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Africa Energy News

Morocco establish international tender for large-scale solar power project

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In North Africa, the Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy has established a new international tender for a large-scale solar power project with a total installed capacity of 400MW. The solar power project will include systems based on solar PV and solar thermal power generation technology, according to The North Africa Post.

L'Algérie et l'Inde veulent développer la coopération énergétique

L'Econews – 14 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Le ministre de l'Energie, Salah Khebri, a reçu jeudi, l'ambassadeur de l'Inde en Algérie, Kuldeep Singh Bhardwaj, avec qui, il a discuté des opportunités de coopération dans le domaine de l'énergie, indique un communiqué du ministère.

World Bank endorses financial aid for Liberian energy projects

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On Monday, the World Bank announced that it has endorsed a new funding contract that is worth a total of \$27 million, which will be aimed at fast-tracking access to affordable and reliable electricity in Liberia.

Les énergies renouvelables en Afrique ne sont pas une utopie

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Face aux enjeux économiques, sociaux et environnementaux que présente la situation énergétique du continent africain, il est temps de développer un modèle fondé sur la compétitivité des énergies renouvelables et la participation financière des capitaux locaux. L'Afrique est à la veille d'un bond technologique dans les énergies comme elle en a connu un dans les télécoms.

African Sunshine Can Now Be Bought and Sold on the Bond Market

Bloomberg – 12 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Africa's off-grid solar industry has been turned into an asset class for the first time, bundling contracts for thousands of the sun-powered rooftop electricity systems to sell as bonds. Dutch investor Oikocredit International and Persistent Energy Capital LLC, a New York-based merchant bank, jointly decided to try to replicate the U.S. model of securitizing residential solar panels. They are working with the London-based developer BBOXX Ltd.

Formation de techniciens en énergie solaire photovoltaïque

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Éclairer l'Afrique à partir de l'énergie solaire photovoltaïque - A partir du 16 janvier 2016, Bamako abritera une académie de formation de techniciens en énergie solaire. Cette formation s'adressera à des étudiants ayant un profil d'entrepreneur, d'acteur du domaine de l'énergie solaire ou de décideur politique de l'orientation énergétique dans leurs pays respectifs.

Morocco's solar power gamble

Africa Times – 11 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Beaming in the desert, 10 kilometers away from the mountainous city of Ouarzazate, lies Noor, the world's biggest solar power station. Spread across an area of some 30 square kilometers, the first-of-its-kind complex is expected to generate 580MW and power more than 1 million homes when fully completed in 2017. The plant is part of a bold policy initiative envisioned by King Mohammed VI back in 2009 aimed at breaking Morocco's reliance on energy imports and speeding up the pace of green energy development.

Libye: la principale centrale électrique de Benghazi très endommagée

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Cinq des six transformateurs de la centrale électrique de Benghazi ont été la cible vendredi, puis samedi, de tirs de canons. La centrale, qui alimente une grande partie de l'est libyen, est gravement endommagée. Benghazi renoue avec les pénuries. Cela faisait deux mois qu'il n'y avait quasiment plus de délestages, soupire un habitant de Benghazi joint au téléphone. Avec la fin de la saison chaude, la centrale électrique parvenait à alimenter correctement la ville. Mais les tirs d'artillerie de vendredi et samedi ont mis hors service cinq des six transformateurs.

Algeria: Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency, New Priorities of Algerian-EU Cooperation

allAfrica – 10 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The promotion and the reinforcement of partnership between Algeria and the European Union (EU) in the field of renewable energies and energy efficiency is to be the priority of the new plan of energy cooperation, said experts from Brussels-based European Think Tank "Bruegel". "Energy efficiency should be the main target of a new" energy cooperation scheme between Algeria and the EU, especially as the potential of Algeria is huge, which can quickly generate concrete results," said Simone Tagliapietra and Georg Zachmann, in a contribution published Friday by the journal "the Parliament".

Electricity in Africa: Power hungry

The Economist – 9 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

At the edge of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's commercial capital, in a space roughly the size of a football field, stands hope for Africa's industrial future: the Ubungu power plant. Gleaming pipes emerge from the ground; five modern generators hum quietly. This was where, in 2013, Barack Obama announced his Power Africa plan to electrify the continent. The trouble with plants such as Ubungu is that there are not enough of them. Opposite the power plant, young men sell charcoal to burn for cooking and heat. At night in the city centre the streetlights are turned off.

Lighting up Africa: the UK's plan to expand access to energy

The Guardian – 7 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

New UK international development minister Nick Hurd wants to boost off-grid solar power in the only region where those without access to modern energy is set to rise. For a man who has only recently started his job, international development minister Nick Hurd seems sure of his priorities.

South Africa's Developing Solar Energy Landscape

The Huffington Post – 5 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Until a few years ago solar panels were a rare sight in South Africa, largely limited to the roofs of a few affluent households. This is changing rapidly, driven by three factors: the worldwide drive towards renewable energy, a highly strained local electricity supply, and a steady drop in solar panel prices. Taking the lead from other countries, South Africa committed to an energy generation infrastructure development plan for 2010 to 2030, known as the Integrated Resource Plan.

South Africa: Eskom - No Secrecy Around Zim Power Deal

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Eskom has confirmed the sale of electricity to Zimbabwe but denied that the power supply agreement with its Zimbabwean counterpart the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (Zesa) is secret. Eskom said the deal is part of an arrangement among southern African power utilities to sell surplus electricity to each other.

Afrique centrale : 138 millions de dollars de la BAD pour le barrage Ruzizi III

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

La Banque africaine de développement (BAD) a approuvé un financement de 138 millions de dollars pour le financement de ce barrage hydroélectrique, qui doit alimenter le Burundi, la République démocratique du Congo (RDC) et le Rwanda.

Crise : le ministre ghanéen de l'Électricité démissionne

Jeune Afrique – 4 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Kwabena Donkor, le ministre de l'Électricité du Ghana, a rendu sa démission au président John Mahama. En cause : son échec à mettre fin aux délestages qui plombent l'économie ghanéenne, rapporte "Reuters". Le ministre de l'Électricité du Ghana, Kwabena Donkor, a démissionné de son poste le 31 décembre. Une décision qui, selon Reuters, est intervenue à la suite de discussions avec le président John Dramani Mahama, organisées la veille.

Ghana's Power Minister resigns

CNBC Africa – 2 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Ghana's power minister has resigned for unsatisfactory handling of an electricity crisis that caused years of frequent blackouts and hurt the West African country's economy, two government sources said. Kwabena Donkor submitted his resignation on Thursday to President John Mahama after talks at the presidency a day earlier, a source close to the presidency told Reuters. "The president was unhappy with his performance, particularly in handling the crisis. He has accepted the resignation and thanked him for his service," the source said.

Africa Water News

Stress hydrique et agriculture en Afrique du Nord

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Situation de «pénurie chronique», c'est ainsi que qualifie le Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS, France) le stress hydrique qui caractérise l'Afrique du Nord et le Proche-Orient. De plus, le CNRS évalue à seulement 55% les prélèvements en eau qui sont réellement consommés, les 45% restants sont perdus soit par drainage, fuite ou évaporation lors de l'irrigation. En Afrique du Nord, à l'image des pays émergents, l'agriculture consomme 70% de l'eau disponible.

Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia are struggling to share the Nile

The Economist – 13 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The largest hydroelectric project in Africa has so far produced only discord. When Egyptian politicians discussed sabotaging the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam in 2013, they naturally assumed it was a private meeting. But amid all the scheming, and with a big chuckle, Muhammad Morsi, then president, informed his colleagues that their discussion was being broadcast live on a state-owned television channel.

Liberia constructs 60kw hydro power plant

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The Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA) has completed the construction of a 60 Kilowatt micro-hydro power plant, including transmission and distribution systems in Yandohun Town, Kolahun

District, Lofa County, northern Liberia. This was disclosed by the Ministry of Lands, Mines, and Energy (LME) in its 2014 Annual Report released recently.

South Africa: Water Released From Katse Dam for Aliwal North

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Lesotho has come to the rescue of its neighbours in South Africa by sharing much-needed water from the Katse Dam with Aliwal North. The water was released in terms of a bilateral agreement between Lesotho and South Africa in terms of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project. The release was authorised by Director-General Margaret-Ann Diedricks as residents begged for water from motorists passing the town.

Kenya's hydropower dams fuel malaria risk for villagers

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A Ifred Nyaga irrigates his acre of khat, a mild stimulant, in Kaloki village by pumping water with a diesel-powered engine directly from Kamburu Dam in central Kenya. Each morning, he takes the khat he has harvested at night to sell at Kiritiri market, some 30 km (18.64 miles) from the village on a shrub-covered slope stretching to the hydropower dam's banks. Being so close to the reservoir means Nyaga and his four workers are often bitten by mosquitoes as they toil.

Record Heat Forecast in South Africa as Dam Levels Decline

Bloomberg – 6 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

A heatwave in South Africa is intensifying, with record temperatures expected in Johannesburg, causing dam levels to drop as the country experiences its most severe drought since 1992. The temperature in the country's biggest city was forecast to reach a high of 37 degrees Celsius Wednesday and 38 degrees Thursday, according to the South African Weather Service. The hottest day ever recorded in Johannesburg was Nov. 11 last year when the temperature reached 36.5 degrees, according to the service.

Egypte-Diplomatie-Barrage Une délégation d'experts égyptiens en Ethiopie pour visiter le barrage de la Renaissance

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Une délégation d'experts techniques égyptiens séjourne en Ethiopie pour visiter le site où le barrage de la Renaissance est en train d'être construit sur le Nil Bleu. Cette mission intervient une semaine après que l'Ethiopie a invité l'Egypte et le Soudan à visiter le site du barrage dans la région de Benishangul, à 900 km au nord-ouest d'Addis-Abeba.

Egypt's Delegation Heads for Addis Ababa to Attend Technical Meeting On Ethiopia Dam

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A high-profile delegation will head on Tuesday 5/1/2016 to Ethiopia to attend a two-day technical meeting, which will discuss the Egyptian concerns on the Ethiopia Renaissance Dam within the framework of the Khartoum agreement between Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia. The Egyptian delegation will discuss on Wednesday and Thursday some proposals floated by Egypt on the dam.

Mozambique : le barrage hydroélectrique de Cahora Bassa établit son record de production en 2015

Agence Ecofin – 6 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Au Mozambique, le barrage hydroélectrique de Cahora Bassa a produit une quantité record d'électricité au cours de l'année 2015. Il a en effet généré 16 978 GWh d'énergie, sa meilleure performance depuis sa mise en service en 1975. La Hidroeléctrica de Cahora Bassa (HCB), l'entreprise publique en charge de l'exploitation de la centrale, explique que ce résultat est dû aux investissements qui ont été faits sur l'infrastructure au cours des dernières années.

South Africa suffers driest year on record in 2015

Reuters Africa – 14 January 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

South Africa suffered its driest year on record in 2015, the national weather service said on Thursday, as a drought that has threatened the vital maize crop and hit economic growth showed no sign of abating. Average rainfall was 403 mm, about a third less than the 608 mm annual average and the driest since records began in 1904, the service added.

Africa: WBD Unveils U.S.\$26 Billion Africa Climate Business Plan

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The World Bank Group has unveiled a new plan that calls for \$16 billion in funding to help African people and countries adapt to climate change and build up the continent's resilience to climate shocks. Titled Accelerating Climate resilient and Low-Carbon Development, the African Climate Business Plan will be presented at COP21, the global climate talks in Paris, on November, 30. It lays out measures to boost the resilience of the continent's assets-its people, land, water, and cities- as well as other moves including boosting renewable energy and strengthening early warning systems.

Africa: Climate Change to Affect Electricity Production

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Climate change impacts and associated changes in water resources could lead to reduction in electricity production for more than 60 per cent of the power plants worldwide, according to a new study published in the journal Nature Climate Change. Yet adaptation measures focused on making power plants more efficient and flexible could mitigate much of the decline. Model projections show that climate change will impact water availability and will increase water temperatures in many regions of the world from 2040-2069.

Africa: Paris Climate Terror Could Endure for Generations

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Paris witnessed both explicit terrorism by religious extremists on November 13 and, a month later, implicit terrorism by carbon addicts negotiating a world treaty that guarantees catastrophic climate change. The first incident left more than 130 people dead in just one evening's mayhem; the second lasted a fortnight but over the next century can be expected to kill hundreds of millions, especially in Africa.

Africa Education News

South Africa: Inquiry to Probe Higher Education Funding

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President Jacob Zuma has appointed a Commission of Inquiry to look into the broader issues affecting the funding of higher education. The announcement of the commission on Thursday comes after the President's meeting in October 2015 with vice chancellors, chairpersons of university councils, presidents of student representative councils and representatives of student organisations to discuss concerns with regard to fee increases and funding of higher education.

East Africa: Higher Education Institutions Must Grow the Strategic Role of It to Differentiate Themselves in the Market

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Factors such as rising costs, declining affordability, disruptive technologies, and for-profit competitors mean that now is the time for institutions to grow the strategic role of IT to differentiate themselves in the market. Institutions cannot remain static and expect to survive; they must assess the changing environment and take timely action in collaboration with IT when required, according to global analyst firm Ovum.

L'Université Cadi Ayyad de Marrakech dans le top 10 des meilleures universités de la région MENA en 2015, selon son président

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L'Université Cadi Ayyad (UCA) de Marrakech figure dans le top 10 des meilleures universités de la région MENA et au 50e rang sur plus de 700 universités issues des pays BRICS (Brésil, Russie, Inde, Chine et Afrique du Sud) et économies émergentes, a indiqué son président, M. Abdellatif Miraoui mardi lors du forum de la MAP.

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