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INVITATION TO A ONE DAY ECOWAS CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY - AS A PRELUDE TO THE ECOWAS-GFSE-UNIDO HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER 2012, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CONFERENCE ROOM @ 9.00am

YVE Ghana in collaboration with JVE International under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy and the Energy commission wishes to invite you to a civil society dialogue and capacity building workshop on renewable energy and energy efficiency. This is being organized as a Prelude to the ECOWAS-GFSE-UNIDO-GEF High Level Forum on Energy expected 29 to 31 October 2012 in Accra, Ghana and the Conference of African Ministers of Energy (CEMA) from 12 to 16 November in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia,

The venue for the workshop will be at the Ministry of information conference room, near Workers College and Teachers Hall, Adabraka, Accra, on **Friday 26th October 2012, at 9.00am – 4.30pm**

The objective of this forum is to provide a learning platform for Ghana and ECOWAS CSOs to discuss national and sub-regional energy policies and challenges, get to know existing regulatory frameworks and build their capacity around new energy advocacy tools. In addition, the meeting will help participants deepen their knowledge of sub-regional relevant institutions especially the ECREEE and also discuss thoroughly the agenda of the High level Energy forum.

It is expected at the end of the workshop that, CSOs and media personnel would have

- gained knowledge in the national and ECOWAS level renewable energy policies and strategies
- gained diverse knowledge (energy challenges in selected countries and at ECOWAS level)
- improved their advocacy and planning skills
- increased knowledge of Ghana and ECOWAS energy regulatory framework (especially the Ghana Renewable Energy act and the ECOWAS RE&EE targets proposed by ECREEE and adopted in Accra)
- adopted a declaration (to be presented to the Ministers) at opening or closing ceremony of the ECOWAS high level forum on energy
- agreed on a post-Accra CSO strategy around SE4ALL in West Africa

YVE Ghana in collaboration with JVE International is inviting civil society and youth organizations from Ghana and the West African sub-region to participate in the forum.

There are limited seats available. To confirm your participation, please call 0204208268 / 02458473471 or email yveghana@yahoo.com before Wednesday, 24th October 2012. Participation is free for all. There will be no transportation for participants, however refreshments and lunch (item 13) is assured.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lovans Owusu-Takyi'.

Lovans Owusu-Takyi
Executive Director