

EAIF 2025 – Draft Programme

| 7 April 2025 (Day 0) – Speke Resort Munyonyo | | |
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| Time (EAT) | Jacaranda Hall | Mahogany Hall |
| 09.00 – 12.30 | ARE Investment Academy (<i>invite only</i>) | |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch | |
| 14.00 – 17.20 | <p>[EABF workshop] European development finance for distributed green energy project pipelines (<i>invite only</i>)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jens Jaeger, Director – Policy & Business Development, ARE <p>Participants :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative, GET.invest - Ward Nusseler, Senior Investment Officer Energy, Eastern and Southern Africa, FMO - Jana Bannat, Investment Officer, FMO - José Carlos Villena Pérez, Director, COFIDES - Magnus Nilsson, Investment Manager, IFU - Marc Trouyet, Country Director, AFD - Representative, KfW | Africa Minigrids Program (AMP) (UNDP/RMI) (<i>invite only</i>) |
| 19.00 – 22.00 | VIP Dinner (<i>invite only</i>) | |

| 8 April 2025 (Day 1) – Speke Resort Munyonyo | | | |
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| Time (EAT) | Track 1 Speke Ballroom (EN – FR) | Track 2 Royal Palm (EN – FR) | Track 3 Jacaranda Hall (EN only) |
| 07.30 – 09.00 | Registration | | |
| 09.00 – 09.45 | (Speke Ballroom) Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Lecoque, CEO, Alliance for Rural Electrification - Qimiao Fan, Division Director for Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, and Uganda, World Bank - Jan Sadek, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Uganda - Hon. Dr. Ruth Nankabirwa Ssentamu, Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda | | |
| 09.45 – 11.00 | (Speke Ballroom) Five years left to achieve SDG7 – financing solutions to accelerate electrification (<i>high-level panel</i>) Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lynne Wesonga, Board Member, Alliance for Rural Electrification Panellists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bärbel Höhn, Special Representative for Decentralised Renewable Energy, BMZ - Carol Koech, Strategy Director, Sustainability & Thought Leadership, International Operations, Schneider Electric - Gillian-Alexandre Huart, CEO, ENGIE Energy Access - Soumya Banerjee, Regional Industry Manager for Infrastructure, International Finance Corporation - Camille Andre-Bataille, Vice President, Alliance for Rural Electrification - Nwanne Vwede-Obahor, UNDP's Uganda Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme | | |
| 11.00 – 11.45 | Inauguration of the exhibition coffee break | | |

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| 11.45 – 13.00 | <p>Low-cost rural electrification approaches and financing solutions to enhance affordability for end-users of DRE systems</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Camille Andre-Bataill, Vice President, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martijn Veen, Global Sector Head, SNV - Terry Otinga, Senior Investment Associate, CrossBoundary Access - Ulrich Zimmerman, COO, Zimpertec - Jessica Utichi, Head of the Global Distributors Collective - Agnes Nakkazi Mugwanya, Programme Manager- Solar, UECCC | <p>[African Development Bank session] Bridging the Equity Gap</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beatrice Muthoni, Principal Renewable Energy Specialist, AfDB/ SEFA <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachel More-Oshodi, Managing Director and CEO, Arm Harith - Ieva Indriunaite, Policy & Partnerships Director, Camco - Doris Muthami, Business Development Manager, PIDG/InfraCo Africa - Idris Tayebi, CEO, NeoT Offgrid Africa (NOA) | <p>Press Conference for High-Level Representatives</p> |
| 13.00 – 15.00 | Lunch break | | |
| 15.00 – 16.15 | Market opportunities for DRE | Innovative financing solutions | Ensuring a green and just energy transition (<i>fireside chat</i>) |

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| | <p><i>Cross-country learnings and experiences in financing and deploying DRE</i></p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ayu Abdullah, Board Member, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Setting-the-scene presentations</p> <p>M300 Compacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan Kappen, Lead Energy Specialist, World Bank <p>Uganda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brian Isabirye, Commissioner, Renewable Energy Department – Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Uganda <p>Nigeria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abba Aliyu, Managing Director, Rural Electrification Agency Nigeria <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laura Corcoran, COO, Aptech Africa - Fiona Nyaranga, Co-CEO, W. Waterworks | <p>for Productive Use of Energy</p> <p>Moderator & setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Francis Elisha, Director, Africa Energy Program, Africa Minigrid Program (UNDP/RMI) <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marina Abboud, Head of programmes, ADA - Denis Mugagga, Head – Climate Finance Unit, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development - Thomas Bonicel, Access to Energy Commercial Director, Schneider Electric - Gary Almond, Head of Communications and Advocacy, Shell Foundation - Gaetane Tiako Djeumo, Investment Manager – Sustainable Energy, Triple Jump - Hadijah Natambi, | <p>a) Women empowerment and gender mainstreaming in the energy sector</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julia von Franz, Policy & Advocacy Officer, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karin Jeanneret Vezzini, CEO/Co-owner, Ennos Ag - Shveta Sarin, Business Development Director for Micro Entrepreneurs, Shell Foundation <p>b) Success stories & lessons learnt from a Mini-Grid Developer and Financier perspective</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julia von Franz, Policy & Advocacy Officer, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mathieu Brun, Head of Funding & |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obiajuru Adeniji, Vice President Origination & Structuring, InfraCredit - Joanis Holzigel, COO, Inensus | Director, EcoLife Companies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant, ENGIE Energy Access - Idris Tayebi, CEO, NeoT Offgrid Africa (NOA) - Nathan Sermonis, Co-founder & CEO, Vittoria Technology |
| 16.15 – 16.45 | Coffee break | | |
| 16.45 – 18.00 | <p>E-mobility and DRE Lessons learnt from Uganda and Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicolas Rohrer, Board Member, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shantha Bloemen, CEO/ Co Founder, Mobility for Africa - Isaac Tumusiime, President, Energy Efficiency Association Uganda - James Obarowski, CEO, Zembo - Maud Watelet, Senior Investment Officer, EDFI MC (ElectriFI) - Simon T. Kalenzi, Commissioner Energy Efficiency, Department, | <p>[SNV session]</p> <p>Enabling Investments: Energy Efficiency and PURE Markets as a Catalyst for Africa's Agri-Food and Energy Nexus</p> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peace Kansiime, Project Manager, SNV <p>Case study presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ekanath Khatiwada, Senior Advisor Private Sector Development, SNV <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdul Nsibambi Kyanika, Manager, | <p>Electrification of Health Centres: Energy delivery models</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catherine Mukobo, Regional Programme Expert – Central East Africa, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cynthia Kpozuxe, Strategic Partnerships & Business Development Manager, FRES - Jawahir Muhamed, COO, Tamarso - Stephen Kansuk, Regional Technical Advisor for Africa, UNDP |

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| | Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Uganda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Centenary Bank, Uganda - Drew Corbyn, Head of Performance & Investment, GOGLA - Chris Emmott, Associate Director in Investing in Energy Access, Acumen - Alta Theron, Chief Executive Officer, Grainpulse - Eng. David Birimumaso, Ag. Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Uganda | |
| 18.00 – 20.00 | Networking Reception: 10th Anniversary of EAIF sponsored by EDFI Electrifi & Gaia Impact | | |

9 April 2025 (Day 2) – Speke Resort Munyonyo

| Time (EAT) | Speke Ballroom (EN – FR) | Royal Palm (EN –FR) | Jacaranda Hall (EN only) |
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| 08.00 – 09.30 | Registration | | [Energy Catalyst workshop] Energy Access Investor Breakfast (invite only) |
| 09.30 – 10.45 | <p>Understanding Progress of Developing Local Content in Uganda's Power Subsector (<i>High-level panel</i>)</p> <p>Moderator :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joan Muliibwa Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Uganda <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdon Atwine, Commissioner, Rural Electrification, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), Uganda - Erick Ongera, Sales Manager for East Africa, ComAp - Idris Tayebi, Director, NeoT Offgrid Africa - David Otieno, Cluster Coordinator & Energy and Climate, GIZ Uganda | <p>[AfDB Workshop] <i>AMAP in Action: Innovating, Standardizing, and Collaborating to Build Investment-Ready GMG Markets – Lessons from Country Case Studies</i> (invite only)</p> | |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | Coffee break | | |

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| <p>11.15 – 12.30</p> | <p>Powering industries and surrounding communities for the green energy transition</p> <p>GSMA-ARE MoU signing ceremony</p> <p>Moderator ::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deepak Mohapatra, Senior Officer – Business & Market Development Officer, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gabriel Maiyo, Head of Operations, Equatorial Power - George Kibala Bauer, Senior Director, GSMA - Doris Muthami, Business Development Manager, PIDG/InfraCo - John Kimotho, Investment Director– Emerging Markets Energy Transition, Mirova SunFunder - Grégoire Durival, Deputy Director, Grid & Infrastructure | <p>[PROSPECT] De-risking with Data: How Digital Finance Can Unleash Energy Investment</p> <p>Moderator & setting-the-scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Divya Balakrishnan, Senior Advisor, GET.invest <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ray Coyle, CEO, Energise Africa - Roeland Menger, Chief Revenue Officer, Nithio - Siten Mandalia, CEO & Co-founder, Masunga (formerly Solaris Offgrid) - Brianna Schuyler, Director of Digital Product, Access to Energy Foundation - Maxime Marion, Managing Director, Green Genset Facility | <p>Empowering vulnerable populations and refugee-led businesses</p> <p>Moderator & setting-the-scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jakob Haushofer, Head of Global Gateway and Refugee Response, EU Delegation to Uganda <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anthony Walter Okello, Project Coordinator _ Transforming Humanitarian Energy Access (THEA) Programme, Ashden Climate Solutions - Ben Butele, Refugee Programme Coordinator for EASP, UECCC - Solomon Bhaghabhonerano, Executive Director, Live in Green - Suuti Sandra Namulemo, Advisor, BUAK - Harriet Nongoola, Founder & CEO Fena Solar |
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| | Department, Sagemcom | | - Bettina Baesch Ssemwaka , GIZ EnDev |
| 12.30 – 14.30 | Lunch break | | |
| 14.30 – 15.45 | <p>DRE Technology and innovations from the field (pitching session)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collins Owuor, Junior Renewable Expert, EACREEE <p>Panellists :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ayush Gupta, Sr. General Manager – Global Strategy & Partnerships – Sustainability and Sustainable Development, Schneider Electric - Judith Marera, CEO, Lanforce - Representative, Energy Catalyst company - Maria Elvira Zeman, Business Developer, Turbulent - Norbert Taphorn, Area Sales manager, SkySails | <p>[IFC, AfDB & ARE] Improving capacity for ESG compliance in the DRE sector</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ieva Indriunaite, Board Member, ARE <p>Setting-the-scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jens Jaeger, Director – Policy & Business Development, Alliance for Rural Electrification - Robert Aitken, AMAP Programme Officer, African Development Bank <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guilhem Dupuy, Partner, Gaia Impact - Maud Watelet, Senior Investment Officer, EDFI ElectrIFI - Representative, GDS International - Sharmarke Abdulkadir, CEO, Tamarso | <p>Leveraging technology to prevent vandalism and improve the quality of electricity distribution Infrastructure</p> <p>Moderator & setting-the-scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdon Atwine, Commissioner, Rural Electrification – MEMD <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Mwesigwa, Managing Director Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited - Akshat Kulkarni, CEO, OrxaGrid - Prosper Magali, Chairperson, TAREA - Erick Ongera, Sales Manager for East Africa, ComAp - Guillermo Layerenza, Senior Distribution Engineer, NRECA International |
| 15.45 – 16.15 | Coffee break | | |
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| | <p>Financing DRE skills development, capacity reinforcement and green job creation</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jens Jaeger, Director – Policy & Business Development, ARE <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eugenia Masviken Regional Programme Expert – East & Southern Africa, ARE - Kai Forster, consultant, TEA LP - Carlo Tacconelli, Co-founder, EnGreen - Heli Mikkola, Coordinator Regional Exchanges for Public Private Partnerships, TEI-OP VET | <p>Cross-country learnings and experiences in deploying DRE – Francophone Africa</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catherine Mukobo, Regional Programme Expert – Central East Africa, Alliance for Rural Electrification <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Romain de Villeneuve, CEO, WeLight - Amadou Sidibe, Director, AMADER Mali - Parfait Onema, Technical Director, Tech Power Services - Gwladys Alahassa, General Director, Qotto Bénin - Sylvie Vavizara, Directeur Interrégional de l'Énergie et des Hydrocarbures MEHM - Sèdomonwan Euloge Migniha, Director Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, DERE ARE Bénin - Philippe Robert, Managing Director, ENGIE Energy Access Uganda | <p>[CEEW Workshop] : Scaling Productive Use of Renewable Energy: Unlocking Opportunities for South-South Cooperation (<i>invite only</i>)</p> |
| 17.30 – 18.00 | <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alliance for Rural Electrification - Delegation of the European Union to Uganda - Government of Uganda | | |

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| 18.00 – 20.00 | Networking Reception Sponsored by IFC |



10 April 2025 (Day 3) – Speke Resort Munyonyo

| Time (EAT) | Jacaranda Hall | Ebony Hall | Mahogany Hall | Acacia Hall | On site |
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| 08.00 – 10.00 | Breakfast session: ARE Tech & Manufacturer Circle (ARE Members only) | Closed | Breakfast session: ARE EPC & Developer Circle (ARE Members only) | Breakfast session: ARE Financier Circle (ARE Members only) | Site visit |
| 10.00 – 13.00 | TEA LP Workshop : <i>Industry-Academia Roundtable</i> | GET.invest Matchmaking | [Africa Minigrids Program (AMP) (UNDP/RMI) workshop] Fundamentals for Market Preparation <i>(invite only)</i> | ADA Workshop : PURE : Dos and Don't – Boost Your Mini-Grid Impact <i>(Invite only)</i> | |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | Lunch break | | | | |
| 14.30 – 17.30 | TEI OP VET workshop : Spotlight Session on Skills Development in Renewable Energy Investments <i>(Invite only)</i> | | [Africa Minigrids Program (AMP) (UNDP/RMI) workshop] Data & digitalisation: Deep dive <i>(invite only)</i> | | |

- The **GET.invest Matchmaking** sessions will be held on 8–10 April in Ebony Hall, running concurrently with the main programme and workshops.
- The **EAIF 2025 exhibition** will take place alongside the main programme on 8–9 April, while 10 April will be dedicated to workshops, training sessions, and working groups that will take place at the Speke Resort Munyonyo.