

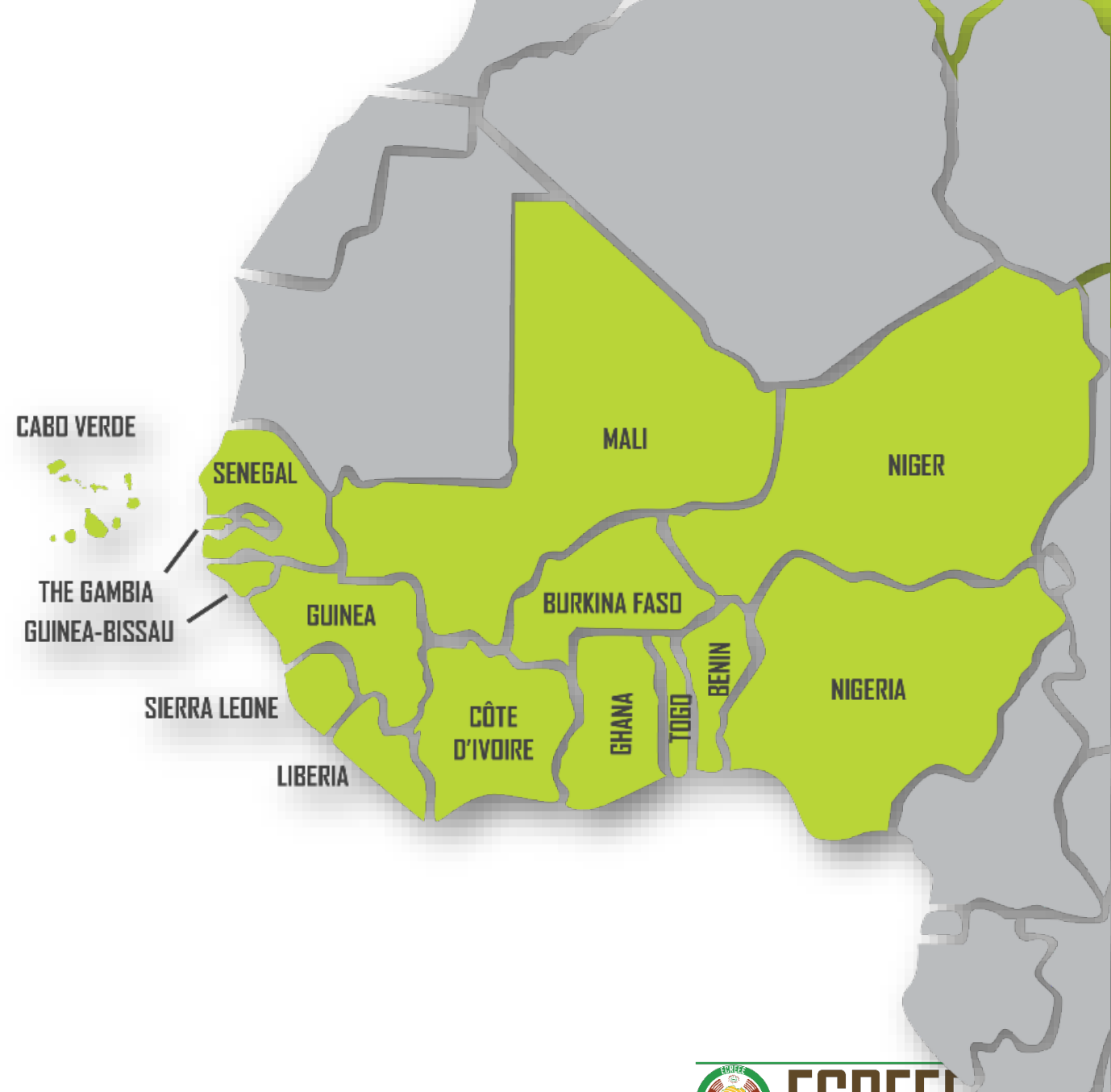
# Operationalizing the ECOWAS Directive on Gender Assessment in Energy Projects

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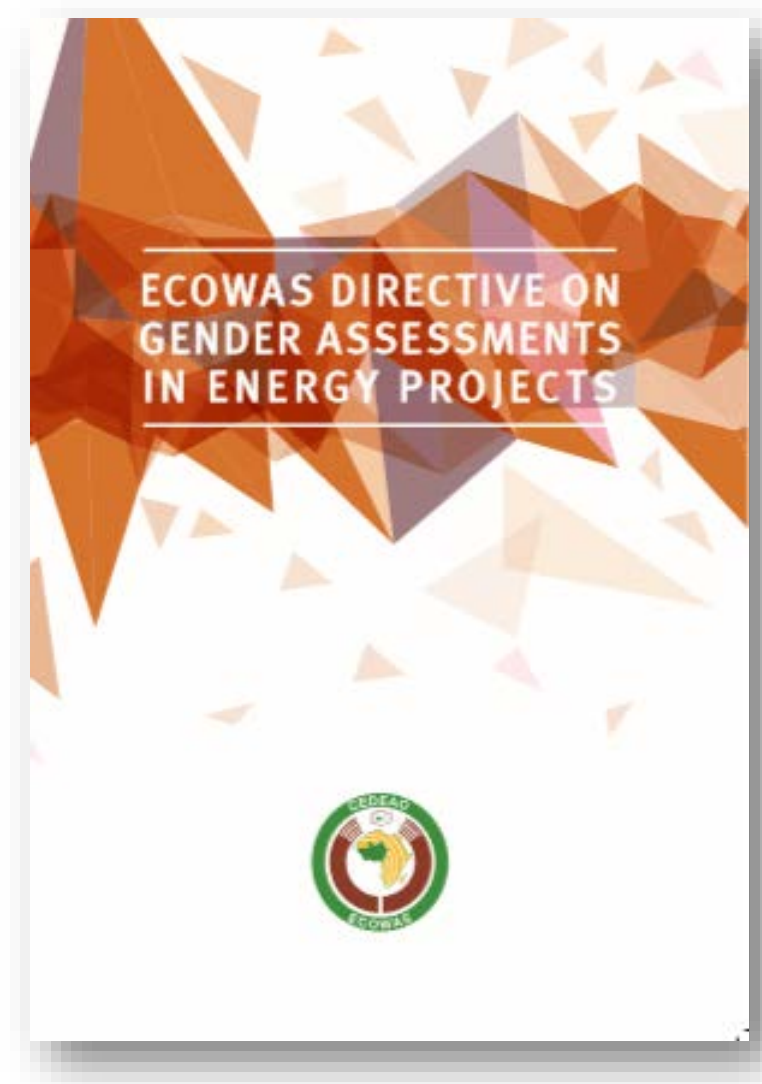
# Presentation Outline

1. A brief **background** on the Directive's formulation (3 Scenarios considered)
2. **Validation to Adoption:** the ECOWAS Process
3. **Where we are**
4. **What to expect** after the final point of adoption



# Background: Legal framework for the gender-responsive policy

- The Directive establishes the legal framework for the implementation of the **ECOWAS Policy for Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access**
- **Objectives**
  - Ensure that the specific interests of women and men are taken into account
  - Potential impacts are recognized, avoided or mitigated to the extent possible
  - Improve transparency in planning and implementation processes
  - Encourage a harmonized approach across the region in alignment with these principles



# Background: 3 Scenarios

## Scenario A: ECOWAS Directive

- Commits to a single objective, but **allows flexibility** on the legal and regulatory mechanism for achieving this.
- Member states could have the choice on implementing as a stand-alone law, an amendment(s) to existing law, or as a series of binding administrative regulations.

## Scenario B: ECOWAS Regulation

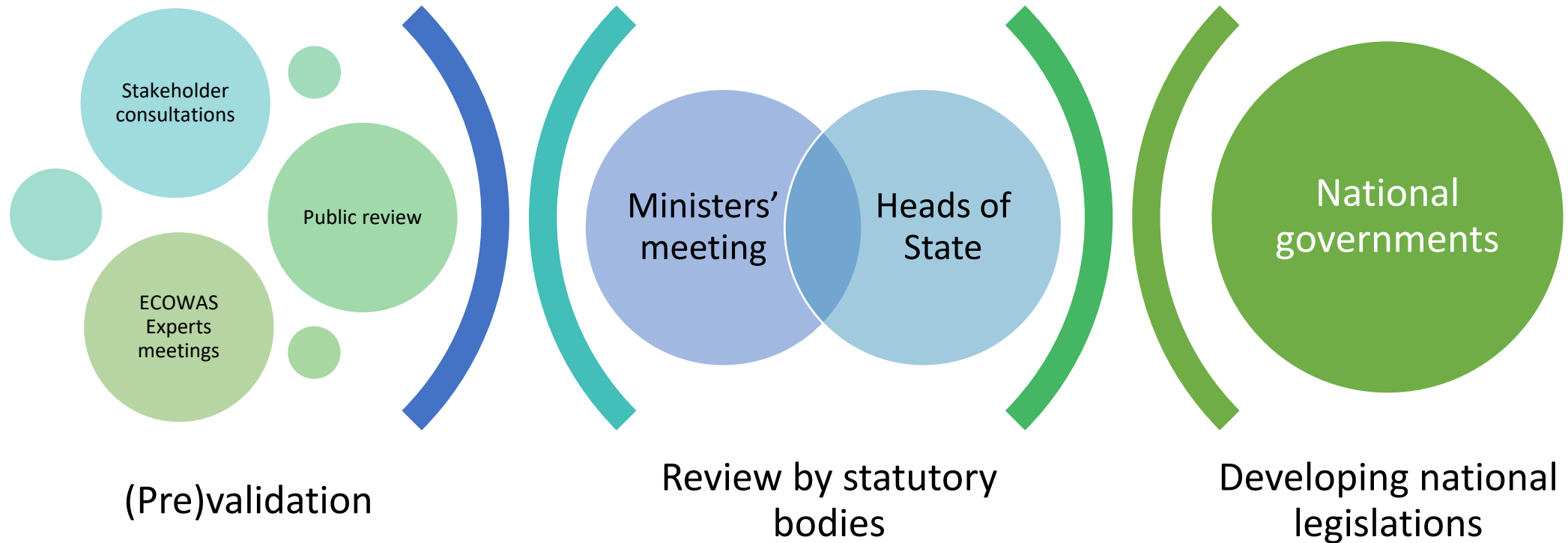
- General application and all their provisions should be **enforceable and directly applicable** in each of the Member States, without any implementing action at the national level.

## Scenario C: Business As Usual (No new legal instrument)



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# Validation to Adoption (1)



# Where we are (1)

Experts Meeting



Energy Ministers



Council of  
Ministers (13 – 15  
December 2018)



ECOWAS Experts Meeting ( 26 - 28 June 2017)

# Where we are (2)

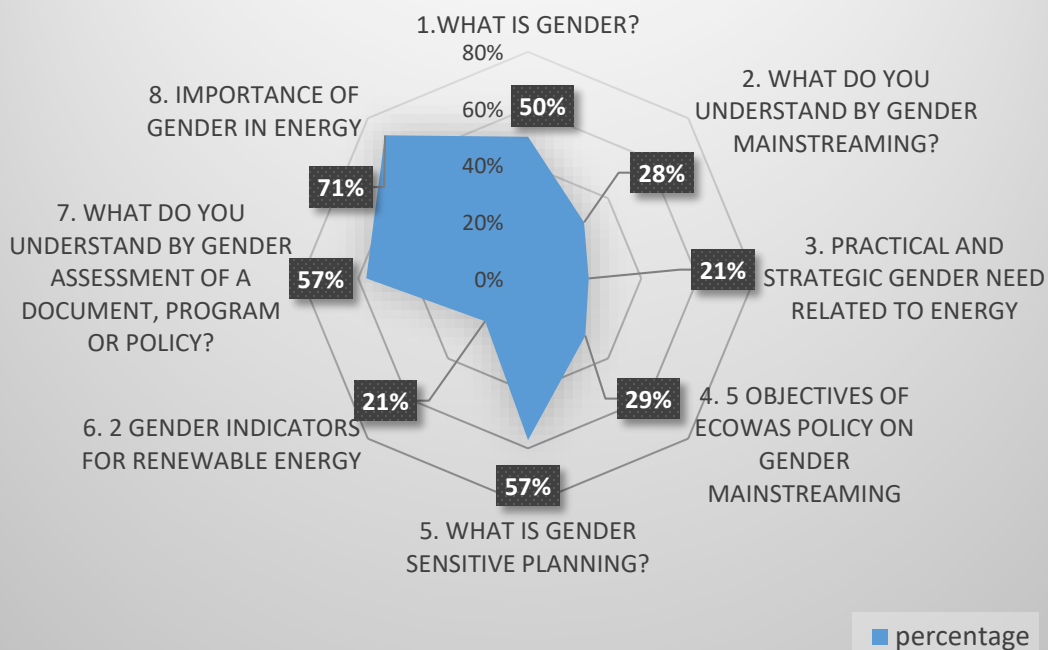
## Priorities at the regional level

- Supporting the establishment of Gender Focal Units (GFUs) in the ministries of energy.
- Equipping GFUs and NGOs with the knowledge and skills to operationalize the principles of the regional policy and directive.
- Build up a pipeline of case studies starting with ECREEE energy projects
- Support countries to develop national strategies and legislations

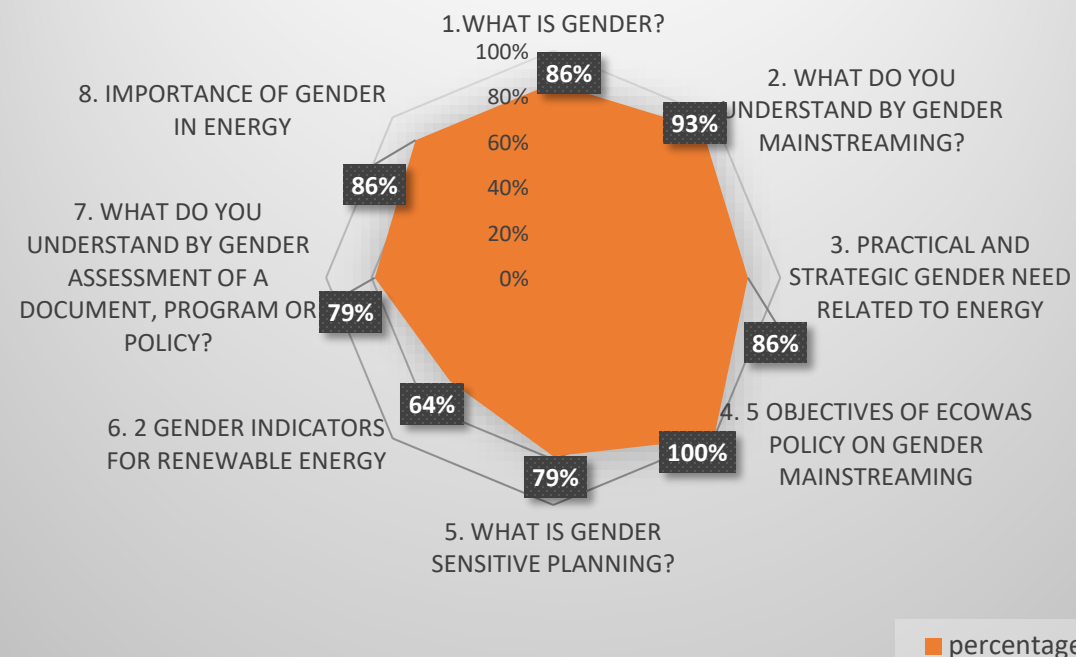


# Where we are (3): Result of training workshop on the policy and directive

Pre-evaluation (Anglophone training)



Post-evaluation (Anglophone training)





# What to expect at the different levels of implementation

## Institutional

- Circulate provisions of the directive
- Identify competent authority
- Capacity building & Development

## Legal & Regulatory

- Translation of regional directive into national law

## Operational

- Establishment of competent authority procedures
- Training of key actors (regulators, NGOs, project developers)
- M & E

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