

## PROJECT SHEET 34

### Benin, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Mali, Niger, Togo

**Title:** *Supra-national framework to accelerate investments in solar projects (Lomé initiative): scoping study*

**Amount:** 300k€

**Category:** SE4All On-grid TA

**Request from:**

#### Context

Within the framework of the “Affordable finance at scale” program of the International Solar Alliance (ASI), Benin, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Mali, Niger, and Togo have joined together to propose the establishment of a supra-national collective framework in order to accelerate investments in solar projects. This initiative is an additional step for fostering Renewable roll out in Africa, in the wake of the contract standardization undertaken by IRENA and the Tera Watt Initiative and the establishment of guarantee mechanisms (Solar Risk Mitigation Initiative program led by the World Bank and AFD).

#### Technical assistance

The objective of this project was to determine if the establishment of a supranational framework would allow a more marked development of solar projects in Africa, and under what conditions. The initiative brought together Togo, Benin, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Gabon.

The technical assistance studied and assessed:

- the interest of a collective framework to accelerate the deployment of projects;
- the functioning of the collective framework;
- the regulatory framework in place for the development of PPIs and access in the six countries;
- the interest of involving East African countries in this approach.

#### Status & impacts

Contracted in July 2019. The project was finalized in October 2020.

**Final report available on request.**

  
  
  
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