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**The Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines (MOPEM) & The National Water and Electricity Company (NAWEC)**

### **PRESIDENT ADAMA BARROW TO INAUGURATE ELECTRICITY ACCESS PROJECTS NATIONWIDE**

**Banjul, The Gambia – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 - The Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines (MOPEM), in collaboration with the National Water and Electricity Company (NAWEC) and funding partners, announces a series of inaugurations for newly completed **Electricity Access Projects** to be officiated by His Excellency, President Adama Barrow, from **7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.**

The inaugurations underscore the Government of The Gambia's firm commitment to deliver universal electricity access policy objectives by expanding access to quality, reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity nationwide, in support of socio-economic development, improved livelihoods, and national transformation. The beneficiary communities under the GERMP, GEAP, and ECOREAP projects collectively cover 719 communities nationwide.

All inauguration ceremonies will take place **daily from 16:00 to 19:00 hours**, as outlined in the confirmed schedule below:

SN	REGION	DISTRICT	PROJECT LOCATION(PROGRAM)	DATE	PARTNERS
1	North Bank Region	Lower Nuimi	Njongon (ECOREAP)	Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	ECOWAS, World Bank
2	Central River Region- North	Upper Saloum	Panchang (GEAP)	Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	AfDB
3	Upper River Region – North	Wulli West	Jah Kunda (GERMP)	Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	World Bank, EU, EIB
4	Upper River Region – South	Basse	Kumbija (GERMP)	Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	World Bank, EU, EIB

5	Central River Region – South	Lower Fulladu West	Boiram (ECOREAP)	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	ECOWAS, World Bank
6	Lower River Region	Jarra East	Sutukung (ECOREAP)	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	ECOWAS, World Bank
<b>Friday – Day Off 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>					
7	West Coast Region	Foni Jarrol	Kampassa (ECOREAP)	Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	ECOWAS, World Bank
8	West Coast Region	Kombo East	Pirang (ECOREAP)	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	ECOWAS, World Bank

Senior Government officials, funding partners, local authorities, community leaders, project beneficiaries, media fraternity and the general public are expected to attend the ceremonies across the country.

These electricity access projects are expected to enhance service delivery, stimulate local economic activities, and improve the quality of life in beneficiary communities, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

The **Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines** and **NAWEC** extend their profound appreciation to **His Excellency the President**, funding partners, and all stakeholders for their continued support in advancing universal electricity access in The Gambia.

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