In West Africa, renewable energy entrepreneurs are at the forefront of efforts to extend access to modern energy services as they are often the best placed to offer tailor-made local solutions. Such entrepreneurs, however, face serious challenges including business management and operations, as well as bringing their innovative ideas to fruition.

In order to overcome some of these challenges, in April 2015, IRENA and ECREEE partnered with the International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE), in Burkina Faso, and thereafter with the Centre for Renewable Energy and Industrial Maintenance (CERMI), in Cabo Verde, to create the “ECOWAS Renewable Energy Entrepreneurship Support Facility”.

The facility launched the 1st call for proposal in 2015 where over 20 ECOWAS renewable energy entrepreneurs received trainings on enterprise and business development as well as technical design and management of solar PV systems.

ECOWAS-based entrepreneurs may submit their applications for support in the following:

- Refining renewable energy project proposals in order to reach bankability.
- Enterprise development through the facility’s mentorship and training programme.

The applications will go through a selection process and the successful applicants will be contacted.

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