

How will Smart Grid technology impact sub-Saharan Africa?

Such Smart Grid advances may enable sub-Saharan African countries to leapfrog elements of traditional power systems in terms of both technology and regulation. This could accelerate national and regional electrification timeframes, improve service delivery, minimize costs and reduce environmental impact.

Should utilities embrace smart grid technology?

As the energy landscape rapidly evolves, we believe it is imperative for utilities to embrace smart grid technologies wholeheartedly, leveraging them to help improve grid management, reduce operational costs and accelerate the energy transition.

Does the private sector support smart and just grids in Sub-Saharan Africa?

While Smart and Just Grids require strong public commitment, including funding, the private sector as the main engine of economic growth has an essential role in supporting related initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa. A close integration of the private sector in related efforts will be key. 9. Conclusion

Can a smart grid be a copy of industrialised countries?

Given the specific needs of sub-Saharan Africa, it is obvious that a Smart Grid approach for this region cannot simply be a copy of practices in industrialised countries -- the starting point, challenges and opportunities are too different.

How does India support smart grid development?

India actively supports Smart Grid developments through the restructured accelerated power development and reforms programme (R-APDRP). For further information on pilot projects and policies refer to Doran et al. . For a U.S. focus and information on dynamic pricing and pilot design principles refer to Faruqi et al. .

Can just grids contribute to equitable and inclusive development in Sub-Saharan Africa?

We introduce the notion of Just Grids to reflect the need for power systems to contribute towards equitable and inclusive economic and social development without marginalising the poor. The paper reviews the literature, and identifies specific options that could be implemented in sub-Saharan Africa.

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Western Sahara smart grid control

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Controlling smart grids. As utilities modernise their networks toward smart grids, they also need to modernise their control systems. Elisabeth Fischer finds out about the shift towards designing maintenance and operational centres that are fully automated, decentralised and capable of self-healing.

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