



Why ALN is Leading the Charge at Africa Energy Forum 2025

The Africa Energy Forum (AEF) 2025, set for 17-20 June 2025 in Cape Town, South Africa, marks a historic first for the city in the event's 27-year history. Under the theme "Africa United," AEF 2025 will unite over 6,000 delegates to drive transformative discussions and solutions for Africa's energy future.

As a leading legal network specializing in energy and infrastructure, ALN is proud to participate, leveraging our expertise to foster partnerships and advance sustainable energy solutions across the continent.

AEF 2025: Uniting for Africa's Energy Future

The AEF is Africa's premier platform for energy stakeholders, bringing together government officials, utilities, regulators, development finance institutions, commercial banks, power developers, technology providers, and engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) firms. The 2025 theme, "Africa United," underscores collaboration to balance Africa's energy needs with global sustainability goals. With over 600 million people in sub-Saharan Africa lacking reliable energy access, as stated in CSIS 2024, AEF aims to address this deficit while promoting decarbonization and sustainable development.

AEF 2025 will focus on key priorities shaping Africa's energy landscape:

Investment Needs: As presented by AEF, Africa's energy sector requires investment to more than double from USD 90 billion today to meet energy and climate goals by 2030, with nearly two-thirds allocated to clean energy.

Renewable Energy Growth: Also, AEF shows that countries like South Africa, Morocco, and Kenya are leading, with a continental goal to bring 300 gigawatts of renewables online by 2030, quadrupling current capacity; this is supported by the European Commission, 2025.

Transmission Infrastructure: Furthermore, AEF states that an estimated USD 45 billion is needed over the next eight years to upgrade transmission networks, critical for energy access and project scalability.

Diversified Energy Mix: The Invest in African Energy (IAE) 2025 initiative promotes a blend of renewables, gas, and flexible power solutions to ensure reliable electricity access.

ALN's Legacy at AEF and Vision for 2025

As a trusted legal advisor across Africa, ALN has a strong history of impactful participation at AEF. In 2023, we hosted a unique Africa Art Reception in Nairobi, blending cultural engagement with high-level energy discussions, fostering connections among stakeholders. In 2024, our team in

Barcelona engaged with global leaders, advising on legal frameworks for energy projects and facilitating partnerships that advanced Africa's energy transition.

At AEF 2025 in Cape Town, ALN will build on this legacy, bringing our deep expertise in energy law, project finance, and regulatory compliance to the "Africa United" dialogue. Our focus includes:

Ker Sponsors and delegates participation: As a leading alliance of integrated law firms, ALN is proud to sponsor AEF 2025, reinforcing our commitment to Africa's energy transition. ALN's pan-African delegation from Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia will drive discussions. You can see a list of all delegates from ALN and much more in our previous article on ALN participation at AEF.

Host Panel: On 18 June 2025 at 3:30 PM SAST, ALN will host a thought-provoking panel at the 2025 Youth Energy Summit titled "Industrial Energy-Intensive Users: How is Energy Used in Africa?" Moderated by Aryn Mussa, Partner at ALN Kenya

This panel aligns with AEF's focus on sustainability and investment, offering actionable insights for stakeholders navigating Africa's energy landscape.

"The Africa Energy Forum provides an unparalleled opportunity for us to showcase our commitment to excellence and innovation in the energy sector," says Oludare Senbore, Partner at ALN Nigeria. "Africa's energy landscape is at a transformative crossroads, presenting immense opportunities for sustainable development."

"Collaboration and knowledge sharing are essential drivers for Africa's energy transition," adds Aryn Mussa, Partner at ALN Kenya. "Through partnerships, we can accelerate the adoption of clean energy solutions and empower Africa to become a global leader in renewable energy."

Furthermore, our delegates will foster conversations around;

Advising on Investments: Providing legal support for the USD 90 billion+ in energy investments needed by 2030, ensuring deals are structured for success.

Supporting Renewables: Guiding clients through the legal complexities of renewable energy projects, from solar in South Africa to wind in Kenya.

Facilitating Infrastructure Development: Offering expertise in public-private partnerships (PPPs) and regulatory frameworks to unlock USD 45 billion in transmission network investments.

Navigating the Energy Mix: Advising on the integration of gas and renewables, aligning with the IAE 2025 initiative for reliable, sustainable energy access.

"AEF 2025 is a critical platform for uniting stakeholders to shape Africa's energy future. ALN is committed to providing legal expertise that drives sustainable, scalable solutions," says

Salimatou Diallo – Partner, ADNA (ALN member firm in Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Morocco).

Why Cape Town and Why Now?

Cape Town, a hub for innovation and sustainability, is an ideal host for AEF 2025. With the event just one month away, anticipation is high among industry leaders eager to tackle challenges like the energy deficit and aging transmission infrastructure.

Africa's renewable energy sector is surging—investments have grown by over 80% in the past five years—yet the continent receives less than 2% of global clean energy spending, as stated by the World Economic Forum, 2025. AEF 2025 offers a vital platform to bridge this gap through networking and high-level discussions.

Supported by organizations like the African Development Bank, Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), and Sustainable Energy for All, AEF ensures credible, impactful collaboration. ALN will engage in technical seminars, industry debates, and investor interactions to address topics like grid optimization, critical minerals mining, and the role of gas in Africa's energy transition.

How ALN is Shaping Africa's Energy Future

ALN's track record in energy and infrastructure law positions us as a trusted partner for AEF stakeholders. At AEF 2025, we'll share insights from projects, showcasing how legal expertise can unlock Africa's energy potential.

We're particularly excited about the Invest in African Energy (IAE) 2025 initiative, which aligns with our commitment to a diversified energy mix. By advising on regulatory frameworks for renewables, gas, and flexible power solutions, ALN is helping clients achieve reliable electricity access while advancing decarbonization. Our expertise in critical minerals mining and grid optimization further supports Africa's renewable energy goals.

Join ALN at AEF 2025

The Africa Energy Forum 2025 is a catalyst for change in Africa's energy sector. Whether you're an investor, policymaker, or project developer, this is your chance to connect with ALN's energy law experts in Cape Town. Visit our booth to discuss how we can support your next energy project with tailored legal and regulatory solutions.

Ready to collaborate? Contact ALN to schedule a meeting at AEF 2025 or sign up for our newsletter to get our free guide to "Navigating Legal Challenges in African Energy Investments" to learn more about our expertise.

Conclusion

As Africa aims to bring 300 gigawatts of renewables online by 2030 and invest USD 45 billion in transmission networks, AEF 2025 in Cape Town is a pivotal moment for collaboration. ALN is proud to lead the charge, leveraging our legal expertise to address Africa's energy challenges and drive sustainable growth. Join us from 17-20 June 2025 to be part of the "Africa United" movement.

