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GHANA AND CÔTE D'IVOIRE STRENGTHEN REGIONAL POWER CONNECTIVITY WITH 330 KV INTERCONNECTION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

The Ghana Grid Company LTD (GRIDCo) and Côte d'Ivoire Energies (CI-ENERGIES) are pleased to announce the commencement of **the 330 kV Double Circuit Interconnection Reinforcement Project between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire**. This significant initiative aims to enhance electricity exchanges and infrastructure development between two longstanding subregional partners (Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire) and improve the operational efficiency of the **West African Power Pool (WAPP)** network.

UPCOMING EVENT

The WAPP Secretariat is organizing in collaboration with GRIDCo from 25th to 27th June, 2025, in Accra, a high-level meeting of Ministers in charge of Energy of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire to adopt and sign the Memorandum of Understanding defining the framework of the collaboration and cooperation between the Parties with regard to the development of the Project.

The Secretary General of WAPP, **Mr. Abdoulaye DIA commented**: “This priority project is part of the broader WAPP Coastal Transmission Backbone that connects the electricity networks of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria. This project has the backing of ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, and its completion will serve as a fundamental pillar to strengthen electricity trade between countries in the West African sub-region.”

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Ghana - Côte d'Ivoire Interconnection Reinforcement Project is a strategic infrastructure development designed to strengthen the regional electricity market in West Africa. The US\$173.7 million project is funded by the World Bank.

The project involves on the Ghana side, the construction of a 123 km 330 kV double circuit transmission line from Dunkwa to the Ghana/Côte d'Ivoire border at Elubo and a new 330/161 kV substation to be established at Dunkwa. On the Côte d'Ivoire side, the project involves the construction of a 125 km 330 kV double circuit transmission line from the border at Elubo to Bingerville and the extension of Bingerville 400/330 kV substation. Additionally, in Ghana, to



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integrate the project into the national grid, a 75 km 330 kV single circuit transmission line will be constructed from Dunkwa to Awodua.

Commenting on this critical project, **the Chief Executive of GRIDCo Ing. Mark Baah commented:** "The Ghana - Côte d'Ivoire Interconnection Reinforcement Project is a testament to our longstanding commitment to regional cooperation. This project will not only enhance power reliability but also contribute significantly to the broader objectives of energy access and sustainable energy development driven by WAPP."

On his part, the **Director General of CI- Energies, Mr. Noumory SIDIBE** commented: "The reinforcement of the interconnection between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire is a crucial step towards achieving a stable and efficient regional power network. We are dedicated to ensuring the successful implementation of this project for the benefit of our countries and the entire West African region."

EVENT AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- **June 25, 2025:** Opening ceremony with addresses from key officials, including the Chief Executive of GRIDCo and the Secretary General of WAPP. Review of the outcomes of the feasibility study and environmental and social impact assessment will follow.
- **June 26, 2025:** Preparation of documents for the Ministerial Meeting, including the Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of the Inter-State Committee.
- **June 27, 2025:** Ministerial Meeting with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and discussions on the next steps for project implementation.

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