

GEF-UNIDO IEE & RECP PROJECT NIGERIA NEWSLETTER



Quarter 3 Update

From Capacity Building to Practical Transformation

By the third quarter, the GEF-UNIDO IEE & RECP Project in Nigeria had moved beyond momentum. This was the phase where learning began to settle into practice, where conversations shifted from “what is possible” to “what is already changing.”

Quarter 3 was defined by depth. Deeper technical engagement. Deeper collaboration with industries. Deeper visibility across platforms. And perhaps most importantly, a deeper sense of ownership among participants and partners.

Strengthening Technical Capacity at an Advanced Level

Building on the foundations laid in earlier quarters, Q3 focused strongly on advanced and intermediate technical capacity building.

The emphasis was no longer just awareness or introduction. It was about equipping professionals, engineers, and industry actors with the tools to diagnose, design, and implement energy efficiency and resource efficiency solutions in real operational environments.

Key technical trainings held during the quarter brought together:

- Industry practitioners across manufacturing and processing sectors
- Energy and environmental experts
- Financial and institutional stakeholders
- Technical personnel from UNIDO and national counterparts



Sessions went beyond theory, addressing:

- Industrial energy efficiency optimization
- Cleaner Production and RECP assessment methodologies
- Energy audits during peak production cycles
- Optimization of motors, pumps, steam systems, and process flows
- Integration of sustainability thinking into daily operational decisions

The training was practical, interactive, and deliberately structured to mirror real industrial challenges.

Case studies, group exercises, and scenario-based learning ensured that participants did not just “learn” but practised thinking like sustainability champions.



Even during periods without major public events, the project maintained a steady digital presence. This consistency ensured that stakeholders, partners, and the wider public remained connected to the project's journey.

Institutional Collaboration and Stakeholder Confidence

Another quiet but significant achievement of Quarter 3 was the strengthening of trust among partners.

UNIDO, GEF, MAN, ECN, financial institutions, and government stakeholders continued to work in alignment, reviewing progress, refining approaches, and preparing for subsequent phases of implementation.

There was a growing sense that the project was not just delivering activities, but building a national ecosystem for industrial sustainability.

Key Outcomes of Quarter 3

By the end of the third quarter, the project had achieved several notable outcomes:

- Advanced technical skills strengthened among industry and expert participants
- Cleaner Production Assessments initiated in real industrial settings
- Increased confidence among industries to pursue energy efficiency investments
- Stronger linkage between technical solutions and financing mechanisms
- Sustained public engagement through digital platforms and media

Quarter 3 did not seek to be loud. It sought to be effective. And in that quiet effectiveness, the foundations for long-term impact were reinforced.



Looking Ahead

As the project moved toward the final quarter of the year, the focus became clearer: consolidation, documentation of impact, scaling of success stories, and preparing for long-term sustainability beyond the project lifecycle.

Quarter 3 reminded all stakeholders of an important truth. Transformation does not always arrive with fanfare. Sometimes, it shows up as better decisions, smarter systems, and industries that begin to see sustainability not as an obligation, but as an opportunity.