



PRESS RELEASE – WAPIC 2011 Just 8 Weeks to Go!

*WAPIC – the **only** event for the West African power sector comes to Abuja, Nigeria for 4 days from Monday 28th November until Thursday 1st December 2011.*

There are just 8 weeks to go to book your place so hurry to not miss out on the event for 2011 for all West African power sector stakeholders!

Key features for WAPIC 2011 are:

- Utility performance improvement Case studies from India, Lesotho and Tunisia
- CEO West African Utility panel discussion on performance of the sector in preparing for the wave of privatisation
- Updates on the Nigerian power sector reform
- Regulatory and legal frameworks for the ideal investment environment
- Bankable projects and the criteria for dependable project finance
- Tariff review feedback and cost reflective tariffs in the electricity power sector

WAPIC is a 4 day programme with:

- Conference Day One focussing on regional strategic topics such as industry regulation, energy mix planning, privatisation and industry reform
- Operational issues such as power generation opportunities, distribution network improvements and enforcing health and safety and quality standards will be the focus for Conference Day 2.
- Pre-conference sessions will educate on attracting investment into the power sector, how to obtain project finance and tapping the West African renewable energy potential for a more sustainable energy mix and power generation
- A 2 day exhibition of more than 40 exhibitors showcasing the latest power technologies, products, services and projects in the region
- A power plant site visit on the final day to Siemen's Geregu Gas Turbine Power Station

Key speakers on the programme are:

- Professor Bart Nnaji, Nigeria's new Minister of Power
- Kweku Awotwi, CEO, Volta River Authority, Ghana
- Anish Garg, Director Performance Standards, Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
- Dr Sam Amadi, Chairman/ CEO, Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (Nerc)
- Solomon Quaynor, Country Manager for Nigeria, International Finance Corporation
- Babatunde Adeyemo, Co-ordinator, West African Power Pool
- Theo Sackey, Power Sector Specialist, Africa Finance Corporation
- Mahama Kappiah, Executive Director, ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)
- Onnu Ruhl, Country Director & Erik Fernstrom, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank

Our exhibition floor is almost sold out - just 5 stand left!

The Sponsors and Exhibitors on board for WAPIC so far are.....

ABB, Maschinenfabrik Reinhausen Germany, Sudden Impact, Siemens, AG Energy Partners, Surgetek, Koncar, Itron, Genesis Electricity, Alstom Grid, Megger, Conlog, Momas Systems Nigeria, Omicron, AES APCO, Vergokan, Aberdare Cables, Kafue Gorge Regional Training Centre, Vergnet, Landis+Gyr, Depagne France & Chris-Ejik International Nigeria, Kanohar Electrical limited, McDonald Live, Taleveras Group, Genesis Electricity and Interplast Ghana

Nigeria's current electricity power output is about 4,000 Megawatts. To bring electricity power to its 150 million people, Nigeria has plans to expand electricity output to 14,000 MW by 2013 and 40,000 MW by 2020. This will need \$3.5bn per annum for the next 10 years.

Last year's conference and exhibition, hosted by Senelec, Senegal, gathered more than 400 attendees from 27 countries, mainly from the West African region plus delegates from Europe, USA/Canada and the rest of Africa.

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