

IRENA Calls for African Renewable Energy Project Proposals to Accelerate Clean Energy Transition

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The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) has issued an open invitation for proposals aimed at significantly boosting the deployment of renewable energy across Africa. This initiative seeks to identify and connect high-impact clean energy projects with prospective funders, accelerating the continent's ambitious transition to sustainable energy.

This call for proposals, launched in anticipation of the 2nd African Project and Renewable Energy Access (APRA) Investment Forum in Freetown, Sierra Leone, scheduled for October 2025, underscores IRENA's commitment to fostering a robust clean energy landscape in Africa. Selected projects will gain a prominent platform to be showcased at this critical forum.

Submission Details and Eligibility Criteria

Project proposals must be submitted by **August 31, 2025**, through either the Climate Investment Platform (CIP) or the Energy Transition Accelerator Financing (ETAF) platforms. To be considered for support, projects need to demonstrate a sustainable business model, a completed feasibility study, secured land and necessary permits, creditworthy off-takers, and a clear developer equity contribution. Furthermore, strong environmental and social impact potential is a key requirement.

Eligible projects span a broad spectrum of renewable energy initiatives, including on-grid, off-grid, centralized, and decentralized distribution facilities, as well as grid infrastructure projects integrated with renewable energy generation. Proposals focusing on renewable energy supply chain development, and critical minerals and materials for renewable energy technologies are also encouraged.

For projects seeking CIP funding, the proposals must be beyond the conceptual stage, having completed their pre-feasibility or preliminary studies. They must also align with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and national climate action priorities.

The ETAF platform is designed to support larger-scale projects. Private or public-private partnerships (PPPs) seeking ETAF backing must have a capital expenditure of at least \$25 million, while public sector projects require a minimum of \$10 million. Selected ETAF projects need to demonstrate a high level of readiness, including completed feasibility studies, confirmed grid availability, established off-take agreements, and readiness for financing. The ETAF platform is supported by over \$4 billion in committed resources from 14 global financing, investment, and de-risking partners.

This strategic call for proposals aims to unlock vital investment for Africa's renewable energy sector,

contributing significantly to energy security, economic development, and climate action on the continent.