The 17th edition of the **Microgrid Global Innovation Forum**, 26-27 September 2023 in London, focuses on microgrid advances, case studies and deployments in remote, rural and off-grid environments, as well as in grid-tied scenarios. Organized by the Smart Grid Observer, the event brings together developers, project owners, non-governmental organizations, finance professionals and technology innovators interested in maximizing the effective use of hybrid renewable energy systems. The emphasis is on networking and sharing the very latest technology developments and case studies for advancing microgrids in critical-need applications.

#### The event will focus on:

- Microgrid feasibility, design, and implementation
- Solar + storage systems for off-grid village environments
- Ownership models and benefits for multiple stakeholders
- Microgrids for communities in rural, remote, and island regions
- Microgrids in Virtual Power Plant (VPP) configurations
- · Integration of microgrids into the larger grid
- Determining the correct technology mix for hybrid energy systems
- Project financing and economics: Attracting adequate funding

- Battery, fuel cell, and energy storage advances
- Microgrid power control, management, and integration
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- Latest technology advances for optimizing performance and control
- Regulatory and public policy considerations for microgrid advancement
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The audience for the Forum includes microgrid project developers, owners, and entrepreneurs; finance and investment professionals; non-government development agencies, renewable energy professionals; energy storage providers, technology innovators, regulatory representatives, and more.



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# Tuesday, 26 September 2023

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8:00 - 9:00	Welcome Coffee and Registration
9.00 - 9.30	Lessons for Improving Rural Minigrid Deployment by Reversing the Power vs. Productive Use Relationship Dr Bernie Jones, Managing Director, Smart Villages Research Group ltd
9.30 - 10.00	Supporting Off-Grid Development Through the Transforming Energy Access Platform Lily Beadle, Snr Manager; and Gabrielle Coeuille, TEA Delivery Coordinator, Carbon Trust
10.00 - 10.30	The Rapidly Changing Face of Hybrid Microgrid Controls Chris Pye, Hybrid Microgrids Segment Manager, ComAp
10.30 - 11.00	Networking Coffee Break
11.00 - 12.30	Innovative Tools for the Long-Term Sustainability of Microgrid Projects  Deepak Mohapatra, Senior Officer – Business & Market Development, ARE (moderator)  Nico Peterschmidt, Managing Director, INENSUS  Yael Brookes, Chief Technology Officer, SteamaCo  Chris Edeh, Executive Director, African Sustainable Energy Association  Prof. AbuBakr Bahaj, Professor of Sustainable Energy, University of Southampton
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch Break

	Track A – Rural Electrification and Remote Systems	Track B – C&I Microgrid Advances and Issues
13.30 - 14.00	Development of an Application for Sizing of Standalone Component-Based Solar PV Systems Ms. Anne Wacera Wambugu, Head of Electrification and Electricity Access for the UNESCO Chair for Climate Change Resilience and Sustainability at Strathmore University	Testing of Microgrid Control Solutions Using Real- Time Simulators Oleg Bagleybter, PhD, Senior Staff Engineering Manager, GE Vernova
14.00 - 14.30	Using Mobile Energy Storage To Enhance Microgrids Tim Cantle-Jones, Managing Director Smart Grid Controls	Optimisation of Self-Consumption and Energy Management on Energy and Flexibility Markets: A Case Study of Integrated PMS and EMS in a Dutch Industrial Prosumer Environment Nic Bergevin, Project Manager and Optimisation Expert, Energy Pool
14.30 - 15.00	Pushing the Limits: Mini-grids for Equitable Access to Energy in Informal Settlements Alex Densmore, Technical Director, Zonke Energy	Demonstration Projects with Solar and Storage Lead To Efficient and Resilient Control of Microgrids - James Hancock, Innovation Manager, Swanbarton Limited
15.00 - 15.30	Networking Coffee Break	

15.30 - 16.00	Unleashing Mini-grid Potential for Scaling Energy Access: the Community Energy Toolkit (COMET) Ayu Abdullah, Executive Director Community Connect LLC	Increasing Resiliency in the Commercial and Industrial Sector - A Fleet of Solar-Plus-Storage Microgrid Projects Support Industrial Bakeries in Latin America Mike Murray, COO, Ageto, LLC
16.00 - 16.30	Revolutionising Island Microgrids: A Case Study of Enercal's Transition to Renewable Energy Including Batteries Providing Grid Forming Jean DOBROWOLSKI, Microgrid Expert, Energy Pool	The Regulation of Microgrids in EU Law Towards a More Sustainable Energy Mix Jamie Behrendt LLM, PhD Researcher Groningen Centre of Energy Law and Sustainability, - University of Groningen
16.30 - 17.00	Insetting as a Business Model for Microgrids Catherine Bottrill, CEO, Pilio	Advanced Microgrids: Moving To A New Market, Customer And Data-Driven Regulatory Paradigm Larisa Dobriansky, Chief Business & Regulatory Innovations Officer, General MicroGrids

17.00 - 18.30 Drink Reception

# Wednesday, 27 September 2023

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8:00 - 9:00	Morning Coffee	
9.00 - 9.30	How French Households Value their Electricity Supply Choices Adrián RUIZ CARVAJAL, Ph.D., Founder / Director, Nexus 3	
9.30 - 10.00	PNG Off-Grid Regulation for Small Power Systems Roger Sallent, Regional Team Leader for Asia-Pacific, TTA - Trama TecnoAmbiental	
10.00 - 10.30	RevUp: Catalysing Bankability of East African Mini-grids by Integrating Transport Energy Demand Hugo Chandler, Director and Co-founder, New Resource Partners Ltd.	
10.30 - 11.00	Networking Coffee Break	
11.00 - 11.30	Microgrid Stability and Integration of Wave Energy in Developing Countries Jeff Lee, Managing Director of INGINE Wave Energy Systems Ltd	
11.30 - 12.00	A Case Study: Front- End Engineering Design Study For Greening The Electricity Supply Of A Remote Community In Northern Canada Minoo Shariat-Zadeh, P.ENG, SM-IEEE, Project Leader, Smart Microgrid Applied Research Team (SMART), Centre for Applied Research & Innovation (CARI)   BC Institute of Technology	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch Break	
13.00 - 13.30	Emergent Opportunities and Barriers on the Feasibility of Microgrids: Qualitative Findings from an Australian Funding Program Mr. Farzan Tahir, PhD candidate, University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Australia	
13.30 - 14.00	Responding to Loadshedding in South Africa Edward Ross, Technical Director, Gridimp	
14.00 - 14.30	Case Study: Moyi Power a Pilot for Holistic Electrification in DRC Sabri Regragui, Business Development Manager, Gridworks	
14.30 - 15.00	Revolutionising Energy Access: Bridging the Gap Between SHS and AC Minigrids Alicia Qin, Business Development Manager, SolarWorX GmbH	

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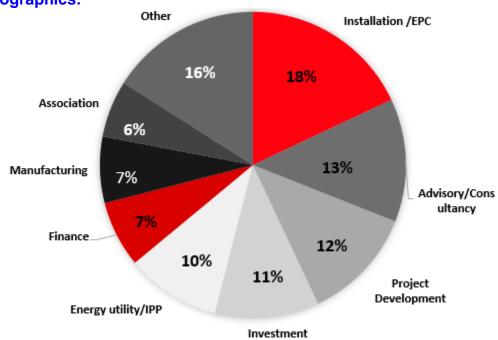
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