

Could solar power be the future of energy in Congo?

Congo is one of the top five oil producers in Sub-Saharan Africa. But despite its rich energy resources, the electrification rate is low, especially in rural areas, mainly because of a lack of electricity infrastructure. But solar power could be the future as it is also said to be cheaper for households.

When will DR Congo's solar power plants be built?

The plants are to be built by the Moyi Power joint venture and are expected to be completed within 18 months after the start of construction. According to the latest figures from the International Renewable Energy Agency, DR Congo only had 20 MW of installed PV capacity at the end of 2020.

Will a \$100 million solar project power Gemena & Bumba & Isiro?

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How much power does DR Congo have?

According to the latest figures from the International Renewable Energy Agency, DR Congo only had 20 MW of installed PV capacity at the end of 2020. The country has one of the lowest levels of access to electricity in the world, with only 9% of the population being supplied with power. This percentage in rural areas drops to as far as 1%.

A consortium led by Gridworks and including Eranove and AEE Power, has signed three concession agreements today with the Ministry of Hydraulic Resources and Electricity of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The agreements will see the consortium develop, build and operate three large scale, solar-hybrid, off grid utilities.

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