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# Mali Energy Storage Power Station Planning



## Overview

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Is Mali ready to scale up renewables?

The Ministry, working through the Mali Renewable Energy Agency (AER-Mali), has initiated a partnership with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to assess Mali's readiness to scale up renewables.

Will Mali get a large solar power plant?

As far as the energy transition is concerned, UEMOA has carried out an installation study for large solar power plants, identifying five sites - which include Mali - for a total capacity of 574 megawatts (MW), to be commissioned by 2030.

What are the main sources of electricity in Mali?

At present, thermal and large-scale hydropower plants are the main sources of electricity supply on the national grid. Renewable energy could provide the most competitive form of power in Mali due to today's advanced technological reliability, declining technology costs and high resource potential.

Who manages the energy sector in Mali?

Institutions involved in the management of the energy sector include Mali's Ministry of Energy and Water and its affiliated entities. Table 7 summarises the key institutions and their main tasks. Created from a redefinition of the mandate of the former National Center for Solar and Renewable Energy.

What should Mali do about renewable-based electricity?

Mali also should provide guidelines and standards to accommodate renewable-based electricity. Consultation with relevant stakeholders is crucial, since grid connection codes impact on all those involved in the power system.

How many people in Mali have access to electricity?

In Mali, less than half of the population has access to electricity, whereas in rural areas access is limited to only 16.7% of the population. In terms of modern fuels, access is extremely low, at only 2% and 3% for rural and urban areas, respectively. Energy access is widely recognised as essential to improve economic welfare.

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