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Nigeria: Dangote Refinery to end petroleum products imports to sub-Saharan Africa – ED

- Nigeria and other sub-Saharan African countries would soon heave a sigh of relief from the importation of petroleum products, with the imminent completion of the 650,000 barrels-per-day (bpd) Dangote Refinery at Ibeju-Lekki area of Lagos.
- Group Executive Director, Strategy, Capital Projects & Portfolio Development, Devakumar Edwin, made this statement on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, during the opening of the Ghana International Petroleum Conference (GhIPCON), which took place in Accra, Ghana.
- He also urged investors in sub-Saharan Africa to take the bull by the horn by investing in the downstream sector.
- The facility, according to him, would be integrated with a petrochemical unit that will produce polypropylene and fertilisers.
- Mr. Edwin said Nigeria would soon become the largest exporter of fertiliser in Africa as the Dangote Fertiliser Company is set to commence full production.

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1. Zambia, Zimbabwe to begin construction of Batoka hydro power plant in 2020

- Zambia and Zimbabwe will start building the 2,400 MW Batoka Gorge hydro power plant next year, a company jointly owned by the two governments said on Tuesday.
- The Batoka project involves construction of a dam, powerhouses, roads, transmission infrastructure and houses in both Zambia and Zimbabwe, the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA) said in a statement.
- Feasibility studies are almost complete and a developer for the project is expected to be engaged by the end of this year, it said.
- The project will use a Build-Operate-Transfer financing model and place no fiscal strain on either government as no sovereign guarantees will be required.

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2. Egypt: Infinity Solar fully connects its 133MW power plants to Benban in Egypt

- Infinity Solar has finished connecting and operating all its solar plants in Benban, Aswan, to the national electricity grid, with a total capacity of 133MW, to bring up the total capacity added by the company in the feed-in tariff's first and second phases to 184MW.
- Hesham El Gamal, director of public relations and communications of the company explained that the company added to the electricity grid in the first phase of the feed-in tariff of solar energy projects about 51MW, including 50MW from a power plant in Benban and 1MW from another plant in the 6th of October City.

- He pointed out that the solar energy projects in Benban will eliminate unemployment in the region, through direct and indirect jobs during the construction and operation of projects and all workers will be from Aswan, except for a number of engineers and technicians from each company.

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3. Nigeria: OAU To Begin Power Generation On Campus October

- The Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Osun State, Professor Eyiyo Ogunbodede on Monday disclosed that the institution has commenced power generating project that would make it exit national grid by October 2019.
- Eyiyo who made this disclosure while declaring open African Institute for Science Policy and Innovation International Biennial Conference at OAU explained that the project started in 2017 and the completion period is two years.
- According to him, “the university is working with a Rural Electrification Agency that would provide a gas-powered turbine and will generate 8.0 megawatts of electricity for the institution.”

[Tribuneonline.com](http://tribuneonline.com)

4. Nigeria: Total puts an end to gas flaring on Egina field

- Total at the weekend, announced that it has achieved No-Routine-Gas-Flaring in operations on its Egina Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO).
- The achievement, according to Total’s Country Communications Manager, Mr. Charles Ebereonwu, follows the commissioning of Gas Compression System on the Egina Field.
- Associated gas from the field is now being compressed, transported via the Akpo/Amenam gas Export line and monetised through the Nigeria LNG.

[Sunnewsonline.com](http://sunnewsonline.com)

5. Cameroon: Orange Cameroon launches Orange Energie solar kits

- Orange Cameroon just launched its energy distribution offer via solar kits, internal sources reveal. Baptized Orange Énergie, this offer also includes satellite internet and television and can be paid via the operator’s Mobile Money service.
- Orange Cameroon thus joins Total in the promotion of solar energy in Cameroon.
- These offers contribute to the diversification of the country’s energy mix, which is largely dominated by hydroelectricity and thermal energy. In the mix, solar, biomass and wind energies barely represent 1%.

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6. Tunisia: Tunisia awaiting bids in 70MW tender for solar projects

- The government of Tunisia last week opened a call for projects under the third round of its authorisation scheme for renewables, seeking to award 70 MW of solar power capacity.
- Interested parties can apply by November 26, 2019, the Ministry of

Energy, Mines and Renewable Energies announced.

- The scope of the tender includes the development and construction of 60 MW of PV parks whose individual capacities will not exceed 10 MW, along with 10 MW of small-scale installations of up to 1 MW each. Selected parties will be awarded long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) with state-owned utility Societe Tunisienne de l'electricite et du gaz (STEG).

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7. Nigeria: Germany to partner Nigeria in exploring alternative energy solutions

- To address gaps in the country's epileptic power supply, Germany has concluded plans to partner with Nigeria to offer renewable energy, as a sustainable, cheap and climate friendly alternative to bridge the country's huge energy deficit.
- At the Germany energy conference that held recently in Lagos, the Deputy Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ms. Alexandra Herr, said: "Germany boasts of a long history of economic, political and trade affiliations that cut across sectors as agriculture, food processing and manufacturing, spanning over 160 years".
- The aim of the trade mission according to the Deputy Delegate of the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Nigeria (AHK Nigeria), Duke Benjamin, was to provide a platform for bilateral business collaboration between German manufacturers and their Nigerian counterparts, promote technical/projects partnerships, technology transfer and adaptation, and exports promotion.

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8. Egypt: Three IPPs pre-selected for Zaafarana 50MW solar project in Egypt

- New and Renewable Energy Authority (NREA), the public body that implements renewable energy projects in Egypt, has preselected three independent power producers (IPPs) for the implementation of the Zaafarana solar project. It will produce 50 MW of solar energy.
- The Zaafarana solar project is progressing. Three independent power producers (IPPs) have been pre-selected by the New and Renewable Energy Authority (NREA) for the implementation of the project, as part of a public-private partnership (PPP). These are Nari Solar Energy Technology Co, a Chinese company; Vikram Solar, a company based in Calcutta, India; and the German company BELECTRIC Solar & Battery GmbH, which specialises in the construction of solar power plants and battery storage systems, with 300 solar power plants commissioned worldwide.

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