

## AFRICA ENERGY UPDATE



### Morocco: Morocco having on-going discussions with AfDB on implementing “Desert to Power”

- The African Development Bank is seeking Morocco’s support for the implementation of the “Desert to Power” programme. An initiative that will provide solar energy to 250 million people in the Sahel.
- The collaboration would allow Morocco to put its experience in the green energy sector at the service of the African continent. The “Desert to Power” operation would lead to the establishment of a “New deal for energy in Africa”. This AfDB programme, launched in 2017, aims to achieve universal access to energy throughout the continent by 2025. In particular, it will result in the installation of 10 GW of electricity from green energy.
- The AfDB, through the “Desert to Power” programme, would like to use the solar potential of the Sahel countries to increase electricity production. AfDB estimates show that 64% of the Sahel population is without electricity. Yet the continent is twice as sunny as Europe. With the implementation of this initiative, more than 90 million Africans would have access to electricity for the first time ever. The “Desert to Power” project seems to be timely, at a moment when the energy deficit is estimated to cost between 2 to 4% of Africa’s annual GDP.

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### 1. Nigeria: Shell, Seplat hunt for land rigs signals possible Nigerian oil sector recovery

- The hunt for land rigs by Anglo-Dutch super major Shell, and Nigerian independent Seplat Petroleum, probably shows exploration and production activities are about to pick-up again after active rig count in Nigeria fell by half last year.
- As of June 2018, Africa’s largest crude producer had 32 oil rigs according to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries’ Monthly Oil Market Report (MOMR). But this has fallen to 14 rigs as of June 2019, according to the oil cartel’s latest July MOMR. This is more than a 50 percent decrease.
- Rig count is a function of the level of exploration, development and production activities occurring in the oil and gas sector. A drop in active rig count means oil exploration and production activities in have decreased year-on-year.

[Businessday.ng](http://Businessday.ng)

### 2. Zimbabwe: Local firm invests \$20m in Zimbabwe solar power project

- A local company, Harava Solar, has invested about US\$25 million in the designing and construction of a 20MW solar power plant in Seke, which will see the country saving up to US\$4 million per year when the firm starts feeding the national grid.

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- The entire project, spanning 20 hectares of land, is valued at US\$27,9 million and projected to start generating power from January next year.
- At construction peak, Mr Ngadya, who is also CEO and founder of Invest Solar Africa giant, expects the company to create 170 direct jobs. Job creation is in line with the Transitional Stabilisation Programme (TSP) that seeks to establish “decent jobs” for citizens for the attainment of Vision 2030 of an upper middle income economy.

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### **3. Nigeria: Nigeria, Morocco to deliver gas pipeline in record time – NNPC**

- The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and the Kingdom of Morocco have pledged to deliver on the gas pipeline bilateral agreement between Nigeria and the North African nation in record time.
- This was made known by the Group Managing Director of the Corporation, Mallam Mele K. Kyari, while receiving the Moroccan Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency Moha Ou Ali Tagma, at the NNPC Towers, Tuesday.
- He described Morocco and Nigeria as “two important African countries” that can achieve a lot while working together towards developing their respective economies and creating jobs for their citizens.

[Nnpigroup.com](http://nnpigroup.com)

### **4. Zola Electric partners with OVH Energy to expand renewable energy access in Nigeria**

- ZOLA Electric, Africa’s leading and most trusted solar energy solutions provider, has announced partnership with OVH Energy, licensee of the leading indigenous oil and gas downstream company – Oando retail brand in Nigeria, as part of its efforts to provide more Nigerians with access to clean 24 hour Power anywhere.
- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zola Electric, Bill Lenihan at partnership meeting between Zola Electric and OVH Energy in Lagos on Monday, July 22, 2019 stated that the partnership is consistent with company’s plan to make access to renewable energy products easier across Nigeria.
- Lenihan further explained that the partnership offers Zola Electric access to OVH Energy’s over 385 filling stations pan-Nigeria, a strong platform to reach millions of homes and businesses with its advanced solar power solutions.
- This is in line with its mission to deliver ‘Clean 24 hour power, anywhere’.

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### **5. Nigeria: FG to deploy biogas for power generation**

- The federal government on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2019 in Abuja affirmed its readiness to deploy biogas for electricity generation in the country.
- The Head of Department of Environmental Biotechnology and Bio-

conservation Department, National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA), Dr. Gloria Obioh, stated this in an interview with News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

- According to her, the government fabricated bio-digesters adapted to local conditions to generate 20,000MW through conversion of organic wastes.
- Obioh expressed optimism that the bio-digesters produced by NABDA for electricity generation, would also create jobs and raise the country's GDP.

[Thisdaylive.com](http://Thisdaylive.com)

#### **6. South Africa: World Bank guarantees operation of 100MW KaXu Solar One in SA**

- The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), part of the World Bank Group, has issued guarantees to Atlantica Yield PLC to cover the ownership and operation of the 100-MW KaXu Solar One Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) park in South Africa.
- The guarantees are worth USD 98.6 million (EUR 88.5m) and are issued against the risks of Breach of Contract, future returns and investments into the project, MIGA said on Monday.
- The project was awarded under the first round of South Africa's Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPP) in 2011. Through the specific scheme, South Africa aims to install about 19 GW of renewables capacity by 2030.

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#### **7. Ghana: Ghana's VRA invites tenders for transformers, others**

- Ghana's Volta River Authority intends to apply a portion of its budgetary allocation to cover eligible payments under a contract for which this Invitation for Tenders (IFT) is issued.
- The scope of the works expected to be awarded under this IFT includes but not limited to the procurement and installation of two new packaged 3.3/0.415kV, 250kVA transformers at Akosombo Generating Station in the Eastern Region of Ghana for power supply to the spillway gates.
- The Volta River Authority now invites sealed tenders from eligible contractors for the design, manufacture, testing, delivery to site and erection of the transformers, associated panels, reinforced steel conduit and cabling.

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#### **8. Cote D'Ivoire: Cote D'Ivoire Pilot To Reduce Energy Losses Globally**

- The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) has selected EnerNex as a partner for grid modernization project in Cote d'Ivoire. EnerNex will provide its services for the implementation of a smart grid study project.
- The study will help Cote d'Ivoire Energies (CI-ENERGIES) to identify measures to reduce its energy losses.

- The results of the pilot will be used to develop a full “Loss Reduction Strategy” and implementation plan to reduce energy losses globally.
- The project will also help Cote d’Ivoire to expand its energy generation capacity by integrating more renewable energy resources.

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