

Energy Transition Academy Fellowship

Global Offering



Are you a Caribbean utility or Nigerian distribution company (DisCo) looking to develop and scale renewable energy projects?

Sign up your utility for RMI's Global Fellowship Program and advance your organization's role in the energy transition.

Countries across the Global South are bearing the brunt of the climate emergency — experiencing health, economic, environmental, and safety impacts. According to the latest IPCC Report, without immediate and deep emissions reductions across all sectors, limiting global warming to 1.5°C is beyond reach. RMI's Energy Transition Academy (ETA) was designed in response to the challenges on the ground in the energy transition expressed by more than 60 energy leaders in over 20 countries in the Global South, following a needs assessment and conversations with local communities and key stakeholders.

Energy professionals from island regions, sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia have expressed a desire to access timely information and peer networks for support in addressing their unique climate challenges.

The Global Fellowship Program Bridges this Divide

The Global Fellowship Program, launched in the Caribbean in early 2022 with select utilities, is opening the call for applications to all Caribbean utilities and distribution companies in Nigeria. The next fellowship program takes place from September to February 2022. Participating fellows must work for a utility or distribution company actively advancing renewable distributed energy resource projects such as solar microgrid development. Up to 35 fellows will be selected for the program, and managers, engineers, and other technical professionals are encouraged to apply. The Fellowship will be at no cost to fellows or participating utilities/DisCos.

The Fellowship Program includes online learning, engagement sessions covering technical training, and an experience exchange opportunity for fellows to visit renewable energy project sites, engage in mentorship opportunities, and receive technical assistance to advance their project work.

In look forward to meeting weekly because there is a lot we cover and I'm all for gaining knowledge. I feel everyone is more experienced than me so I can learn from everyone's successes and failures.

Shiquoi Isaac Mechanical Engineer, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority RMI Energy Transition Academy Fellow

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Fellowship Overview

Engagement Sessions (September–December) — Online

Beginning in September 2022, fellows will participate in biweekly online learning events, networking, and leadership opportunities covering key topics such as project development and management, de-risking and procurement, and battery storage and safety.

Time commitment: 3 months - 20–25 hours (approximately)

Experience Exchange – Fellows Summit and Site Visits (January/February)

Over three to five days, fellows will visit solar microgrids or other utility-enabled distributed energy sites and participate in technical training sessions with experts in the field. Through these visits, fellows will discover the best practices and lessons learned from a completed regional project that applies to their work.

Fellowship Codesign

The Fellowship is codesigned with input from participants to ensure content is relevant and timely for individual and organizational needs.

Leadership Opportunities

The Fellowship Program will provide opportunities for fellows to present their contributions to the energy transition, sharing lessons learned, best practices, and insights from their experience.

Fellows will be invited to participate in regional and international events and to contribute to future ETA offerings.

Going Global

The Global Fellowship Program will continue to grow and expand to other regions of the globe. Fellows will be an integral part of building the expanded community of practice and will share their experience with future fellows.

Fellowship Program Outcomes

- Be part of a well-connected community of energy leaders
- Boost your professional profile and influence
- Showcase your energy leadership at future regional and international events and Energy Transition Academy offerings



Join RMI's inaugural Global Fellowship Program to amplify your organization's voice, share your stories, and champion clean energy projects.

RMI is an independent non-profit founded in 1982 that transforms global energy systems through market-driven solutions to align with a 1.5°C future and secure a clean, prosperous, zero-carbon future for all. We work in the world's most critical geographies and engage businesses, policymakers, communities, and NGOs to identify and scale energy system interventions that will cut greenhouse gas emissions at least 50 percent by 2030. RMI has offices in Basalt and Boulder, Colorado; New York; Oakland, California; Washington, D.C; and Beijing.

To learn more about the fellowship program and how to get involved, visit https://rmi.org/eta or contact us at ETA@rmi.org

Applications are being accepted from May 25 through July 15, 2022.