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Global investors & decisionmakers will convene at the 10th EAIF to electrify underserved communities worldwide

Investors and decision-makers in the decentralised renewable energy (DRE) sector from around the world will gather in **Kampala, Uganda**, on **8-10 April 2025** for the sector's leading annual event – the ARE Energy Access Investment Forum ([EAIF 2025](#)).

EAIF 2025 is organised by the Alliance for Rural Electrification, and supported by GET.invest, a European programme mobilising investment in renewable energy. GET.invest is co-funded by the European Union, Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden and Austria. **The forum is held under the patronage of the Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development of Uganda.**

Hon. Dr Ruth Nankabirwa, Uganda's Minister for Energy & Mineral Development, stated: *"We are proud to serve as the Patron for EAIF 2025. This Forum presents a unique opportunity to engage in the global conversation on energy access, decarbonisation, and climate action. Let us join forces to drive impactful solutions for the future of energy."*

This special 10-year edition of the Forum will take place at the **Speke Resort Munyonyo**, welcoming over 1,000 participants both in-person and online. Attendees will include private and public investors, industry leaders, and government officials, offering an unparalleled networking and knowledge-sharing experience.

Hon. Okasai Sodranoius Opolot, Uganda's State Minister for Energy, added: *"EAIF 2025 is a key milestone in accelerating energy access and investment in Africa. This is a crucial platform where we can collaborate with global leaders and investors to unlock sustainable energy solutions for our communities. Together, we can power the future."*

The event will provide exceptional matchmaking opportunities with international investors, private sector representatives, and government officials. Participants will gain insights into the latest market trends through interactive sessions and explore a dynamic exhibition featuring both international and local companies and organisations. The Forum will also include evening receptions, fostering connections in



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a relaxed atmosphere. On the third day of the event, the participants will be able to join workshops organised by Partners and matchmaking sessions.

David Lecoque, CEO of ARE, remarked: *“EAIF 2025 marks a decade of catalysing investments and partnerships in the DRE sector. This Forum is more than just an event – it is a crucial meeting point where key stakeholders unite to drive real change. By bringing together investors, businesses, and policymakers, we are accelerating energy access and supporting sustainable development across Africa and beyond. This year’s agenda places energy access at the forefront and explores interconnection with greening industry, e-mobility, productive use, and more.”*

Strategic partners of the event include ADEME, UNDP, Africa Minigrids Program, Energy Catalyst, ZE-GEN, the International Finance Corporation of World Bank Group, Transforming Energy Access – Learning Partnership, SNV, the Team Europe Initiative Opportunity-driven Skills and VET in Africa (OP-VET), and CEEW.

Gold Sponsors of the event include the African Development Bank, ADA, ComAp, ENGIE Energy Access, and Schneider Electric.

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The Uganda National Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Alliance (UNREEEA) is the event’s **National Association Partner**.

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Note to the editor

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sustainable electricity access, create jobs and respond to climate change in Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America.

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