

GBEP Webinar: Learning from successful case studies on biogas in Africa

1130 - 1240 CEST (UTC+2), 3 June 2021

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Agenda	
1130 – 1135	Brief introduction to webinar and presentation of speakers
	Dr. Maria Michela Morese (GBEP Secretariat)
1135 – 1150	The Songhai Model for capacity development
	Mr. Justin Lekoto (The Songhai Centre, Benin)
1150 – 1205	Commercializing waste management through biogas technology
	Mr. John Afari Idan (Biogas Technologies Africa Ltd, Ghana) and Dr. Timothy
	Koomson (ADB)
1205 – 1220	Innovative business models for biogas by-products.
	Mr. Almamy Sagna (CEO, SBG Africa)
1220 – 1240	Q&A and open discussion
	Moderated by John Yeboah (ECREEE)

Overview

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Biogas, produced through anaerobic digestion of organic matter, can provide flexible modern bioenergy services for power generation, transport, heating and cooling, and cooking. It can represent a more sustainable alternative to traditional biomass use or fossil fuels. Anaerobic digestion is an established technology but its uptake in some developing countries has been slow. It is necessary to understand the main factors that affect the success of biogas in order for policies and projects to be developed to deliver sustainable renewable energy.

In 2020, GBEP released a report entitled "Stocktaking paper – regional analysis of biogas value chains". It was the result of three years of research by the GBEP Secretariat along with GBEP Partners and Observers during the GBEP Bioenergy Weeks (Ghana in 2017, Argentina in 2018 and Philippines in 2019).

This webinar focuses on the situation in Africa and presents successful case studies from the continent. The discussion session will consider how enabling policies and financing mechanisms contributed to the success of these models and how they can be replicated elsewhere.

The webinar is hosted by the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) as part of the Scope of Work of Activity Group 7, under the thematic area of 'Biogas'. More information and other webinars on this theme can be found on the <u>GBEP website</u>.

