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Africa Energy News

Énergie : le Sénégal se rallie à l'initiative Scaling Solar

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Le Sénégal a conclu un accord avec la Société financière internationale (IFC), filiale du groupe de la Banque mondiale, dans le cadre de l'initiative Scaling Solar. À la clé, la mise en service, d'ici deux ans, d'une centrale photovoltaïque d'une capacité de 50 à 200 mégawatts.

South Africa to procure nuclear energy at affordable scale: Zuma

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South Africa will procure nuclear energy at an affordable pace and scale, President Jacob Zuma said on Thursday. "We will procure nuclear energy on a scale and pace that the country can afford," Zuma said in his annual state of the nation address to parliament.

Burkina : la Banque mondiale va financer la construction d'une centrale thermique pour 80 à 100 millions de dollars

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En visite de travail au Burkina Faso, le vice-président de la Banque mondiale pour l'Afrique, le sénégalais Makhtar Diop, a annoncé une aide de 80 à 100 millions de dollars pour aider le pays à construire une centrale thermique de 50 mégawatts. Ce projet vise à réduire le déficit énergétique du pays évalué à 140 mégawatts.

Here's why global oil prices will not increase this year

Ventures Africa – 10 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The International Energy Agency (IEA), in its latest report, revealed that the global prices of oil are unlikely to increase this year after slumping below \$30 per barrel in late January. Having peaked, at a five-year high of 1.6 million barrels per day in 2015, global oil demand growth is forecast to ease back considerably in 2016, to 1.2 million barrels per day as a result of slow economic growth most notably in Europe, China and the United States.

Kenya doubles power exports to Uganda, Tanzania

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Kenya has nearly doubled its electricity exports to Tanzania and Uganda on the back of increased geothermal power generation even as local consumers await the price advantage. Kenya Power, the electricity distributor, sold 46.6 million units (kilowatt hours) to the two countries last year, up from 26.9 million a year earlier, official data shows.

Powering Africa: Overcoming hurdles between master plans and power plants

Devex – 10 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Bringing electricity to the 600 million people in sub-Saharan Africa still unable to rely on an adequate power supply is one of the defining challenges of the early 21st century. There is a new groundswell of commitment among development donors and corporate investors to solve the problem.

Barack Obama promulgue la loi validant le plan « Power Africa »

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Le président des États-Unis a promulgué le 08 février une loi, adoptée la semaine dernière par le Congrès, qui vise à inciter le secteur privé à investir en Afrique afin de fournir l'électricité à 60 millions de foyers dans la région.

US President Obama signs Africa electricity plan into law

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US President Barack Obama has signed into law an initiative aimed at bringing electricity to 50 million people in sub-Saharan Africa by 2020. The Electrify Africa Act of 2015 will give legal backing to Mr Obama's flagship Power Africa scheme, which is trying to improve access to electricity through public-private partnerships.

Tanzania looks into geothermal energy

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Sospeter Muhongo, minister of energy and minerals, orders the Tanzania Geothermal Development Company (TGDC) to begin drilling three holes in the Lake Ngozi area. Muhongo noted that neighbouring countries within the east African region including Kenya and Ethiopia are already exploiting geothermal power and has ordered the TGDC to start drilling by June this year, reports Business Week.

Power Africa: Deals or development? 5 questions for the US government

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In a rare and welcome display of bipartisan support, the United States Congress just passed the Electrify Africa Act, ensuring the continuation of the Obama administration's Power Africa initiative to expand access to electricity in Africa. Now that this legislation will become the law of the land, we urge the U.S. government to succeed by asking and answering the key questions we offer below.

World's largest concentrated solar plant switches on in the Sahara

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Morocco has switched on what will be the world's largest concentrated solar power plant. The new site near the city of Ouarzazate -- famous as a filming location for Hollywood blockbusters like "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Gladiator" -- could produce enough energy to power over one million homes by 2018 and reduce carbon emissions by an estimated 760,000 tons per year, according to the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) finance group.

Énergie renouvelable - Maroc : le défi solaire de Ouarzazate

Le Point – 5 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Avec l'inauguration de la centrale Noor I, le Maroc confirme l'objectif qu'il s'est donné de renforcer son mix énergétique avec du renouvelable. « La consommation nationale d'électricité a doublé en une dizaine d'années », a rappelé, en présence du roi, le directeur général de l'Office national de l'électricité (ONE), lors de l'inauguration de la première tranche de la centrale solaire Noor en ce jeudi 4 février 2016.

Solar innovation provides cheap, clean energy to Kenya residents

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In Kenya, a company called M-Kopa Solar is providing clean energy to more than 300,000 homes across East Africa by allowing customers to "pay-as-you-go" via their cell phones. Customers pay a small deposit for a solar unit and then pay less than a dollar a day to get clean energy to light up their homes or businesses.

Maroc : 5 chiffres pour saisir l'immensité de la centrale solaire Noor de Ouarzazate

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Le Maroc investit son désert et met le cap sur une énergie presque inépuisable et surtout renouvelable : le solaire. La première partie de la centrale Noor, baptisée Noor-1, doit être inaugurée ce jeudi par Mohammed VI, quelques mois avant que le Maroc n'accueille en décembre la COP 22.

Eskom forecasts no South Africa power cuts going into winter

Bloomberg – 3 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd., the South African power utility that last year struggled to provide the continent's most-industrialized economy with constant supply, said there is little risk of scheduled blackouts until the nation's colder months start in June. "Eskom has stabilized and we don't anticipate load shedding for the rest of summer and winter," Chief Executive Officer Brian Molefe told reporters in Johannesburg Wednesday.

Ethiopia joins UK's Energy Africa campaign

Public Finance International – 1 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Ethiopia has become the seventh African country to sign up to the UK's Energy Africa campaign, which aims to capitalise on solar power to accelerate universal energy access in sub-Saharan Africa. The UK Department for International Development, which launched the campaign in October, said that 5 million households in the country lack regular electricity, disrupting daily life and hampering the country's economic growth.

Africa Water News

Platinum Power à la recherche de prestataires pour trois complexes hydroélectriques

Le Matin – 11 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Platinum Power, opérateur panafricain indépendant d'électricité, lance un appel à manifestation d'intérêt (AMI) pour la réalisation de trois complexes hydroélectriques au Maroc. Objectif : la sélectionner un consortium qui assurera la construction clé en main (génie civil, équipements électromécaniques, électriques et hydromécaniques, réseau d'évacuation d'énergie, etc.) des trois futurs complexes.

Pénurie d'eau potable au Cameroun : comment y remédier ?

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Le Cameroun possède l'un des premiers réservoirs d'eau souterraine et d'eau de surface en Afrique selon la FAO. Dans le pays, le nom de l'essentiel des départements administratifs est en général celui du cours d'eau qui les arrose.

De nouvelles inquiétudes pour l'Égypte à propos des eaux du Nil

Agence Ecofin – 8 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

L'Égypte vient de se retirer du Pool énergétique est-africain (EAPP). La principale raison de ce départ est son inquiétude à propos du désir des autres pays traversés par le Nil, l'Éthiopie et le Soudan notamment, d'installer des infrastructures hydroélectriques sur ce dernier.

Electricité : L'or du Nil Bleu

Paris Match – 6 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

L'Éthiopie va enfin exploiter le plus grand fleuve d'Afrique. Édifié sur le Nil Bleu, le barrage de la Renaissance sera le plus important d'Afrique. Le gigantesque ouvrage permettra à un territoire vaste comme deux fois la France d'être enfin électrifié.

Egypt pulls out of regional power pool as it protests use of Nile waters

allAfrica – 6 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Egypt has pulled out of the grand East African regional power pool until its concerns over the use of the Nile waters have been addressed. In the recent Council of Ministers' meeting in Addis Ababa held by the 10 Eastern African Power Pool (EAPP) countries, Egypt refused to sign and adopt the master plan for the power pool as the hydropower generation projects in Ethiopia and Sudan are on the Nile.

Kariba Dam water levels increase for first time in 9 months

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Water levels at the Kariba dam that straddles Zambia and Zimbabwe rose for the first time in nine months, data from the authority that regulates the world's biggest man-made reservoir show. Levels increased by 3 centimeters (1.2 inches) during the week ended Feb. 1, the Zambezi River Authority said in a statement posted to its website Wednesday. That's the first weekly gain since at least April.

One of Africa's biggest dams is falling apart

The New Yorker – 2 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The new year has not been kind to the hydroelectric-dam industry. On January 11th, the New York Times reported that Mosul Dam, the largest such structure in Iraq, urgently requires maintenance to prevent its collapse, a disaster that could drown as many as five hundred thousand people downstream and leave a million homeless.

Grand Inga dreams fail to see the light of day

BusinessDay Live – 1 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The Grand Inga dam complex in the Democratic Republic of Congo went another step closer to "zombie" status after the October construction start date, announced by the Congolese government at the signing in 2013 of a treaty with SA to develop the hydropower scheme, came and went without a sod being turned.

Norway to help Tanzania rehabilitate Dam

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Norway is helping to push Tanzania towards increasing use of alternative electricity energy by agreeing to finance the full rehabilitation of the Kikuletwa hydro-power plant located in northern Tanzania.

Africa Climate Change News

Le changement climatique et le phénomène El Nino ont eu une forte influence sur les catastrophes naturelles en 2015

Voix de l'Amérique – 12 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Le Bureau de l'ONU pour la Réduction des Risques de Catastrophe (UNISDR) a enregistré 32 sécheresses de grande ampleur au cours de l'année écoulée. Un nombre qui représente plus que le double de la moyenne annuelle sur cette dernière décennie. L'impact a été particulièrement grave en Afrique sub-saharienne.

UN must help impoverished farmers adapt to climate change: experts

Huffington Post – 10 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

A new push to give farmers in developing countries better access to markets, led by the United Nations' food aid agency, could fall short of its goals if it does not prioritize helping poor farmers adapt to climate change, experts have warned.

Climate change will see East Africa get wetter say scientists

allAfrica – 6 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

East Africa could be the lucky exception to the disastrous effects of climate change as scientists predict increased precipitation as temperatures rise. Four scientists -- working with the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (Asareca) -- Kizito Kwena, William Ndegwa, Imad Ali-Babiker and Hezron Mogaka -- say the flipside to rising temperatures is that East Africa is likely to get wetter mid-century.

Développement : quand l'Afrique passera au vert

Jeune Afrique – 5 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Avec le réchauffement climatique, le continent semble promis au pire : sécheresses, montée des eaux, crises alimentaires... À moins qu'il n'en profite pour devenir un champion du développement durable ?

Le climat, un impératif économique et moral

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Une tribune signée par Desmond Tutu et Trévor Manuel, ancien ministre sud-africain des Finances. Il arrive trop souvent que l'on doive choisir entre ce qui est moralement juste et ce qui est économiquement bénéfique. Les différentes options semblent parfois mutuellement s'exclure, rendant le choix excessivement difficile.

Drought in Southern Africa threatens social unrest, power supply challenges

Forbes – 4 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Many countries in southern Africa are facing extended periods of drought, as the ongoing El Niño weather pattern continues to have a severe impact. The South African government has labeled the current drought as the worst since 1982. Meanwhile, the Zimbabwean Ministry of Agriculture has compared it to the drought of 1992, which affected 86 million people across 10 countries and prompted a regional economic recession.

AfDB reveals climate change investment plans

ESI Africa – 2 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has stated that it plans to invest huge amounts in funding pledges that are aimed at combating climate change in Africa. During the 31st Session seminar of the New Partnership for Africa's Development Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee, AfDB president Akinwumi Adesina revealed that the bank wishes to capitalise between \$40 and \$50 billion in the energy sector across the continent.

Sécheresse et pénurie alimentaire en Afrique de l'Est et australe

RFI – 1 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Quatorze millions de personnes pourraient manquer de nourriture en 2016 en Afrique australe suite à la grave sécheresse qui affecte les récoltes de la région depuis plusieurs mois, selon un communiqué de l'ONU publié lundi. Le phénomène climatique El Niño est le grand responsable de ce drame en cours. La Corne de l'Afrique, et notamment l'Éthiopie, mais aussi le sud du continent et Madagascar sont touchés.

Green jobs boom: meet the frontline of the new solar economy

The Guardian – 1 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

While the price of oil is plummeting, taking with it a significant number of jobs, the renewable energy job market is booming. It is estimated that it will grow to 24m jobs worldwide by 2030 – up from 9.2m reported in 2014 – according to analysis by the International Renewable Energy Industry (Irena), which predicts that doubling the proportion of renewables in the global energy mix would increase GDP by up to \$1.3tn across the world.

Africa called to implement Climate Change Agreement

allAfrica – 31 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The Chairperson of the Africa Union Commission, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma has called on all African states to move swiftly, so that the agreement on climate change can come into effect to unlock the wealth of nations and save the planet.

Climate change could devastate Africa. It's already hurting this Kenyan town.

The Washington Post – 30 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The lake that Philip Tioko relies on for survival is a fine turquoise strip that seems to recede farther into the distance each day. His fishing village once hugged the shore, but now it is 800 feet away, and everything — food, water and employment — is drying up.

Africa Education News

Key role for universities in African education strategy

University World News – 5 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

There is a strong call for strengthening universities and research in the new Continental Education Strategy for Africa 2016-2025. Its objectives include boosting postgraduate and post-doctoral education and growing competitive awards to nurture young academics, more international research cooperation and expanding centres of excellence and institutional links.

African universities offer ray of light

Mail & Guardian – 5 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Africa has the lowest university enrolment rates in the world, relative to population. In the past two decades, though, almost all the continent's higher education systems have recorded massive growth. The spike in enrolments started in the late 1990s. It was driven partly by the liberalisation of the global economy. People also started becoming more aware of the critical role that higher education plays in development.

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