

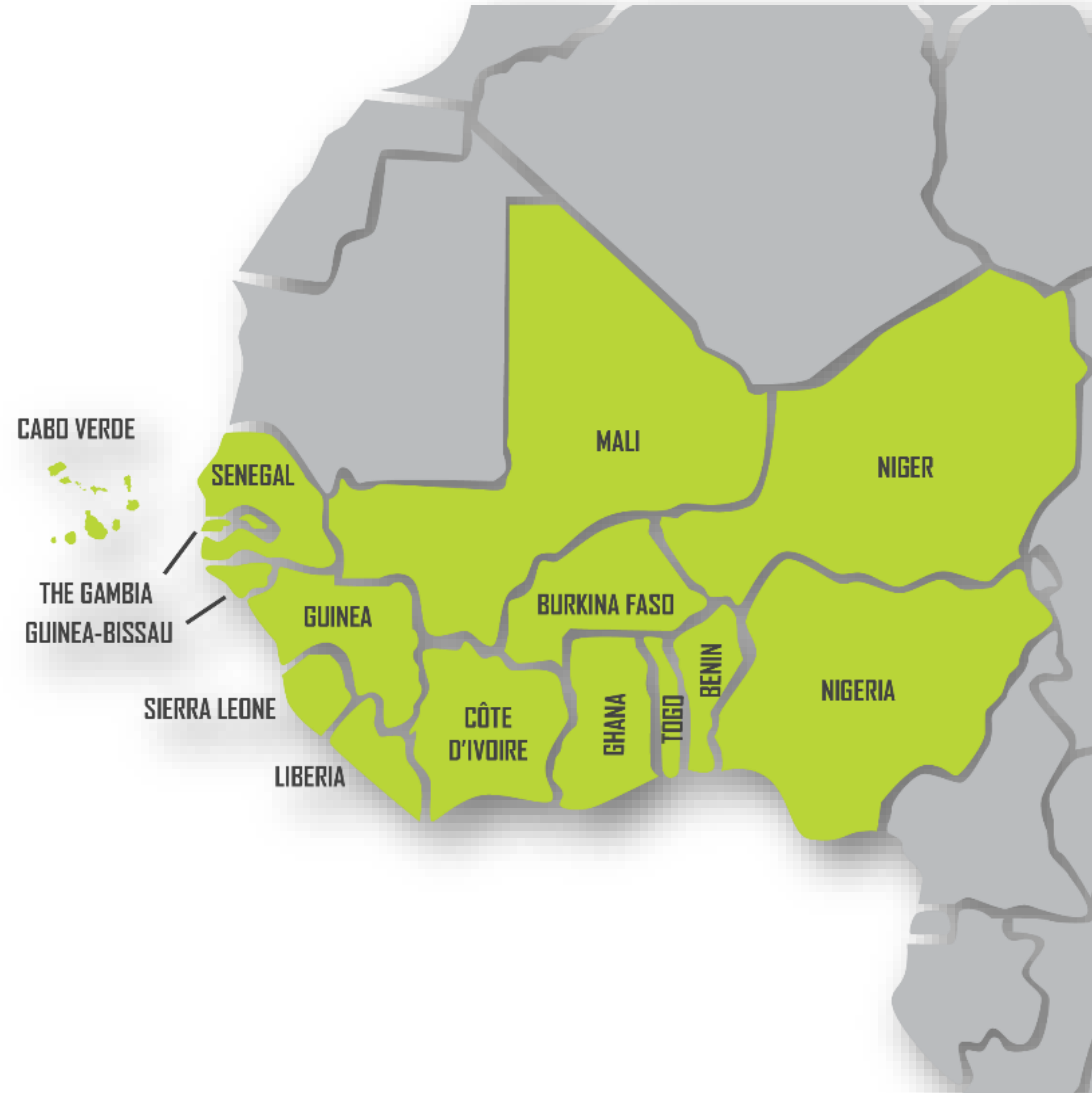


**Mainstreaming Gender for a Climate Resilient Energy System in ECOWAS**

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# The Genesis of the CTCN intervention (1)

- ✦ 15 countries with a population of over 300 million people
- ✦ Almost 176 million people have no access to electricity (52%)
- ✦ 60% of the population live in rural areas.
- ✦ 11 of the 15 countries are LDCs and HIPCs



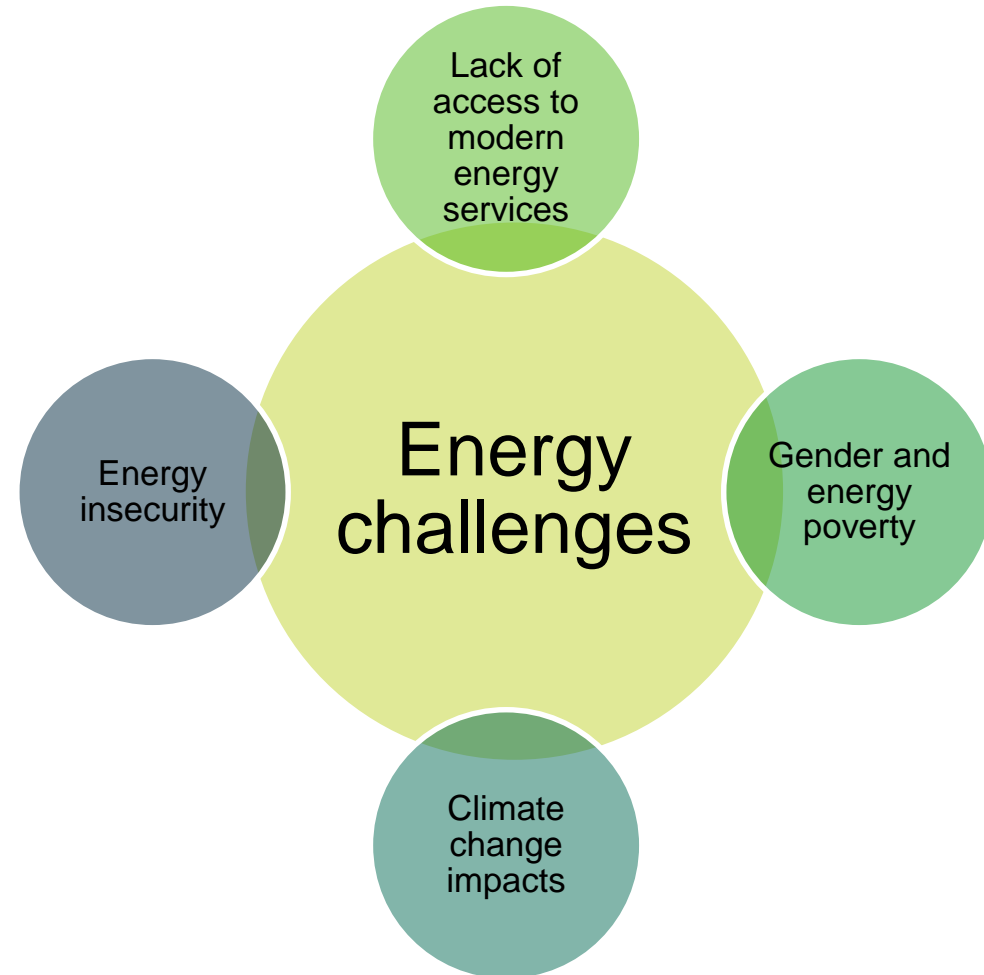
# The Genesis of the CTCN intervention (2)

Policy development & Support

Capacity Building

Awareness raising, Advocacy & Knowledge Management

Investment promotion & Business Development



# The Genesis of the CTCN intervention (3)

## Policy Objectives

Widespread understanding of energy & gender

Ensure that all energy initiatives are non-discriminatory

Increase women's public sector participation in technical fields & decision-making positions

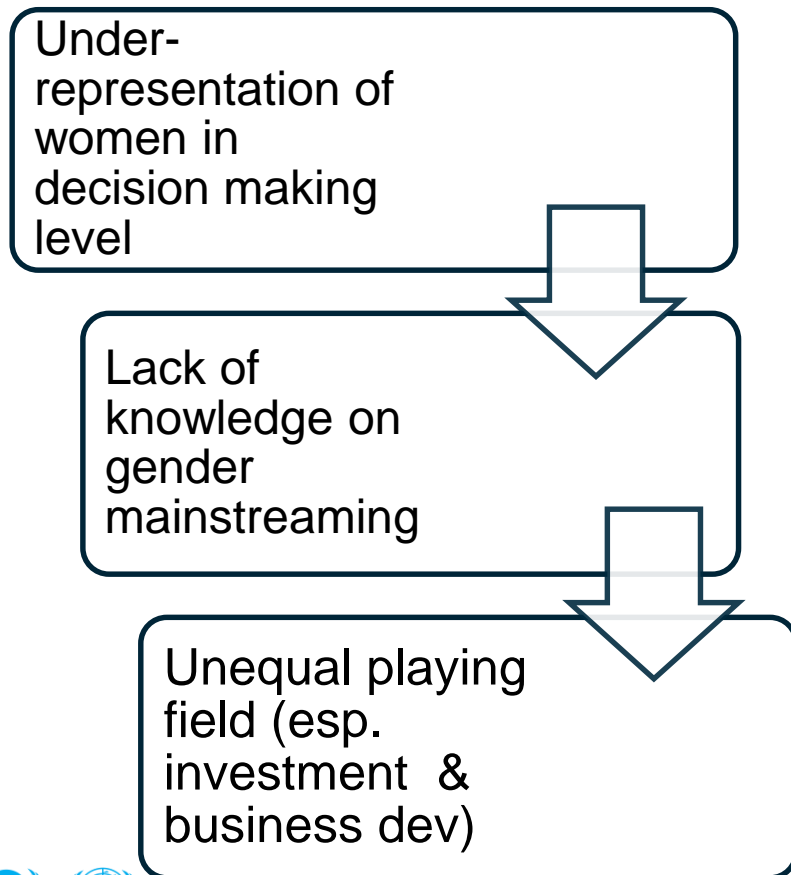
Ensure that women and men have equal opportunities to enter and succeed in energy-related fields in the private sector

Establish & maintain a gender responsive monitoring, accountability and review framework for objectives 1-4

ECOWAS policy for  
gender mainstreaming  
in Energy Access

# The Genesis of the CTCN intervention (4)

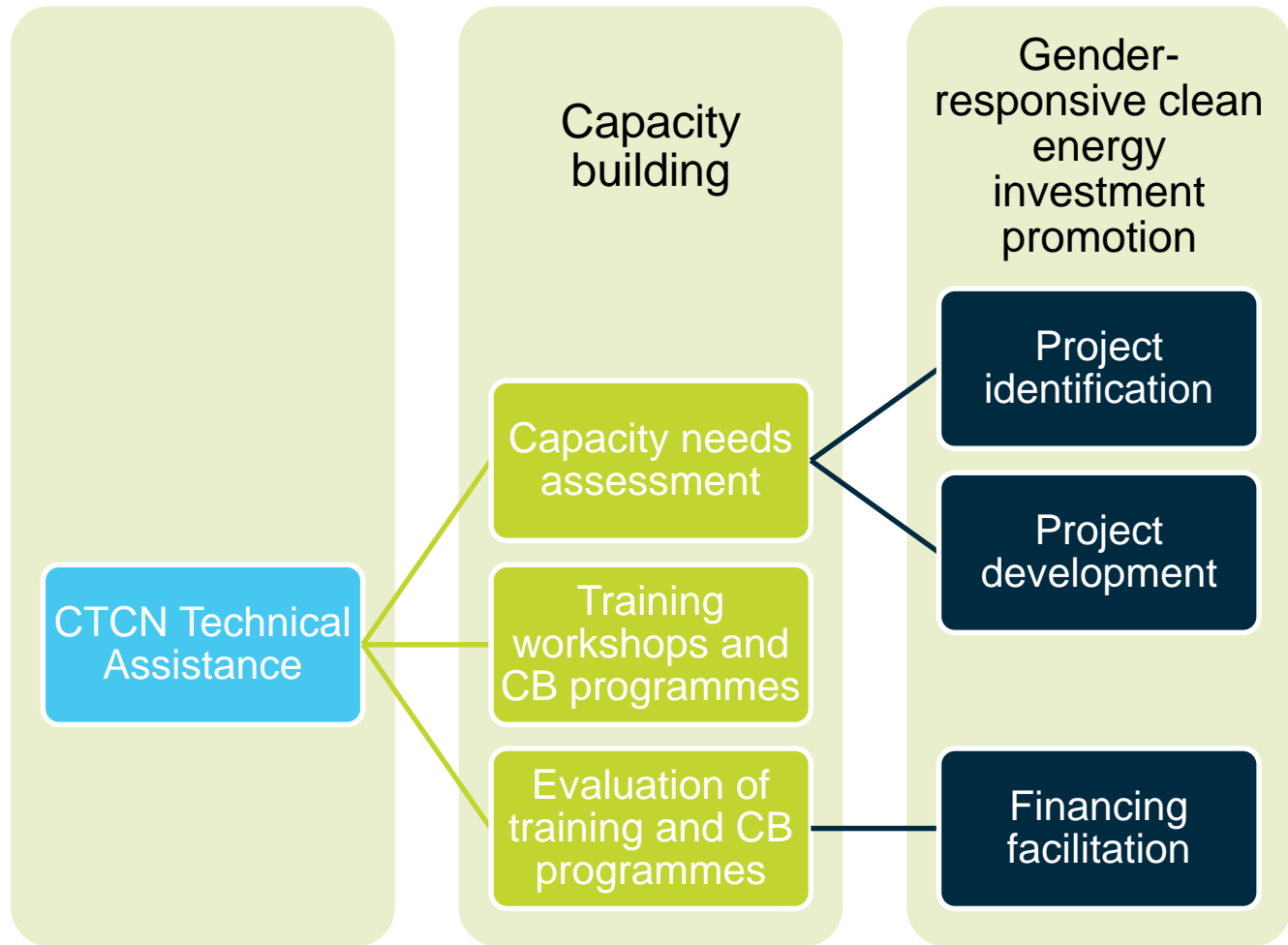
## ✦ Current challenges...



## ✦ Where we needed to be...



# Mainstreaming gender for a climate resilient energy system



# Mainstreaming gender for a climate resilient energy system (2)

- ✦ **Project duration/costs:** 24 Months/ 200,000 – 240, 000 EUR
- ✦ **Stage of implementation:** Started, call for project proposals to be launched on 15 September
- ✦ **Main partners:** NDEs of the ECOWAS Countries, ECREEE, Energy and Environment MDAs
- ✦ **Implementing Partners: The Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) – Investment Promotion & Partners for Innovation - Capacity Building**

# The intended impacts of the technical assistance

## ✦ **Short term**

- ✦ Gender & climate resilience is mainstreamed in energy-related strategic documents
- ✦ Awareness is raised on gender and climate change issues
- ✦ Investments and businesses in climate resilient energy services

## ✦ **Mid term**

- ✦ The region is better positioned to harness and utilize both its male and female human capital to address issues of climate change and energy access.

## ✦ **Long term**

- ✦ Behavioral changes and adequate deployment of climate/gender smart investments in the energy sector directed at increasing the region's readiness, response and recovery rate to climate change impacts.



# Follow-up activities

- ✦ Establishment of Gender Focal Units (GFUs) in Energy Ministries
- ✦ Manuals/guidebooks to document and disseminate the lessons and experiences from the technical assistance project will be developed
- ✦ Annual capacity building workshops, exchange forums (at the regional or national level) will be organized to facilitate experience exchange
- ✦ New projects with new partners

# Lessons learned

- ✦ Regional scale projects can easily be developed if there is a “coordinator”, and if it is tied to regional/national development priorities
- ✦ Energy/Climate Change/Gender projects are perceived as necessary in countries and can gather a lot of support
- ✦ Prioritization helps to have a more focused intervention



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