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# West African Energy Storage Power



## Overview

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What is the West Africa Energy Program?

The West Africa Energy Program run by US AID's Power Africa division includes support for five solar projects which will provide about 150MW of electricity, including the Kodení and Nagréongo solar plants in Burkina Faso and a 250MW solar / hydropower hybrid plant in Ghana.

What are West Africans doing to improve their power systems?

West Africans are now moving in many directions to enhance their power systems. This report offers an overview of the challenges and the great profusion of activity across the region. It should inform conversation at Nigeria Energy in Lagos (19-21 September) and at the Africa Energy Expo in Rwanda next year.

What is the main source of power in West Africa?

Hydroelectric power is the dominant source of power in the region and is the focus of most of the large schemes underway, although there are also plans to develop more gas-fired plants and some initiatives to develop coal-fired capacity. West African countries have now begun to develop utility-scale solar power.

Where in West Africa is the biggest power generation project?

There are significant power generation projects planned or underway in most parts of West Africa, with regional economic heavyweight Nigeria the most active market and also home to the biggest scheme: the 3GW Mambilla hydroelectric plant.

How many MW of electricity does South Africa have?

Despite having one of the larger populations in the region, at more than 25 million, the country has one of the smaller electricity sectors, with a total generating capacity of just 324MW, of which more than 90% comes from fossil

fuel sources.

Which country exports power to Africa?

Ghana also exports power to Togo, Benin, and Burkina Faso. Guinea is among the best-placed countries in West Africa to develop hydroelectric power, being the source of a dozen major rivers, including the Niger, Senegal and Gambia rivers.

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