

POLICY CATALYST

Effective Renewable Energy Tendering Window

*The **capacity building programme** offers support to officials from finance and energy ministries, public utilities and energy regulators to foster renewable power procurement capabilities in Sub-Saharan Africa.*

THE CHALLENGE

Despite vast renewable resources, Africa's renewable energy potential remains largely untapped, demonstrating an urgent need for increased private sector participation. While renewable energy auctions have gained traction in securing private sector investments, the successful application of renewable energy tenders in Africa has remained limited.

THE SUPPORT

To tackle this challenge, the [World Bank](#) with [ESMAP's Sustainable Renewables Risk Mitigation Initiative \(SRMI\)](#), the [GET.transform Policy Catalyst](#), [IRENA](#) and the [Power Futures Lab](#) have collaborated to design a comprehensive capacity building programme.

The **Effective Renewable Energy Tendering Window** will strengthen institutional capabilities

of key energy sector players to attract private investment for bankable renewable energy projects. The Window will

- Run for **12 months** from September 2024
- Feature **12 participating countries** from Sub-Saharan Africa: Botswana, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, The Gambia, Uganda, Zimbabwe
- Provide participants with dedicated **technical support, capacity building** and access to **peer learning and networking**

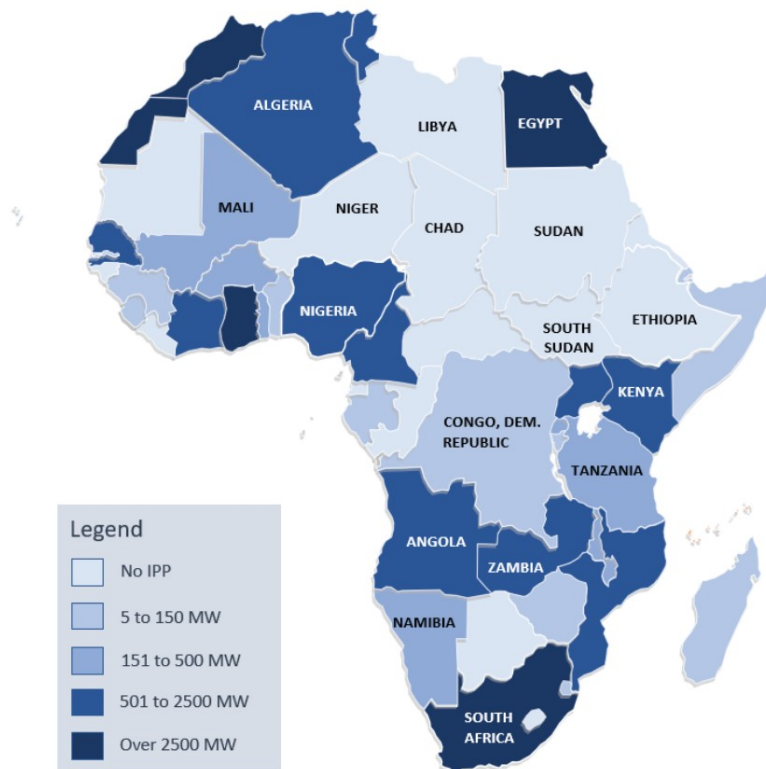
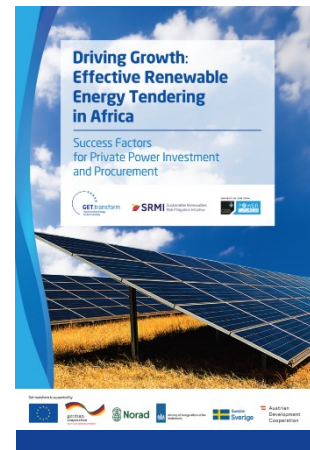


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The **Effective Renewable Energy Tendering** programme builds on findings from comprehensive research. A [joint report](#) by the Power Futures Lab, GET.transform and SRMI has analysed success factors and auction design best practices. Illustrating the intricate interplay between country-level policies and project-specific factors, the report pinpoints which conditions contribute to effective auctions and the increase of generation capacity through Independent Power Producers (IPPs).



Generation Capacity (MW) of IPPs across Africa based on project financial close. Source: (PFL, 2023)

PUTTING THE KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE

The ministries, regulators and utilities participating in the Window aim to drive progress at the leading edge of renewable energy investment and innovation by

- exploring best practice conditions to attract investment for bankable renewable energy projects
- joining online courses and study tours on renewable energy tendering
- tapping into peer learning and networking in the region
- paving the way for dedicated technical support in setting up effective tender mechanisms

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