

Africa Energy

Jean-Louis Borloo compte lever 3 milliards \$ pour financer les énergies renouvelables en Afrique

Ecofin, 1st October 2015

Jean Louis Borloo compte lever 3 milliards de dollars auprès des donateurs occidentaux pour financer les projets d'énergies renouvelables en Afrique. L'ex-ministre français a déclaré avoir obtenu l'engagement des gouvernements occidentaux à l'accompagner dans son projet. ... [Full story](#)

Africa's 'light bulb moment' and its lead role in the global renewable energy transformation

The Huffington Post, 1st October 2015

Africa's 900 million people use less energy than Spain's 47 million. In sub-Saharan Africa, 621 million people have no electricity whatsoever. Each year, 600,000 Africans -- half of them children -- die from household air pollution, caused by fuelwood and charcoal used for cooking. ... [Full story](#)

UK government backs African 'solar energy revolution'

Business Green 30th September 2015

The UK government has vowed to play a leading role in delivering a "solar revolution" across Africa, arguing the technology has the potential to transform energy access across the continent. Speaking at a meeting with African leaders, investors, and business executives in at the UN in New York yesterday, International Development Minister Grant Shapps said the UK was keen to push the development of Africa's nascent solar market up the political agenda. ... [Full story](#)

What makes renewable energy in Africa attractive to big investors?

Ventures Africa, 29th September 2015

The African Renewable Energy Fund (AREF), a dedicated fund focused on sub-Saharan Africa, announced that it successfully reached its target of \$200 million in committed capital to support small-to-medium-scale projects. ... [Full story](#)

OBG/énergies renouvelables : L'Algérie ambitionne de se positionner en leader regional

El Moudjahid, 27th September 2015

L'Algérie dispose d'un fort potentiel à l'exportation en matière d'énergie renouvelable, notamment vers l'Europe. «Le bassin méditerranéen est déjà quadrillé de lignes d'interconnexion, mais les taux d'ensoleillement élevé et les vastes terrains d'Afrique du Nord ont fait de la région un point de polarisation des efforts de l'UE pour faire passer sa part d'énergies renouvelables à 20% d'ici à 2020», souligne une analyse du cabinet conseil OBG. ... [Full story](#)

African Development Bank head pushes for energy access, adding value

Reuters, 25th September 2015

Africa should push to achieve universal access to electricity within a decade while accelerating its transformation to a continent exporting finished goods, rather than raw materials, the new head of the African Development Bank said on Friday. ... [Full story](#)

Nous pouvons éclairer et nourrir l'Afrique !

Le Monde, 25th September 2015

L'ampleur de la crise migratoire qui sévit actuellement en Europe est au cœur du débat politique européen et au-delà. Un grand nombre de migrants fuient les situations difficiles dont ils sont

victimes, notamment en Syrie, en Iraq et en Afghanistan. Cependant, une bonne proportion de ces populations qui risquent leur vie en tentant leur chance pour un avenir meilleur en Europe, vient d'Afrique. ... [Full story](#)

Zambia: renewable energy feed-in tariff at final stages

ESI Africa, 23rd September 2015

On Tuesday, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Zambian Ministry of Mines, Energy, and Water Development marked the final stages in the development of Zambia's Renewable Energy Feed-In Tariff (REFIT) mechanism, the Lusaka Times reported. ... [Full story](#)

Sub-Saharan Africa urged to drop fossil fuels, according to nuclear player

ESI Africa, 22nd September 2015

Last week, global nuclear player Rosatom, stressed that Sub-Saharan Africa should be transitioning away from fossil fuels, a move that has been dubbed the 'energy revolution'. By introducing technologies such as nuclear power, countries like Ghana could boost socio-economic development, while offsetting the regions CO2 emissions. ... [Full story](#)

OPIC invests \$400 million in solar thermal plant in South Africa

Bloomberg, 21st September 2015

Overseas Private Investment Corp., the U.S. government's development bank, will invest up to \$400 million in a solar thermal plant in South Africa. The Redstone solar project is being developed by Santa Monica, California-based SolarReserve and ACWA Power, a Saudi Arabian electricity producer. ... [Full story](#)

Africa Climate

Lack of electricity locks people in poverty – low-carbon energy is the key

The Guardian, 2nd October 2015

Steam billows from an energy plant in a stretch of Kenya's Great Rift Valley, about 180km north of the capital, Nairobi. But the white clouds rising from the tidy grid of pipes aren't a sign of polluting greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change. ... [Full story](#)

COP21 : ce qu'il faut savoir des engagements africains pour le climat

Jeune Afrique, 2nd October 2015

La date limite est désormais passée. Les 195 pays attendus à Paris du 30 novembre au 11 décembre pour la COP21 avaient en effet jusqu'au 1er octobre minuit pour rendre leur copie en matière d'engagements climatiques. Une date respectée par la grande majorité des pays africains, dont les promesses doivent désormais être financées. ... [Full story](#)

Why African financial institutions should contribute to the discussion on climate change

Ventures Africa, 1st October 2015

In ongoing global discussions on climate change, much of the responsibility for preserving the environment has been placed on governments. However, it appears that financial institutions might have a reason to make significant contributions to the fight against global warming. ... [Full story](#)

Small farmers in Africa will experience the worst of climate change

Yahoo News, 30th September 2015

Spoiler alert: Climate change is going to be rough on agriculture. As a recent report by Agriculture for Impact found, "hunger and malnutrition could increase by as much as 20 percent as a result of climate change" by 2050. The USDA concurs with this assessment, citing water restrictions, rising temperatures, reduced forage for livestock, and increased insect populations as some of the reasons for its detrimental effects. ... [Full story](#)

Africa: Raising the level of ambition towards a COP21 outcome through nationally-determined mitigation pledges

All Africa, 30th September 2015

In December 2015, the UN Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) will host the 21st annual Conference of Parties (COP 21) negotiations to achieve universal commitment towards an ambitious, legally binding agreement on climate change. ... [Full story](#)

Africa: Why African energy choices need to be low carbon - for the continent's own sake

All Africa, 29th September 2015

Africa is the poorest continent, with the fastest growing population. Rapid and sustained economic development is needed to overcome poverty. This development will need energy, and lots of it. The challenge is to do this without warming the planet further, as this would cause additional dangerous climate impacts that could undermine African development gains. ... [Full story](#)

Il faut 18 milliards \$/an aux petits agriculteurs africains pour s'adapter au changement climatique

Ecofin, 28th September 2015

Il faut aider les petits agriculteurs africains à s'adapter au changement climatique africain ou sinon le continent risque de retomber dans les situations de crises alimentaires dont elle peine à s'extirper. C'est la conclusion du dernier rapport du Panel de Montpellier. Ce groupe d'experts européens et africains des domaines de l'agriculture, du commerce, de l'écologie et du développement mondial dénonce le faible niveau du financement dédié à l'adaptation des petits producteurs africains au changement climatique. ... [Full story](#)

UK to spend £5.8bn on tackling climate change in poor countries

The Guardian, 27th September 2015

Almost £6bn of the UK's foreign aid budget will be spent on tackling climate change in poor countries over the next five years, David Cameron has said, as Britain steps up its contributions by 50% to help meet international targets. ... [Full story](#)

COP21 : la Tunisie et 6 autres nouveaux pays africains présentent leurs engagements pour le climat

Jeune Afrique, 25th September 2015

À deux mois de l'ouverture de la COP21 à Paris, quinze pays africains ont pour l'heure annoncé leurs engagements en matière de réduction de gaz à effet de serre. Découvrez leurs engagements sur notre carte. ... [Full story](#)

Africa's farmers 'need urgent climate-proof investment'

BBC, 25th September 2015

A lack of investment will derail efforts to ensure Africa's farmers can feed future generations in the face of climate change, a report has warned. Food shortages, malnutrition and migration will undo decades of development unless more funding is made available, the authors added. Failure to act could jeopardise UN global development goals, they warn. ... [Full story](#)

COP21 – Fatima Denton : « Le fonds vert de l'ONU pour le climat n'est pas suffisant »

Jeune Afrique, 24th September 2015

À quelques semaines de la 21e Conférence des parties de la Convention-cadre des Nations unies sur les changements climatiques (COP21), la coordinatrice du Centre africain pour la politique en matière de climat, Fatima Denton revient sur trois enjeux cruciaux de l'accord de Paris. ... [Full story](#)

East Africa: EAC seeks to learn higher education practices from Germany, Singapore

All Africa, 30th September 2015

As the East African Community (EAC) moves to enhance its higher education system, it is looking to borrow a leaf from countries such as Germany and Singapore that have excelled in linking academia to the world of work. ... [Full story](#)

L'Algérie et l'Afrique du Sud lancent un projet de centre de recherche sur les nanomatériaux

Maghreb Emergent, 28th September 2015

L'Algérie et l'Afrique du Sud lanceront un projet de réalisation d'un centre de recherche sur les nanomatériaux, qui sera dédié à différentes applications, a annoncé dimanche à Alger le Professeur Hafid Aourag, DG de la Recherche scientifique et du développement technologique, cité par l'agence de presse officielle APS. ... [Full story](#)

Closing Africa's skills gap and fostering innovation through technology

The Huffington Post, 23rd September 2015

Africa -- the world's most youthful continent -- is bursting with the energy, creativity and ingenuity of some 200 million young people between ages 15 and 24. Young people in Africa are better educated than previous generations. And they have greater access to technology and other world-class resources than ever before in history. ... [Full story](#)

South Africa: Franktalk - What does africanisation of higher education mean?

All Africa, 22nd September 2015

"Policies that come out of academia usually become policies of a country and so, if we want to change society, we need to start at universities." This is the view of Obenewa Amponsah, the Chief Executive Officer of the Steve Biko Foundation (SBF). She was sharing a panel at the FrankTalk Dialogue with Dr Birgit Schreiber, Leigh-Ann Naidoo and Professor Simphiwe Sesanti. ... [Full story](#)

South Africa's unemployment woes due to lack of higher education – Minister

Star Africa, 21st September 2015

While unemployment in South Africa was exacerbated by a lack of appropriate skills, it was also compounded by the shortage of suitable post-high school education opportunities, Minister in the Presidency Jeff Radebe has said. Radebe was speaking on the occasion of the release of the government's Development Indicators 2014 report on Sunday. ... [Full story](#)

Africa Water

Development banks spur \$1 billion for West African energy plan

Bloomberg, 2nd October 2015

Ten development banks are collaborating to mobilize 938 million euros (\$1 billion) of investment in a hydro-power dam and an interconnection system to provide electricity to Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal in West Africa. ... [Full story](#)

Zambia drained world's biggest dam behind crisis, Scott says

Bloomberg, 30th September 2015

Zambia's overuse of the world's biggest man-made reservoir to generate electricity has depleted its water levels, according to Guy Scott, a former vice president who led the country for three months until January this year. His comments contradict government assertions that drought is to blame for the country's worst-ever power crisis. ... [Full story](#)

China wins Africa friends by building dam in Ebola outbreak

Bloomberg, 29th September 2015

As workers at Western companies fled West Africa during the world's worst-ever Ebola outbreak, a state-owned Chinese company carried on. China International Water & Electric Corp. completed the Kaleta dam on budget and a year ahead of schedule in July, ending chronic power shortages in the capital, Conakry. Construction continued even as companies including London-based Rio Tinto Plc and Luxembourg-based ArcelorMittal SA paused projects in the region. ... [Full story](#)

Cairo announces urgent meeting on Ethiopian dam

Middle East Monitor, 29th September 2015

Egypt's presidential spokesman Alaa Youssef said yesterday that the Tripartite National Committee (TNC) is to convene on 5 October to discuss the issue of the Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), MENA reported. ... [Full story](#)

Firms invest in African hydro development

Water Power Magazine, 28th September 2015

Hydroneo Afrique, a wholly-owned subsidiary of hydro equipment developer Mecamidi, has partnered with African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM), a subsidiary of Macquarie and OldMutual Investment Group, in a bid to develop a pipeline of hydropower plants across Africa. ... [Full story](#)

Drought, hydropower, and Africa's energy crisis

Diplomatic Courier, 24th September 2015

It seems that only crises of a certain nature—usually terrorism or strongmen trampling on their country's constitution—can draw the world's attention to Africa. As such, it is unfair that the worst drought in a decade, which has put at risk almost ten percent of Southern Africa and left a record number of people in need of aid, has gone almost unnoticed. ... [Full story](#)

En Afrique, Veolia change de créneau

Jeune Afrique, 23rd September 2015

Sur le continent, la stratégie du géant français de l'eau déroute. S'il semblait ces derniers temps faire machine arrière, il met aujourd'hui le cap sur l'énergie, avec un nouveau contrat en Guinée. On a cru un moment que Veolia voulait quitter l'Afrique. En 2011, le groupe français, numéro un mondial des services à l'environnement (eau, déchets, transports et énergie), entamait un programme de réduction drastique de ses coûts, mettait un terme à ses contrats de gestion du réseau de bus de Rabat-Salé, au Maroc, et de propreté à Alexandrie, en Égypte. ... [Full story](#)

Côte d'Ivoire: Clean Energy Financing Forum selects hydropower as winner

ESI Africa, 21st September 2015

In West Africa, the second West Africa Forum for Clean Energy Financing (WAFCEF2) has awarded the top prize to the Ivoire Hydropower Energy project, a start-up driven by Ety Ekolan Alain, in Côte d'Ivoire. ... [Full story](#)

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