

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Nigeria to Expand Access to Clean Energy for 17.5 Million People

The World Bank has approved the Nigeria Distributed Access through Renewable Energy Scale-up (DARES) project, aiming to provide over 17.5 million Nigerians with new or improved access to electricity through distributed renewable energy solutions. The program will enable the Nigerian government to coordinate and finance all off-grid electrification efforts and will help states access technical assistance to develop institutional capacity and policy frameworks for rooftop solar. The project is financed by an International Development Association (IDA) credit of \$750 million and will leverage over \$1 billion of private capital and significant parallel financing from development partners. An additional milestone is the implementation of the World Bank's \$350 million [Nigeria Electrification Project \(NEP\)](#), which the ESMAP Global Facility for Mini Grids team continues to support extensively.

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100 Million People in Eastern and Southern Africa Poised to Receive Access to Sustainable and Clean Energy by 2030 People

The World Bank's new [Accelerating Sustainable and Clean Energy Access Transformation \(ASCENT\) Program](#) is set to exponentially accelerate sustainable and clean energy access and provide life-transforming opportunities for 100 million people in up to 20 countries across Eastern and Southern Africa over the next seven years. ESMAP, along with others, supported the conceptualization and shaping of the ambitious scope of ASCENT.

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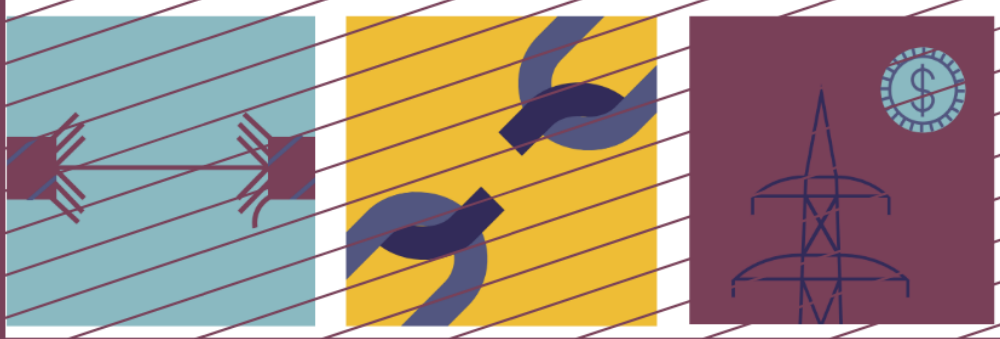
World Bank to Boost Efficient Electricity Distribution in the Dominican Republic

The World Bank approved a Distribution Efficiency Improvement and Utility Strengthening Project in the Dominican Republic which will assist distribution companies reduce significant losses in electricity distribution by rehabilitating the distribution network, upgrading the management technology, and reducing electricity outages. 813,000 consumers, urban and rural, from the residential and commercial sectors, are expected to benefit from these upgrades. Its conceptualization was based on a broad and deep technical assistance program with extensive ESMAP support.

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REPORT



How to Unlock Pipelines of Bankable Renewable Energy Projects in Emerging Markets and Developing Countries?

Developing a pipeline of bankable renewable energy projects requires coordinated interventions by governments targeting unique barriers and risks within a country. Governments must deliver the energy transition, while enhancing affordability and reducing poverty. To achieve this, governments with the support of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and other development partners can address country and project-specific barriers to lower risk levels perceived by Independent Power Producers (IPPs), creating the environment necessary to develop a pipeline of renewable projects.

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The State of Cooking Energy Access in Schools | Insights from an Exploratory Study

Some 418 million children worldwide receive at least one school meal per day. However, in developing countries, most school meals are prepared using rudimentary, polluting biomass stove-and-fuel combinations, with unknown costs to the health of students and personnel, school finances, and the local environment. Scant data on the scale of the problem has limited the sector's visibility, resulting in few investments being designed to meet the clean cooking needs of schools. This report uses primary and secondary data to examine the issue in schools of low- and middle-income countries, with a strong focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, where the access deficit is highest.

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MULTIMEDIA

Where To Go Next – Which Countries Are at The Top of the Funders’ List?

Ever wondered how mini-grid grant funders think, decide and act?

In a panel of experts from the forefront of funding Africa's mini-grid sector, our very own Tatia Lemondzhava, Sr. Energy Specialist leading the Global Mini Grids Facility at World Bank/ESMAP, Benjamin Curnier from AFDB SEFA, and Dennis Nderitu from GEAPP delved into the mechanics of driving mini-grid initiatives across Africa resulting in a very informative podcast.

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Watch our highlights video featuring interviews with participants at the 10th biannual Energy Storage Partnership (ESP) Stakeholder Forum and Partner Meetings in Pretoria, South Africa!



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Together with our partners, we welcomed the cohort of first-mover countries joining the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Consortium, in support of our goal to secure 5 gigawatts (GW) of BESS commitments by the end of this year.

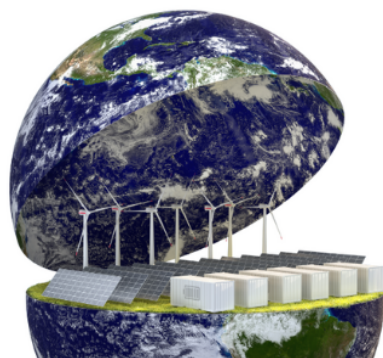
This is a critical step toward unlocking 90 GW of battery energy storage deployment and enabling 400 GW of renewable energy by 2030.

We also presented ESMAP’s newly released solar-plus-storage toolkit, *Unlocking the Energy Transition: Guidelines for Planning Solar-Plus-Storage Projects*. It is designed to help accelerate the shift to cleaner and more affordable energy systems.



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ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum

The forum was part of the latest Community of Champions (CoC) event focused on sharing lessons learned on the off-grid solar energy market and creating awareness on how the Regional Off-Grid Electricity Access Project (ROGEAP) can support off-grid solar companies with overcoming financial and technical challenges in their projects. ESMAP's Lighting Global team is supporting ROGEAP through grants and dedicated technical support.

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H4D Review: A Newsletter by the Hydrogen for Development (H4D) Partnership

The Hydrogen for Development (H4D) Partnership is a global initiative convened by the World Bank (WB) to build a platform for knowledge sharing, capacity building, and financing by fostering international cooperation needed to afford tailored-made solutions for developing countries and emerging markets on clean hydrogen. The knowledge produced by the H4D Partnership will support the implementation of policies and regulations to build a hydrogen economy. The World Bank/ESMAP team is pleased to announce the third quarterly newsletter, H4D Review. The goal is to provide the latest information about the activities, analytical work, and upcoming events on green and low- carbon hydrogen to H4D's partners, stakeholders, and observers.

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