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Reaching Universal Energy Access in Ghana

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5th Mini Grid Action Learning Event

Accra, Ghana | 25-28 June 2019

The World Bank's Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP), the Climate Investment Funds (CIF), the UK Department for International Development (DFID), and the Ghana Ministry of Energy jointly invite you to a learning event in Accra, Ghana from **Tuesday, June 25th to Friday, June 28th, 2019** on *Achieving Universal Energy Access in Ghana and Upscaling Mini Grids for Low Cost and Timely Access to Electricity Services*.

The event will highlight progress already made and opportunities and challenges ahead to reach Ghana's goal of universal energy access by 2020. Ghana has already achieved 85% residential electricity access and hopes to go beyond universal access to become an energy exporter. This is also the fifth mini grid action learning event designed to facilitate investments in the sector as well as accelerate the deployment of mini grid systems. Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about some of the mini grid pilots in more remote areas and islands in Ghana, along with other plans for achieving universal access.

An overview of the event activities is provided below.

- ***Ghana Universal Energy Access and Mini Grid Roundtable | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.*** The workshop will explore the changes that have enabled progress towards universal energy access in Ghana and what lies ahead in terms of opportunities and challenges for both grid extension and off-grid solutions.
- ***Global Mini Grid Technical Conference | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.*** Invited experts and panelists will provide their insights on 10 frontiers to accelerate the development of mini grids, including geospatial planning, regulatory framework, access to finance, community engagement, standardized technology & costing, training and skills building, and private sector joint ventures in the mini grid sector.
- ***Ghana Universal Energy Access and Mini Grids: Focus on Implementation | BY INVITATION.*** Drawing on the lessons and expertise shared during the Global Technical Conference, this workshop will take a deeper dive into coordination between the government of Ghana and development partners needed to accelerate affordable energy access and scale up mini grids as part of the solution.
- ***Field visit to an Operational Mini Grid Project | LIMITED SEATS.*** Participation in the field visit is open to all participants, but with a limited number of spaces. A description of the sites will be communicated at a later date.



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More information about the venue and hotels, along with a more detailed agenda will follow. Please RSVP on your plans to attend by completing here: <http://bit.ly/GhanaForm>

Kindly note that the World Bank does not assist with visa processing to Ghana, but can assist with a pro-forma letter detailing the purpose of your visit to facilitate your visa request, if needed. Should you require this assistance or have any questions about the event, kindly contact Belén Gallego (belen.gallego@ata.email) or Toby Berkman (tberkman@cbi.org) who are helping organize the event.

Kind Regards,

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