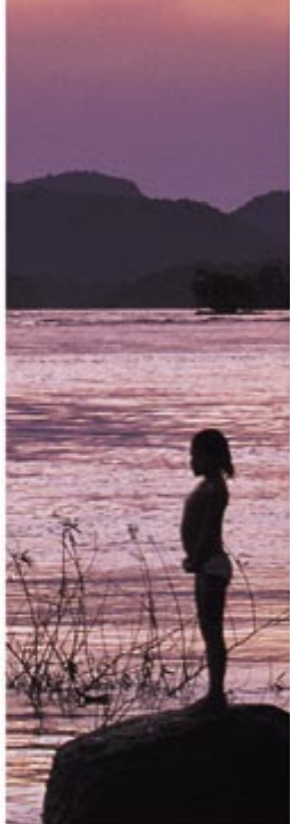


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Equality  
Complementarity  
Solidarity



Man and water at the heart of the Institute's programs

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PROMOTING PARTNERSHIPS  
IMPLEMENTING FIELD PROJECTS

The Institut de l'énergie et de l'environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF), a subsidiary body of the Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie (AIF), was established in 1988 out of the will of Heads of State and Government to spearhead their concerted action for the development of the energy sector. In 1996, this action was broadened to include the environment.

DELIVERING TRAINING

PRODUCING AND  
DISSEMINATING  
INFORMATION

IEPF's mission is to contribute to strengthening national capabilities on both institutional and individual levels and to promote partnerships in the field of energy and the environment. IEPF's actions are based on 4 methods of intervention:

- **Delivering** technical and administrative **training** for executives and professionals;
- **Producing and disseminating information** through *Liaison Énergie-Francophonie* magazine, bulletins such as *Objectif-Terre*, guides, manuals, and monographs. Online databases and a document centre ([www.iepf.org](http://www.iepf.org)) complete the range of specialized information products;

- **Implementing field projects** through pilot projects designed to facilitate the transfer and appropriation of sustainable management knowledge and technologies;
- **Promoting partnerships.** IEPF fosters synergies by mobilizing Francophone institutions and experts, by networking, and by supporting concerted actions. The Institute maintains close links and collaborates with major international organizations involved in supporting sustainable development.

The goal of IEPF's activities is to promote sustainable development. These activities are built around two complementary and interdependent Programs:

Mastering sustainable development tools in energy and environment:

This program aims at human and institutional capacity-building, developing skills for mastering environmental management tools, notably in the economy and in environmental assessment, promoting energy efficiency and the appropriation of renewable energy technologies, while taking into account the social and financial conditions that ensure sustainability.

Supporting policies and concerted action for sustainable development in energy and environment:

With an integrated vision of energy and environment as spheres of action, this program aims at making sustainable development the cornerstone of its action, assisting in the development of national policies, to improve the dissemination of knowledge, and promoting concerted action among Francophone countries.



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School equipment and huts with solar panels. Vanuatu



Aerogenerators, Vietnam



Construction of a digestion tank for retrieving biogas, in view of lighting a village, Guinea

These two Programs are divided into six Projects:

#### Energy Policies:

- Support for the development and implementation of national energy policies;
- Capacity building in planning and management of national energy systems.

#### Environmental Policies and Implementation of International Agreements:

- Follow-up of international negotiations on the environment and sustainable development;
- Organization of concerted action on the contents of negotiations and their stakes;
- Training and raising awareness for appropriate recognition of the environment in national development policies.

#### Sustainable Development Intelligence :

- Information production and dissemination;
- Prospective analysis about the evolution of ideas and technologies in energy and environment;
- Development and leadership of partner networks.

#### Energy Efficiency:

- Institutional and regulatory capacity building in the definition and implementation of strategies for energy systems efficiency;
- Promotion of a market for energy efficiency.

#### Energy Access Technologies and Mechanisms :

- Promotion of sustainable management of traditional fuels and modern renewable energy technologies;
- Institutional support and diffusion of innovative financing mechanisms.

#### Command of Environmental Management Instruments:

- Development of skills and capacities in environmental assessment and economics;
- Promotion of innovative technologies in environmental management.