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Business and public sector meet at Atelier Off-Grid B2B Togo to boost off-grid power visibility and investment

Lomé, 5 June 2019 – Although Togo has recently experienced some improvement in the country's energy access rate, the disparities between urban and rural areas remain acute, at a rate of 87% in big cities against 7% in rural areas ([SEforAll, 2019](#)).

Aware of the enormous potential held by off-grid solutions to advance energy access in support of Togo's 2030 Electrification Strategy, the [Alliance for Rural Electrification](#) (ARE) will co-organise, together with the [Delegation of the European Union to Togo](#) (EUD), the German Development Cooperation implemented by [GIZ](#) and the [Ministry of Mines and Energy of Togo](#), a 1-day **Atelier Off-Grid B2B Togo**, on 12 June 2019 in Lomé.

The Atelier Off-Grid B2B Togo, which has already attracted more than 100 registrations, is part of the [Forum Togo-EU](#) organised by the Togolese government in partnership with the European Union in Lomé on 13-14 June 2019 and will bring together key players in the off- and mini- grid Togolese market. The workshop will include national and international private sector representatives such as project developers, investors and technology providers, as well as public sector officials from the Government of Togo and local authorities, and international development partners.

With a production capacity that can cover 65% of its energy consumption, Togo relies on its neighbours to fill the energy gap. In order to reduce this dependence and to allow more Togolese especially in rural areas to access electricity, the government is actively engaged in setting ambitious national targets to increase the electrification rate to 50% by 2020 and 100% by 2030. This shift in political focus thus creates a strong momentum and increases the attractiveness of the Togolese market for Togolese and foreign companies.

With the aim of increasing visibility about the renewable energy business opportunities in the country and facilitating investments in local mini-grid and standalone projects, the event will identify opportunities for off-grid renewable energy in Togo, discuss best financing options and link key players in the country's energy sector with national and international off-grid experts, project developers and financiers.

The 1-day event will feature:

- Panel on the current state of and opportunities in the off-grid market in Togo
- Panel on financing off-grid and mini-grid solutions in Togo
- B2B Networking

The B2B will offer participants the chance to meet potential business partners active in the off-grid market in Togo and identify business opportunities during face-to-face B2B meetings.

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The [Alliance for Rural Electrification \(ARE\)](#) is an international business association that promotes a sustainable decentralised renewable energy industry for the 21st century, activating markets for affordable energy services, and creating local jobs and inclusive economies. We enable improved energy access through business development support for more than 130 Members along the whole value chain for off-grid technologies.

[The Delegation of the European Union to Togo](#) has the mandate to, among others, ensure the representation of the European Union in Togo, encourage bilateral relations between the European Union and Togo in the political, economic, trade and cooperation fields, and manage the programs and projects financed by the European Union, in a coordinated way with the various partners. The European Union, through its institutions, has been present in Togo since its independence in 1960.

The [Ministry of Mines and Energy of Togo](#) (MME) implements the State's policy on mining, hydrocarbons and energy and monitors the situation in collaboration with other relevant ministries and institutions. The Ministry of Mines and Energy is responsible for, among others, planning, organising, coordinating, controlling and developing all mining and energy activities, as well as to manage the State's mining and energy sectors, ensure the satisfaction of domestic demand, energy security and energy infrastructure, and promote the research and use of new and renewable energies.

Under the mandate of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), [GIZ](#) started its activities in Togo in 2013. The headquarter is located in the capital, Lomé. GIZ works with businesses, civil society actors and research institutions, fostering successful interaction between development policy and other policy fields and areas of activity. In cooperation with the development bank KfW, GIZ implements a programme in each priority area of Togo (Agriculture, Decentralisation and Vocational Education). Since 2017, two supplementary projects are implemented in Togo: The strengthening of the health system on the one hand, and rural electrification through renewable energies on the other.

