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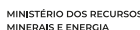
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CPLP Energy and Climate Seminar series aims to boost cooperation and dialogue between public and private entities in CPLP countries, with a view to taking advantage of the different climate financing mechanisms to support and accelerate the implementation of their energy transition strategies.

It is intended that these seminars are a space for sharing and exchange also involving international entities and different working groups that have been dedicated to energy and climate in the Portuguese-speaking countries, promoting greater visibility and articulation of different cooperation initiatives.

This series aims to highlight the national strategies for the energy transition of the CPLP countries, discuss the role of the regulatory framework for the implementation of projects, and identify the opportunities created by the different climate financing mechanisms, seeking to support governments to leverage financing for the implementation of energy transition projects. The best practices and innovation of each CPLP country will be shared, and cooperation between environment, energy and finance will be promoted.

These seminars are part of a calendar of international events that will take place in different countries during 2024 and 2025 to discuss the challenges and opportunities of climate finance and the energy transition. In this way, it is expected to contribute to the negotiating strategies of each country, as well as the CPLP, in international energy and climate forums, such as the Africa Climate Summit and COP30, in Brazil, the first organized in a Portuguese-speaking country.

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

# Seminar	Date	Local
1st	<b>July 2, 2024</b>	Lisbon, Portugal
2nd	<b>October 30, 2024</b>	Praia, Cape Verde
3rd	<b>November 4, 2024</b>	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
4th	<b>March 26, 2025</b>	Sao Tome, Sao Tome and Principe
5th	<b>June/July 2025</b>	Maputo, Mozambique



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## FRAMING

**The reality of the energy sector is different among the various CPLP countries.** Although some still have their economies based on revenues from the exploitation of fossil resources, the truth is that all of them have enormous renewable energy potential and have been making efforts to take advantage of them, with some CPLP countries already being world references in terms of renewable energy.

Different countries have been working at different paces to **prepare their energy transition strategies**, reflecting the challenges and opportunities at the national level. This multiplicity of contexts and challenges results in different solutions and approaches, but with common elements, which can and should be highlighted and shared, as good practices, fostering lusophone cooperation and articulation to meet this enormous common challenge.

In addition to defining each country's path to the energy transition, **a central question is how to finance this transition**, especially in developing economies. It will take a lot of investment to decarbonise economies fast enough to meet climate objectives, combining public and private sources.

On the other hand, **a regulatory framework is needed** that brings certainty to investors and ensures that sustainable energy projects are bankable and can attract the various sources of financing. A favourable framework, of public responsibility, will have a very relevant catalytic effect in attracting private investment.

Taking into account the **cross-cutting nature** of the energy transition and climate finance, the monitoring of this topic is dispersed among ministries responsible for the Environment, Climate, Energy and Finance. It is therefore essential to integrate the actions of these different areas and to articulate the interlocutors of the different government entities that coordinate them.

This initiative is thus based on the triangular connection between Portugal, Brazil and the Portuguese-speaking African Countries and Timor-Leste, but also the interconnection between the areas of environment, energy and finance, which this theme has been stimulating from the point of view of governance and institutional relationship.

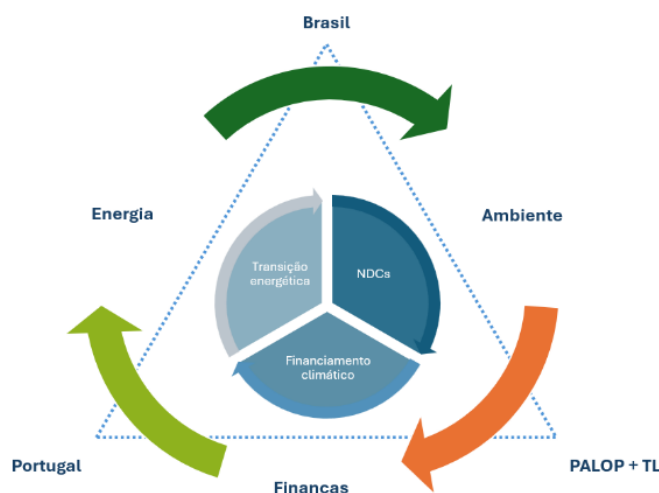


Figure 1 - Conceptual framework



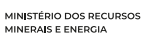
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The **4th CPLP Energy and Climate Seminar** will take place on March 26, 2025, in the city of São Tomé, in São Tomé and Príncipe, at Hotel Praia.

The event is organized by the Government of São Tomé and Príncipe, which holds the *pro tempore* Presidency of the CPLP, together with the Thematic Commission on Energy and Climate of the CPLP Advisory Observers, coordinated by ALER – the Lusophone Renewable Energy Association, and RELOP – the Association of Energy Regulators of Portuguese-speaking Countries, with the institutional support of the CPLP and the Energy Ministries.

This **4th Energy and Climate Seminar in the CPLP** is part of a 4-day agenda, namely:

- **March 25 – Technical workshop on energy and climate in the CPLP**, at the Portuguese Cultural Center in São Tomé, with the participation of representatives of the ministries of energy, environment and finance of the CPLP;
- **March 26 – 4th CPLP Energy and Climate Seminar**, at Hotel Praia (see program below);
- **March 27** – Meetings of the CPLP energy focal points and bilateral B2B and B2G meetings;
- **March 28** – Field visits to energy projects in São Tomé and Príncipe.

## OBJECTIVES

This Seminar aims to:

- Promote the exchange of experiences and cooperation between public and private entities of the CPLP countries, to support the implementation of their energy transition strategies;
- Present national strategies for decarbonization and support the mobilization of climate finance for their implementation;
- Discuss the role of the regulatory framework in creating environments conducive to private investment, project implementation and access to climate finance;
- Identify and strengthen the strategic lines of cooperation of the CPLP and the priority themes in terms of energy and climate, in order to promote a coordinated strategy and action in these areas.



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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

MARCH 25, 2025

PORTUGUESE CULTURAL CENTRE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

### Technical Workshop – Cooperation in Energy and Climate in the CPLP

**Participants:** Representatives of the Ministries of Energy, Environment and Finance

08:30 – 09:00	RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS
09:00 – 12:30	DEFINITION OF THEMATIC AREAS OF COOPERATION
12:30 – 02:00	LUNCH
02:00 – 05:00	PREPARATION OF THE 2030 COOPERATION ROADMAP IN ENERGY AND CLIMATE IN THE CPLP

MARCH 26, 2025

HOTEL PRAIA, PRAIA LAGARTO, SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

### 4th CPLP Energy and Climate Seminar

**Participants:** General Public

08:30 – 09:00	RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS
	<b>SEMINAR OPENING SESSION</b>
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Nelson Cardoso</b> – Minister of Infrastructure and Natural Resources of São Tomé and Príncipe <b>Nilda Borges da Mata</b> – Minister of Environment of São Tomé and Príncipe <b>Mayra Pereira</b> – President of ALER, Lusophone Renewable Energy Association <b>Artur Trindade</b> – Executive Secretary of RELOP
09:30 – 11:00	<b>STRATEGIES AND ACTION FOR DECARBONIZATION</b> Framework and Moderation: Gabriel Maquengo, National Director of Energy of São Tomé and Príncipe
11:00 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK
11:15 – 12:30	<b>2030 COOPERATION ROADMAP IN ENERGY AND CLIMATE IN THE CPLP</b> Framing and moderation: Sulisa Quaresma, National Director of Environment of São Tomé and Príncipe
12:30 – 02:30	LUNCH
02:30 – 03:30	<b>CREATE AN ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT</b> Framework and moderation: ALSF, the African Legal Support Facility
03:30 – 04:30	<b>STIMULATING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT</b> Framing and moderation: Isabel Cancela de Abreu, Executive Director of ALER
04:30 – 05:00	<b>LETTER OF SÃO TOMÉ FOR COOPERATION IN ENERGY AND CLIMATE</b> <b>Carlos Vila Nova</b> – President of the Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe
05:00 – 05:15	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b> <b>Ilza Amado Vaz</b> – Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of São Tomé and Príncipe
05:15 – 06:00	NETWORKING COCKTAIL



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### MARCH 27, 2025

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

#### CPLP Energy Technical Meeting and B2B and B2G Bilateral Meetings

**Participants in the Technical Meeting:** CPLP Energy Focal Points

**Participants in the Bilateral Meetings:** Representatives of the Ministries of Energy, Environment and Finance, Enterprises, and other entities

**08:30 – 09:00** RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS

**09:00 – 12:30** CPLP ENERGY TECHNICAL MEETING // B2B AND B2G BILATERAL MEETINGS

**12:30 – 02:00** LUNCH

**02:00 – 05:00** B2B AND B2G BILATERAL MEETINGS

### MARCH 28, 2025

#### Field Visits to Energy and Climate Projects in Sao Tome and Principe

**Participants:** General Public

**09:00 – 09:30** RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS

#### FIELD VISITS

**09:30 – 12:30** Santo Amaro Solar Power Plant  
Contador Water Plant

**12:30 – 02:00** LUNCH

#### FIELD VISITS

**02:00 – 05:00** St. Adelaide Community Project  
Solar System Fishermen's Association and Palainês da Praia Messias Alves

*NOTE: Participation in the 4th CPLP Energy and Climate Seminar has no associated costs, but participants will have to bear their travel costs to/from São Tomé and Príncipe and accommodation & per diems. The coffee-break and lunch on March 26 will be offered by the organization, as well as travel for the field visits on March 28.*



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## LOGISTICS NOTE

Sao Tome and Principe, officially the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, is an island country located in the Gulf of Guinea on the western equatorial coast of Central Africa.

- **Population:** Approximately 153,000 inhabitants.
- **Languages:** Forro and Angolar (São Tomé), Lunguye (Príncipe), and Portuguese.
- **Climate:** The climate is equatorial, with average annual temperatures between 22° and 30° and a humidity index of 95%. The rainy seasons run from February to May and from October to December. The dry season occurs between June and September.
- **Currency:** Sao Tomean dobra. Credit cards are only accepted in some hotels and by the International Bank of S. Tomé and Príncipe for the purpose of withdrawing cash, but the cost is high.  
**1€ ≈ 24,9 STN**
- **Visa:** A valid visa is not required if you plan to stay less than 15 days. Under the terms of the deliberation of the Government of São Tomé and Príncipe on the suppression of visas, citizens of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP), the European Union (EU), the United States of America (USA) and Canada, holders of valid passports, may enter and stay in São Tomé and Príncipe, with visa waiver, for a period not exceeding fifteen days.
- **Accommodation:** The official Hotel of the 4th CPLP Energy and Climate Seminar is the Hotel Praia, located in Praia Lagarto, in São Tomé. Participants who choose to stay at this hotel can enjoy a promotional code of **XX%**, with the reference **XXXX**. Other accommodation options in the city of São Tomé include the Hotel Pestana Miramar, the Hotel Pestana São Tomé, the Hotel Omali São Tomé, and the Hotel Kriola.

