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Biography

Lawrence Agbemabiese is an Associate Professor at the Energy and Environmental Policy (ENEP) program, University of Delaware, currently teaching "Sustainable Energy Policy and Planning," "International Perspectives on Energy and Environment," and "Climate Change: Science, Policy and Political Economy." His research interests span technological innovation systems, policy issues at the water-energy nexus, clean technology transfer, smart cities, and low-carbon energy-development transitions, including analyses of cities and energy regimes as complex adaptive systems. Before joining ENEP, Lawrence was a Program Officer at the Energy Branch, Division of Technology Industry and Economics at the Paris Duty Station of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), where he was responsible for evaluating and promoting energy innovations in developing countries, including policy and institutional capacity building aspects in urban and rural contexts. As such, Lawrence was actively engaged in the design and implementation of UNEP's Global Technology Needs Assessment project covering 36 countries over the period 2008 – 2012, and its Rural Energy Enterprise Development initiatives in Africa (2000 – 2009) and China (Yunan Province, 2004 – 2009). Lawrence contributed to the Global Energy Assessment (2012) project, concentrating on policies for energy system transformations. A development planner by training -- and an "expert-generalist" by inclination – he has studied widely and deeply in different disciplines, enabling him to bring an innovation advantage to his teaching and collaborative research activities. Lawrence's multidisciplinary career began in 1989 as Community Development Lecturer at the Department of Civil Engineering, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana. He earned a PhD in Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware in 2002.