

AFRICA



The Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR) leads the Department of State's and U.S. government's efforts to forge international energy policy, strengthen U.S. and global energy security, and respond to energy challenges from around the world that affect U.S. economic interests and national security.

ENR's principal goals include:

- Ensuring the energy security of the United States, our partners, and our allies by supporting the diversification of energy sources, supplies, and routes;
- opening markets and reducing barriers to energy trade and development;
- promoting exports of U.S. energy resources, technologies, and services;
- ensuring that energy resources are not used by terrorists, rogue regimes, and others who seek to fund violence and harm the United States and its allies;
- promoting universal access to affordable, reliable energy; and
- improving regional cooperation, fostering political stability, and preventing energy-related conflict.

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ENERGY PRIORITIES

- Promote good governance and economic stability in the hydrocarbon and electricity sectors across the region through traditional diplomacy, high-level dialogues, technical assistance, and exchanges.
- Promote transparent regulatory environments in oil-and-gas-producing countries and those with the possibility of future production. Encourage good governance and revenue management, which leads to economic growth and attracts private sector investment.
- Promote enabling environments in the electricity sectors to encourage private sector investment with an all-of-the-above approach to fuel sources. Increase urban and rural electricity access in both urban and rural areas through on- and off-grid connections.
- Work with governments to implement policy reforms for a well-functioning electricity sector, including clear procurement processes, cost-reflective electricity pricing, and well-run electric utilities.

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Power Sector Program (PSP)

ENR provides a wide range of technical support through direct contracting, peer-to-peer exchanges, and the leveraging of U.S. interagency agreements, to create solvent, reliable, transparent, and sustainable power sectors. In Africa, ENR works in Angola and Nigeria as well as regionally in Southern Africa and Central Africa.

Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative (EGCI)

ENR provides U.S. interagency and independent expert advice to build oversight and governance capacity in the hydrocarbon and mineral sectors. In Africa, ENR works in multiple countries to assist governments as they develop the regulatory, legislative and policy frameworks needed to ensure sound investment and sector oversight. ENR also provides technical capacity building on issues such as geology and geophysics, offshore oil spill response, and evaluating and assessing potential environmental impacts.

Power Africa

Power Africa is an interagency effort aimed at increasing electricity access in sub-Saharan Africa by 30,000 Megawatt (MW) and 60,000 million connections. This public-private partnership leverages small amounts of government and donor assistance for significant private sector investment. The Department of State uses diplomacy and technical assistance to improve the regulatory environment so that countries can attract investment in the region. Learn more at www.usaid.gov/powerafrica.

U.S.-Africa Utility Power Sector Exchange (AUPSE)

Many countries in sub-Saharan Africa face challenges managing their power sectors and integrating diversified fuel sources, including renewables, into their electrical grids. In order to share U.S. best practices in utility management, ENR works with the Edison Electric Institute (which represents all U.S. investor-owned electric companies) to create partnerships between African utility CEOs and their counterparts from major U.S. utilities.

ENERGY ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

ENR is actively involved with the majority of countries in Africa on important energy issues to promote regional energy security and economic prosperity.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

ENR has provided support to the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and the Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa (RERA) on project management training for independent power projects, the development of a public tariff report, and a market and investment framework. The Framework was approved by Energy Ministers at the Southern African Development Community, after which three pilot countries were identified for further support to harmonize wheeling arrangements, interconnection agreements, dispatch and curtailment risk guidelines, transmission pricing methodologies, and rules for managing congestion.

ANGOLA

ENR provides guidance to the Water and Electricity Regulatory Institute (IRSEA) to develop cost reflective tariffs and market training. ENR has supported Angola's transmission company by conducting economic and technical analyses for integrating three of Angola's five transmission systems to support Angola's 60 percent electricity access goal.

NIGERIA

ENR provides support to Nigeria to implement key gas sector reforms to commercialize stranded natural gas resources, unlock additional resources, and provide a steady supply of gas for power generation

ENR supports the executive and legislative branches' efforts to reform Nigeria's Petroleum Industry Bill, National Petroleum Policy, and National Gas Policy to create the stable conditions necessary to attract investment in the oil and gas sector.

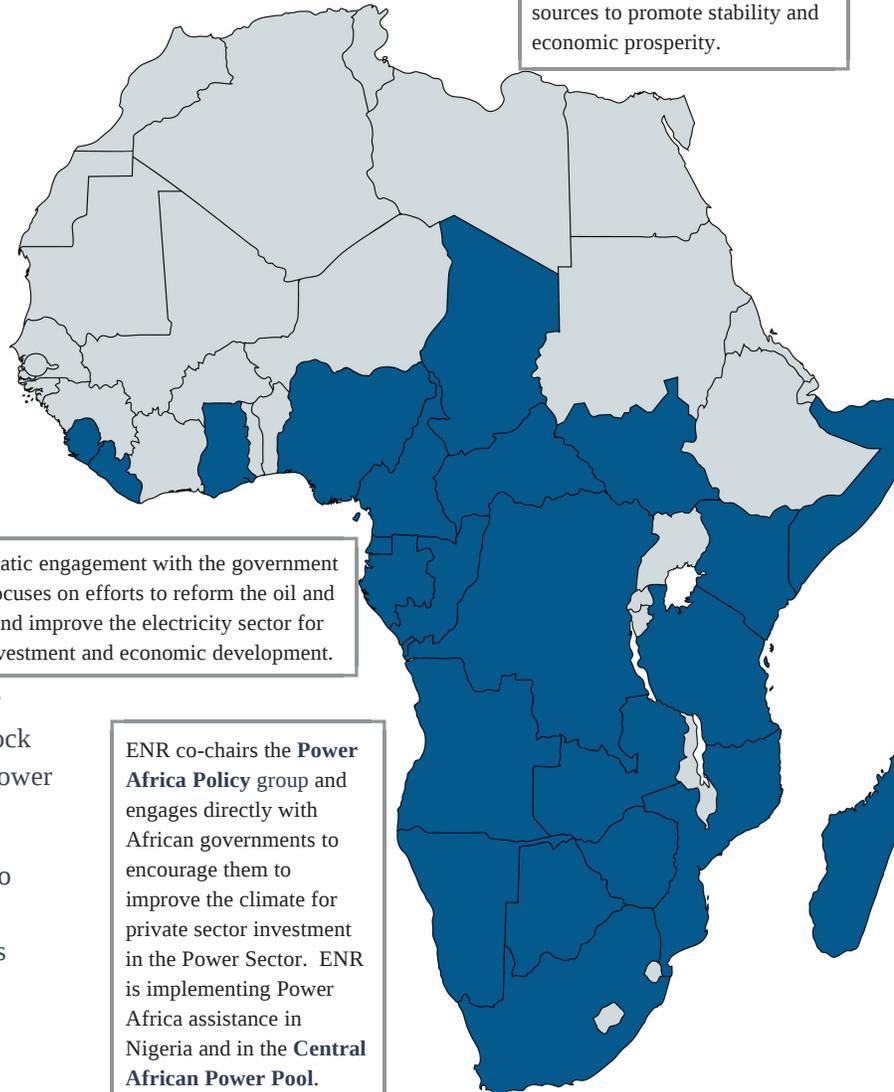
THE SEYCHELLES

ENR has provided technical assistance to help the Seychelles review its draft national upstream petroleum policy and model petroleum contract.

SOMALIA

ENR has provided independent advisory support to the Ministry of Petroleum to establish investment frameworks, sub-national oil revenue sharing recommendations, and a legal analysis of legacy PSC holder rights.

Engaging governments and stakeholders in Africa to promote energy governance and access to commercially-viable energy sources to promote stability and economic prosperity.



ENR diplomatic engagement with the government of Nigeria focuses on efforts to reform the oil and gas sectors and improve the electricity sector for increased investment and economic development.

ENR co-chairs the **Power Africa Policy** group and engages directly with African governments to encourage them to improve the climate for private sector investment in the Power Sector. ENR is implementing Power Africa assistance in Nigeria and in the **Central African Power Pool**.

ENR co-chairs the **U.S.-Angola Energy Dialogue**, which focuses both on management of Angola's oil and gas resources and on opportunities for improving and expanding the electricity sector.

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