | Accra, Ghana



Audience at the Future of Energy Conference 2026 during the Ghanaian Minister of Energy's address.

The Future of Energy Conference (FEC) is an annual platform that brings together stakeholders to advance an inclusive, sustainable and competitive energy future for Africa. It provides a strategic space for policymakers, industry, financial institutions, development partners, civil society and researchers to examine how Africa's energy systems can support economic transformation.

The 2026 edition, held from 25 to 26 August 2026 under the theme "Powering Africa's Industrial Transformation: Energy Systems for Value Addition and Competitiveness," placed industrialisation at the centre of conversations about Africa's energy future.

Over two days, participants examined how Africa can leverage its energy resources, mineral wealth, regional markets and emerging capabilities to support industrialisation, deepen value creation and strengthen long-term competitiveness. The discussions brought together perspectives from across the energy, mining, finance, industry, policy and development sectors, with a shared focus on how Africa can build energy systems that serve not only consumption, but also production and economic transformation. The scale and diversity of participation reflected the growing importance of these conversations. FEC 2026 brought together 1,086 participants from 60 countries, with 819 attending in person and 267 participating virtually with over 40 partners. More than 60 speakers contributed to the programme, alongside 16 side events that created additional spaces for dialogue on specific dimensions of Africa's energy and industrial future.

The conference also provided a platform for innovation and collaboration. Eleven innovators showcased their ideas, while 16 exhibitors presented solutions, technologies and initiatives relevant to Africa's evolving energy landscape. The participation of partners and sponsors further strengthened the platform, supporting a broad range of conversations and engagements throughout the conference.

Across the two days, FEC 2026 reinforced the need for Africa to rethink how it plans, finances and governs its energy systems. The central question was not simply how to expand energy access, but how to ensure

that energy can power production, support value addition, enable industrialisation and strengthen Africa's competitiveness.

With more than a thousand participants engaging across the programme, FEC 2026 provided a space for ideas to be exchanged, partnerships to be strengthened and practical questions about Africa's energy future to be confronted.

The conversation continues: how can Africa build energy systems capable of powering the industries, value chains and economic opportunities of its future?



Program/Event Highlight

ACEP Launches Climate Innovation Hub to Advance Climate and Development Solutions

17th September | Accra, Ghana



Participants during a session at the launch of the Climate Innovation Hub

Africa's climate challenges demand more than ideas. They require innovation that can move from concept to impact.

The Africa Centre for Energy Policy (ACEP) has launched the Climate Innovation Hub, a catalytic platform designed to support innovations that can advance Africa's climate and development goals.

The Hub responds to a growing need to look beyond conventional approaches to climate action and recognise that innovation extends far beyond technological breakthroughs. In Africa, the success of climate solutions can depend just as much on the availability of appropriate financing, supportive policies and regulations, effective institutional arrangements, viable business models, digital systems and improved operational practices.

These dimensions can determine whether promising solutions are adopted, scaled or abandoned. This is particularly important in African countries where climate action must advance alongside industrialisation, infrastructure development, economic transformation and job creation.

The Climate Innovation Hub will provide a platform for bringing together entrepreneurs, policymakers, regulators, financial institutions, researchers, corporates and civil society to work collectively on climate and development challenges. It will support the identification of problems, development and adaptation of solutions, and diagnosis of the barriers that prevent innovations from moving beyond the development stage.

A key focus will be reducing the technical, commercial, financial, regulatory and institutional risks that can prevent promising innovations from reaching scale. By creating greater connections between innovators and the wider ecosystem needed to deploy their solutions, the Hub seeks to help bridge the gap between

innovation and real-world impact.

The launch also marked the beginning of the Hub's work with its first cohort of six young innovators working across diverse fields. The innovators are developing ideas and solutions aimed at addressing some of Africa's pressing climate and development challenges.

Through the Hub, ACEP will support the cohort as they test, strengthen and advance their solutions, while helping create pathways for promising ideas to move beyond the prototype stage and towards deployment and impact.

The Hub represents ACEP's commitment to strengthening the ecosystem required for climate innovation to thrive in Africa. Its ambition is not simply to generate more ideas, but to help create the conditions in which viable solutions can be developed, supported, adopted and scaled.





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