

Press Release 02/25**AFREC to Convene First-Ever Continental Energy Efficiency Conference**

Algiers, Algeria 1 October 2025 – The African Energy Commission (AFREC) will host the inaugural African Energy Efficiency Conference (AfEEC) on 10–11 December 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, under the framework of the African Energy Efficiency Alliance launched at COP29. The event will serve as a premier continental platform to advance energy efficiency as a catalyst for economic growth, sustainable development, and climate action across Africa.

The conference, preceded by specialised training sessions on 8–9 December 2025, will see the formal operationalisation of the African Energy Efficiency Alliance — a collaborative platform uniting government, development partners, financiers, businesses, and civil society to fast-track knowledge sharing, advocacy, and investment in Africa.

“Energy efficiency is Africa’s primary resource for sustainable development. It lowers emissions, cuts costs, and drives inclusive growth,” stated Mr. Rashid Ali Abdallah, Executive Director of AFREC. “This conference will bring together the partnerships, expertise, and funding Africa requires to meet its energy efficiency targets.”

Africa faces a dual challenge: ensuring universal access to modern energy while tackling the climate crisis. Nearly 600 million people remain without electricity, and close to one billion people still lack access to clean cooking services. Meanwhile, rising population, rapid urbanisation, and industrialisation are increasing demand for energy.

The African Energy Efficiency Conference follows the adoption of the African Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan (AfEES), endorsed by the [African Union Executive Council](#) earlier this year. AfEES outlines over 100 actions across the power, industry, transport, buildings, and agriculture sectors, setting Africa on track to improve energy productivity by 50% by 2050 and 70% by 2063.

The Conference will bring together African Ministers, international partners, business leaders, and technical experts with an agenda that includes ministerial panels, technical sessions, an investment forum, technology and networking events. This is expected to drive collaboration and concrete commitments towards Africa’s clean energy future.

The African Energy Commission calls on stakeholders and partners in the energy sector to support the conference to help advance energy efficiency initiatives across Africa. More information on the conference is available here: <https://afeea.au-afrec.org/register-attend>

Notes to Editors:

The African Energy Commission (AFREC) is a specialized agency of the African Union responsible for coordinating and harmonizing energy policy development and implementation across the continent. AFREC’s mission is to work with AU member states to promote sustainable energy development through capacity building, data systems, and strategic partnerships.

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