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This Newsletter is produced regularly by the DFID Sustainable Energy Team. It highlights new **funding opportunities, events and research** surrounding renewable energy, resource efficiency and low carbon development.

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CLIMATESCOPE SURVEY

Thank you to all who participated in the Climatescope Survey 2015. With your help we exceeded our response target.

FUNDING

Tenders

The West Africa Economic and Monetary Union (Union Economique et Monetaire Ouest Africaine UEMOA) has launched a tender for bids to develop, build and operate on-grid solar photovoltaic projects ranging between 5 MW to 25MW in UEMOA Member States (the "Project") as part of its wider push to deliver sustainable energy production at affordable prices and to increase the prevalence and use of renewable energy sources in Member States.

Completed tenders must be submitted in the French language not later than 6 November at 17.00 (Togo time) in hard and soft copy. Applicants can obtain further information relating to the present tender from SABER's secretariat (Tel: +228 22 22 68 64 / Email infos@saber-abrec.org) (please also copy in mdiop@saber-abrec.org and chtokoro@saber-abrec.org).

Awards

Applications for the 2016 Ashden Awards are now open, with new categories in sustainable energy and water, international sustainable travel and energy storage in the UK. Find out more at <http://www.ashden.org/apply>. To apply contact the Ashden Awards Coordinator at UK: ukapps@ashden.org or International: internationalapps@ashden.org or call +44 (0)20 7410 7023.

EVENTS

The Whitehall and Industry Group (WIG)

WIG is delighted to launch a Sustainability Forum(2 of 4), on **4th November 2015** an opportunity for a small group of around 10 to 12 senior Sustainability/ CSR professionals to learn from each other and draw on each other's expertise in tackling strategic and organisational challenges. To find out more click [WIG Members £750+VAT for series](#).

There will be a breakfast briefing on **25th November 2015** with a presentation by John Fiennes, Director, Energy Strategy, Networks and Markets at Department of Energy and Climate Change who will speak to WIG members on the future for energy markets. To find out more click [Free to WIG Members](#).

The Business Council For Africa

The Business Council for Africa is delighted to be holding a joint event with Centre of African Studies on 21st October at SOAS to highlight the issues facing the renewable energy sector in sub-Saharan Africa. Africa is consistently confronted with power shortages; more than 620 million people in sub-Saharan Africa live without electricity and it is estimated that nearly three-quarters of electricity demand in sub-Saharan Africa will come from industrial and commercial users by 2040. Follow the link below for more detail of the event:

http://bcafrica.co.uk/view_events/?id=2015082004524964v93w6c22

RESEARCH

Contribute to the Debate on Classifying Climate Finance

As Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) design a post-2020 climate agreement and establish their national contributions within it, the question of progress toward existing climate finance targets has become a sticking point. While mobilizing \$100 billion will not meet the climate investment challenge by itself, the goal is currently the primary political benchmark for assessing progress on climate finance.

CPI, WRI, and ODI are pleased to announce a new [paper](#) that aims to make a positive contribution in the lead up to COP 21 in Paris by first untangling the key issues arising in debates about "what counts", and then proposing an approach to classifying climate finance in politically relevant ways that can facilitate discussion.

For more information, please contact co-authors Jessica Brown at Jessica.brown@cpisf.org or Smita Nakhooda at s.nakhooda@odi.org.uk.

COMING UP

Do you invest in Asia?

DFID is scoping the opportunities for accelerating private investment in clean energy in some of the countries in south and central Asia. If you operate or are thinking of investing in Burma, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyz Republic and have views on specific market segments please contact g-briffa@dfid.gov.uk