

# Benin off grid renewables

Who can benefit from a new off-grid solar scheme in Benin?

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How can Benin increase local production?

However, the government of Benin is making serious efforts to increase local production through national projects, specifically the Solar Energy Promotion Project (PROVES) and the Renewable Energy Development Program (PRODERE). The principal RE sources in Benin are hydro energy, biomass energy, wind energy and solar energy.

Will EIB support Engie to deploy off-grid solar power in Benin?

The new Benin cooperation follows EIB's previous support for ENGIE to deploy off-grid solar power in Uganda. Benin is the sixth African country to benefit from the EIB's streamlined support for African off-grid energy investment, following recent backing for projects in Mozambique, Uganda, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Comoros.

Does wind energy contribute to the electrification of Benin?

Although hydroelectricity, biomass and especially PV technologies play an increasingly important role in the electrification of Benin, recent studies have shown that wind energy technologies can also contribute. Non-electrified rural and peri-urban localities have favourable wind potential in coastal Benin.

What are the future prospects for small wind turbines in Benin?

It is expected that by 2025-30, the small wind turbine sector in Benin will be a solid industry with an indispensable contribution to the electrification of the country. Table 4 summarizes the future prospects for RE in the context of Benin with some barriers to the implementation of RE projects in Benin.

Does Benin have a feed-in tariff policy?

Stakeholders in the Benin power sector. Currently, there is no electricity feed-in-tariff policy in Benin. Electricity is sold directly to the population through the SBEE. Social class consumption, which is  $\leq 20$  kWh, is sold at \$USD/kWh 0.14, which is equivalent to 86 African Financial Community franc (86 CFA franc).

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The Off-Grid Clean Energy Facility (OCEF) co-finances off-grid four categories of clean energy projects. Those projects are being implemented throughout Benin territories: 1- Energy projects for the supply of public infrastructure. 2- Projects for the installation and operation of mini grids. 3- Projects for the distribution of solar home kits.

Learn the results of a project from MCC's Benin Power Compact that aimed to support access to electricity through off-grid electrification, policy reforms and institutional strengthening.

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