

DAY 2 | STAKEHOLDERS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

LOCATION | Thor Central - André Dumontlaan 67, 3600 Genk Belgium

8:30 – 9am	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE
9 - 9:30am	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CO-HOSTS • Demetrios Papathanasiou, Global Director, World Bank • Leen Govaerts, President, BERA • Chandrasekar Govindarajulu, ESMAP Practice Manager, World Bank - Overview of ESP activities in the past year and future outlook.
9:30-10:45am	ENERGY STORAGE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS – LATEST DEVELOPMENT AND REMAINING CHALLENGES Moderator: Xiaoping Wang, Lead Energy Specialist, ESMAP/World Bank • Chen Bichao, Director, Chinese National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) • Ms. Dong Heyun, Senior Engineer, Tsinghua University • Theodore (Ted) Ko, Executive Director, Energy Policy Design Institute • Luca lo Schiavo, Senior Regulatory Specialist, Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) • Gent Hajdari, Regulatory Specialist, Optima Energy Consulting • Francis Saturnino C. Juan, Chairperson, Energy Regulatory Commission of the Philippines
10:45 - 11:15am	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 - 12:30pm	WORLD BANK CLIENT SESSION – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS Fire side chat with Zanzibar project participants (Task Team Leads & Clients) and RESPITE project Moderator: Satyaki Bhattacharya, Energy Specialist, ESMAP/World Bank • Maulid Shiraz, Project Manager, ZECO • Jaimin Modi, Project Manager, Intec GOPA • Rhonda Jordan Antoine, Sr. Energy Specialist and ZESTA Task Team Lead, World Bank • Fowzia Hassan, Sr. Operations Officer and ZESTA Co-Task Team Lead, World Bank • Theophilus Amara, Deputy Project Coordinator for the RESPITE project, Sierra Leone
12:30 - 1:30pm	LUNCH
1:30 - 2:45pm	LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES IN BELGIUM Moderator: Carlo Mol, EnergyVille/BERA • Bozorg Khanbaei, Executive Director BEPA, Batteries European Partnership Association, “EU Investments in Battery Research & Innovation under Batt4EU partnership” • Jeroen Büscher, Research Line Coordinator Batteries, EnergyVille/BERA, “Tackling Challenges for Sustainable Adoption of High-Performant and Safe Battery Solutions” • Jacob Bossaer, CEO, BOSAQ, “Energy Storage as Enabler for Circular Water Use”
2:45 - 3:15pm	COFFEE BREAK
3:15 - 4:30pm	SPOTLIGHTS OF PROGRAMS BY OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOUNDATIONS Discussion on energy storage projects and their implementation Moderator: Jimmy Pannett, Energy Specialist, ESMAP/World Bank • Peter Mockel, Principal Industry Specialist, International Finance Corporation (IFC) • Antony Karembu, Principal Renewable Energy Specialist, African Development Bank (AfDB) • Umang Maheshwari, Managing Director, BESS, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) • Daniel Morris, Lead, Clean Energy, Climate Investment Fund (CIF)

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4:30 - 4:40pm	GBA BATTERY BENCHMARK: A TOOL FOR DRIVING SUSTAINABLE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE INVESTMENT • Kaisa Toroskainen, Senior Manager, Global Battery Alliance
4:40 - 5:15pm	STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK SESSION <i>Moderators: Juliet Pumpuni, Sr. Energy Specialist and Tarek Keskes, Energy Specialist, ESMAP/World Bank</i>
5:15 - 5:45pm	KEYNOTE SPEECH: WIM DRIES, MAYOR OF CITY OF GENK • Genk’s transformation from a mining city into a clean energy hub.
5:45 -6pm	CLOSING REMARKS • Chandrasekar Govindarajalu, ESMAP Practice Manager, World Bank • Leen Govaerts, President, BERA
6 – 8pm	ESP STAKEHOLDER FORUM RECEPTION – THOR CENTRAL