







POLICY CATALYST

Distributed Generation Window for Regulators and Utilities

The **Policy Catalyst** is offering technical assistance to interested African regulators and utilities to support the integration of Distributed Generation onto their electricity networks.

THE CHALLENGE

Distributed Generation (DG) is rapidly gaining prominence on a global scale and has demonstrated its potential as an important component of a sustainable power system. Whilst the installation of DG is accelerating in many African countries, regulators and utilities are often uncertain how best to integrate DG into their regulatory frameworks, policies, operational processes, and long-term plans.

THE SUPPORT

The Policy Catalyst is an initiative by <u>GET.transform</u> to provide integrated capacity building and implementation support on vital regulatory building blocks. The **Policy Catalyst Distributed Generation Window** will facilitate a safe, compliant, and financially sustainable integration of DG by **supporting regulators and utilities** with **technical**, **financial**, **regulatory**, **institutional** and **staff capacity aspects**.

What is Distributed Generation (DG)?

The most common definition of DG is 'generation which is connected to the low- or medium voltage distribution network' – often from a source such as solar photovoltaic (PV) installed on customer's premises – as opposed to most traditional centralised generation which is typically connected at the transmission level.

The Policy Catalyst DG Window will

- Run from **2023 to 2026**
- Be offered to up to **10 participating** countries from Sub-Saharan Africa
- Provide participants with dedicated technical support, capacity building and access to peer learning and networking



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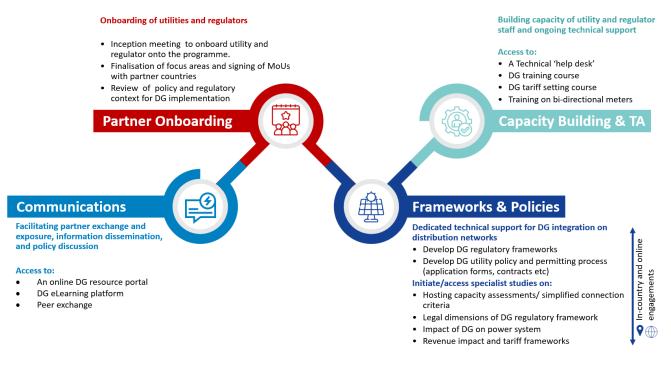


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THE BENEFITS

Participating utilities and regulators will progress on a pathway to adopting effective frameworks for a successful integration of Distributed Generation:

- Dedicated technical support to develop regulatory frameworks and utility policy and permitting processes
- Assistance with technical studies
- Capacity building of utility and regulator staff through training courses and one-on-one assistance through a technical help desk
- Access to an online resource portal and e-learning platform
- Networking and lessons sharing with other partner countries

THE PARTNERS

The Policy Catalyst set-up combines leading expertise with deep regional knowledge. The **Policy Catalyst DG Window** is implemented by GET.transform and <u>Sustainable Energy Africa</u> (<u>SEA</u>) in partnership with the <u>African Forum for</u> <u>Utility Regulators (AFUR)</u> and the <u>Association of</u> <u>Power Utilities of Africa (APUA)</u>.



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