

AT A GLANCE

From 13 to 22 October 2020, the Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP) will host its annual REPP Academy – a tailored capacity-building workshop for REPP investees. This year, the Academy will be run as a virtual event, with the programme focused on on-grid renewable energy project development.

Hosted by REPP's investment manager Camco Clean Energy, REPP Academy 2020 will welcome representatives from Buffalo Energy, Gaia Energy, Gigawatt Global, Kalahari GeoEnergy, Rift Valley Energy, Smart Energies Africa, and Virunga Power.

ABOUT REPP

REPP is a UK-government funded programme working to stimulate the growth of the small-scale (<25 MW) and distributed renewable energy sector in African countries, in order to contribute towards SDG 7 – ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, and SDG 13 – taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

REPP ACADEMY OBJECTIVES

The REPP Academy is designed to provide a knowledge forum and a connection space for REPP investees. Through tailored training sessions, peer-to-peer exchanges, individual meetings with REPP team members and networking with industry experts and investors, the Academy aims to help investees improve their knowledge and skills and advance their projects towards reaching financial close.

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A virtual training workshop for on-grid investees
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It does this by supporting developers throughout the project development process all the way to construction, providing a broad range of financing services and support tailored to each developer's unique circumstances and needs.

By bringing together REPP project managers, developers and industry experts, the event mobilises a vast amount of knowledge that can be leveraged to advance renewable energy development in countries in Africa.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Delivered over the course of two weeks, the workshop's programme will include a mix of short presentations, group discussions, one-on-one meetings with peers and the REPP team, and networking opportunities with different types of investors. Members of the REPP team will work directly with the project developers to explore methods to improve and build upon current business practices to successfully advance projects towards reaching financial close.

Topics covered during the Academy will include aspects of risk assessment and mitigation, financial structuring and fundraising, and impact management, which were carefully selected following a survey of REPP's on-grid investees to identify the topics most relevant to them.

SNAPSHOT FROM REPP ACADEMY 2019

In November 2019, the inaugural REPP Academy brought REPP off-grid investees to London for a three-day workshop with REPP project managers and several highly experienced industry specialists. The workshop programme focused on topics specifically tailored to the needs of REPP's off-grid investees, including innovative approaches to risk management, fundraising and financial structuring, partnering with technical assistance providers to help achieve targets, and waste management.

The programme included short presentations and hands-on interactive group working sessions to address broader topics relevant to mini-grid operators and solar home system companies. More tailored individual sessions were conducted throughout the programme to facilitate tailored discussions between REPP investees, project managers and industry experts.

In a post-event survey, nearly two thirds of all participants said the programme had been very helpful for the development of their 2020 business plan objectives and fundraising strategy.

The programme will provide an opportunity for REPP investees to share their experiences during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and discuss ways of navigating the impacts of the virus over the months ahead.

A core focus of the event will be to facilitate opportunities for REPP investees to learn about available funding and network with potential investors. Private investors, fund managers and DFIs interested in small-scale (<25MW) grid-connected renewable energy projects are invited to present their offering, participate in group discussions and meet REPP investees in one-on-one virtual meetings during the two-week virtual workshop.



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