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Africa Energy News

Ending energy poverty - Power to the powerless

The Economist – 27 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

A new electricity system is emerging to bring light to the world's poorest. The key is persuading customers to pay. Imagine a country the size of India without power. No electric lights, mobile phones, radios crackling with cricket or televisions blaring Bollywood hits. Its economy would be medieval: tailors without electric sewing machines; metalworkers without power lathes; farmers without water pumps. Everyone would rush to finish work by sundown. Nights would be lit only by the moon, cooking fires, candles and kerosene lamps.

AFRIQUE : l'enjeu du développement des énergies renouvelables en Afrique

Vox News – 25 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Une ferme solaire d'une capacité énergétique de 86 MW sera réalisée en Afrique du Sud, dans le cadre du programme gouvernemental lancé en 2011 pour répondre à la forte demande de développement d'énergies nouvelles émanant de plusieurs provinces du pays. Le marché solaire exclusif a été remporté par le Chinois JA Solar, en partenariat avec deux sociétés sud-africaines, Solar Capital Limited et Black Enterprise Empowerment.

Makhtar Diop : « mes deux priorités pour l'Afrique sont l'agriculture et l'électricité »

Le Monde – 25 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Le vice-président de la Banque mondiale pour l'Afrique, Makhtar Diop, était l'invité de la deuxième édition des Débats du Monde Afrique « Les femmes, avenir du continent africain ». Pour cet économiste sénégalais, il est crucial de créer les conditions nécessaires pour attirer les investisseurs privés dans les secteurs de l'énergie et de l'agriculture.

L'Afrique du Sud veut étendre son programme énergétique

Ecofin – 25 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

L'Afrique du Sud intensifie ses efforts pour mettre fin aux difficultés rencontrées dans la distribution de l'électricité à travers les initiatives de génération par des producteurs indépendants d'énergie. « Le gouvernement amplifie actuellement les initiatives visant à diminuer les difficultés rencontrés dans la fourniture électrique. » a déclaré PRAVIN Gordha, le ministre des finances dans le cadre de la revue budgétaire.

Les solutions hors-réseau : l'avenir de l'énergie en Afrique

Le Monde – 24 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Le 4 février, Mohammed VI, roi du Maroc, inaugurerait en grande pompe Noor 1, première phase de la construction d'une centrale solaire géante qui devrait afficher à terme une puissance impressionnante de 580 MW. Ce projet monumental a pour but de rendre le Maroc moins dépendant aux importations d'hydrocarbures, dans un pays où l'intégralité de la population a accès à l'électricité.

South Africa guarantees Eskom's power purchase agreements

Reuters Africa – 24 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Power purchase agreements between South African power utility Eskom and independent power producers (IPPs) are now categorized as contingent liabilities, adding about 200 billion rand (\$13 billion) to government's guarantee exposure from 2015/16, National Treasury said on Wednesday. The government issues guarantees, which will amount to 467 billion rand at 31 March 2016, to

several state-owned companies, with Eskom accounting for 74 percent of the total guarantee portfolio.

Éolien : Africa Finance Corporation accroît sa participation dans Cabeólica

Jeune Afrique – 22 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

L'institution financière panafricaine basée à Lagos renforce sa participation dans le producteur indépendant d'énergie éolienne cap-verdien Cabeólica, qui compte trente turbines installées à travers l'archipel. Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), une institution financière multinationale basée à Lagos (Nigeria), a annoncé le 19 février avoir renforcé sa participation dans la société cap-verdienne privée Cabeólica, spécialisée dans la production d'énergie éolienne, avec quatre parcs de turbines installés à travers les principales îles du pays (Boa Vista, São Vicente, Sal et Santiago).

Bill Gates says sub-Saharan Africa has less electricity now per person than 30 years ago

Quartz – 22 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The amount of electricity per person in sub-Saharan Africa, when you factor out South Africa, is lower today than it was 30 years ago, according to Bill Gates. "That's kind of a stunning thing," says Gates in an interview with Quartz. Even the "best-case analysis right now is fairly bleak in terms of how much electrification is likely to come to Africa," says Gates, citing forecasts from the International Energy Agency.

Sénégal : démarrage imminent de la construction d'une centrale solaire à Dagana

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Annoncé dans un premier temps en novembre dernier, le démarrage des travaux de construction de la centrale photovoltaïque, Senergy II, développée par la société d'investissement française GreenWish Partners, est prévu dans les semaines qui viennent, selon les informations de "Jeune Afrique". La fin des travaux est quant à elle prévue en octobre 2016.

Renouveau énergétique africain : du solaire aux envies nucléaires

Les Echos – 19 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

L'inauguration le jeudi 4 février de la centrale Noor-1, au cœur du parc solaire marocain d'Ouarzazate, consacre le début d'une nouvelle ère énergétique pour le continent africain. Mais les disparités sont immenses et résilientes : il faut un changement de politique radical pour l'énergie en Afrique.

Uganda to build a solar power plant in March

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A consortium consisting of Acces Infra Africa and Eren Renewable Energy announced that construction of a 10MW solar power plant in the northeast Ugandan town, Soroti, is in the pipeline. According to a joint statement provided by the two companies, the \$19 million solar power plant project will begin construction in March 2016 and is estimated to be operational and connected to the national grid by July this year.

Eskom official drives idea of an "African Power Pool"

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On Wednesday, speaking at an event in Johannesburg, Eskom group executive for transmission Thava Govender, stated that Africa needed wider interconnectivity as well as well-oiled transmission infrastructure to facilitate cross-border trade and drive investments in generation.

Ghana moves to reform oil industry

The Africa Report – 19 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Ghana has moved to open up its oil industry to encourage investment and boost government revenues. Kwame Ampofo, the Energy Commission's chairperson, said the move to liberalise the allocation of oil blocks would also ensure transparency in the industry. In the past critics have raised

concerns about bottlenecks in the issuing of prospecting and exploration rights in the West African country's oil industry.

Africa needs more than a one-size-fits-all energy solution

The Hill – 19 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Imagine yourself as one of the 620 million people in Africa living day to day in the dark next to a toxic, dim kerosene lantern. You realize a sense of urgency to improve your family's situation with an openness towards reliable solutions. Resolving energy poverty for families in Africa and across the globe where collectively over a Billion people live with no access to modern energy services means a better and more stable world for everyone.

Egypt: energy subsidies to be reduced by 50%

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On Wednesday, the Electricity and Renewable Energy Ministry released a statement stating that energy subsidies will be reduced by 50% by 2020, and are expected to be pulled by 2025. The ministry has drafted a long-term plan to ensure a reliable electrical supply until 2035, which will attract investments of around \$135.3 billion, the Egypt Independent reported.

Côte d'Ivoire : la compagnie de production d'électricité dope ses capacités

Jeune Afrique – 18 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Le président de la république Alassane Ouattara a inauguré, mercredi 17 février, la dernière extension de la centrale thermique de la Compagnie ivoirienne de production d'électricité (Ciprel). Le pays, qui affiche un taux d'électrification de la population de 43%, veut plus que doubler sa production électrique avant 2020.

Africa Far from Sustainable Energy for All, But Showing Signs of Progress

The World Bank Group – 17 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Energy underpins every aspect of economic development. The world acknowledged that by adopting a dedicated UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 7) that aims to ensure access to affordable, reliable, modern and sustainable energy for all by 2030. Africa lies at the heart of that objective.

Africa urged to forge alliances in the energy sector

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In Southern Africa, energy experts and leaders gathered in Johannesburg to discuss pressing issues at a two-day seminar. On Tuesday, energy experts spoke in solidarity – advocating for more partnerships to be formed in order to meet the fast growing energy demand across the African continent, reports Times Live.

S.Africa's energy minister postpones nuclear talks

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In South Africa, energy minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson on Tuesday refused to discuss the status of the nuclear energy programme, and postponed it for next week instead. Last week Thursday president Jacob Zuma, during his annual state of the nation address (SONA), said that South Africa will only implement its nuclear programme on a "scale and pace it can afford".

Africa's Energy Revolution Is Almost Here

Foreign Policy – 16 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Obama's Power Africa initiative just got a huge, bipartisan blessing from Congress. But can it overcome major bureaucratic and financing hurdles to give rural Africa the boost it needs? You can't create a modern economy without access to energy, and lots of it. Energy to run mills and mines, to grow and process food, to light up markets, to build roads and factories, or to build machines that can build more machines.

Algérie : Sonelgaz à la recherche de 1 000 milliards de dinars

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Le groupe public, spécialisé dans la production et la distribution d'électricité dans le pays, envisage de recourir aux marchés financiers internationaux pour financer les 1 000 milliards de dinars (8,5 milliards d'euros) qui manquent à son plan d'investissements d'ici à 2018. La Société nationale de l'électricité et du gaz de l'Algérie (Sonelgaz) a levé un peu le voile sur les chemins qu'elle compte suivre pour financer l'immense gap de son plan de développement.

Sierra Leone: development of regional energy network project

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In West Africa, TRANSCO Energy Company announced that preparations to develop the West Africa energy network project is expected to commence soon in Sierra Leone. During a media briefing, TRANSCO Energy finance and administrative manager of TRANSCO Jigba Yillah explained that plans are now in place and very soon the West Africa Power Pool network and distribution energy network project will take-off.

Uganda unveils Africa's first solar-powered bus

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As a child, Ugandan Paul Isaac Musasizi always had busy hands. He regularly pulled apart the family television, and used motors from old cassette players to make toy cars. Now, in his mid-thirties, he's the CEO of technology company Kiira Motors Corporation and the brains behind Africa's first solar-powered electric bus which makes its debut on February 16.

Africa Water News

Assainissement : comment l'Afrique peut rattraper son retard

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Au sud du Sahara, le traitement des eaux usées demeure sous-développé, faisant peser sur les pays un coût sanitaire et économique exorbitant. Mais, sous l'impulsion des bailleurs de fonds, les principaux blocages commencent enfin à être levés. En 2012, la Banque mondiale s'alarmait de l'impact économique exorbitant, sur le continent, du manque d'assainissement : les lacunes de ce secteur, qui comprend l'évacuation des eaux pluviales ainsi que la collecte et le traitement des eaux usées, coûteraient à une vingtaine de pays 1 % à 2,5 % de leur PIB annuel.

Kenya: Experts Gather in Nairobi to Fight Water Crisis

allAfrica – 23 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Water experts from various countries in Africa are in Nairobi for a four-day conference to discuss ways of ensuring sustainable access to the commodity and sanitation on the continent. The issues the 1,500 delegates will discuss during the 18th African Water Association congress, which started Monday, include management of sewage, public-private partnerships for financing water and sanitation infrastructure and sustainable provision of the commodity to the poor.

Egypt: Negotiations with Ethiopia on renaissance dam going well – Minister

StarAfrica – 22 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry confirmed on Sunday that ongoing negotiations with Ethiopia on the issue of the Renaissance Dam were going well. During a press conference on the sidelines of the Africa Forum 2016 in the Egyptian resort of Sharm El Sheikh, Shoukry referred to a speech by Ethiopian Prime Minister Haile Dessalines to the African Investment Forum in which he promised full commitment to the general principles on the issue of the dam.

Suez annonce 56 millions d'euros de contrats en Afrique

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Le groupe français, leader dans les services de l'eau et des déchets, annonce la construction de plusieurs stations d'eau potable en Côte d'Ivoire, au Nigeria, Mali et Burkina Faso. "Des projets qui alimenteront en eau potable pas moins de 5 millions d'habitants". C'est ainsi que Suez présente neuf nouveaux contrats qu'il vient de remporter en Afrique subsaharienne. Au total, ces usines d'eau potable représenteront un montant de 56 millions d'euros pour le groupe coté à Paris et présent en Afrique depuis plus de 60 ans.

Portrait d'une Afrique en souffrance face à la sécheresse

Slate Afrique – 19 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Depuis plusieurs mois, une sécheresse dramatique – la pire depuis 30 ans – touche une large partie de l'Afrique de l'Est et de l'Afrique australe. En cause, le phénomène climatique El Niño qui perturbe les précipitations. Plusieurs pays, de l'Ethiopie à l'Afrique du Sud, ont déjà déclaré l'état de catastrophe sur une partie de leur territoire. Selon l'Unicef près d'un million d'enfants sont déjà atteints de malnutrition aiguë sévère sur le continent.

Zambia anticipates water levels to mount at Kariba

ESI Africa – 18 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Zambezi River Authority chief executive director, Munyaradzi Munodawafa, is hopeful that water levels at the Kariba dam will soon improve because of increasing inflows. Munodawafa told Times of Zambia that due to increasing water flow from the Mwinilunga and Barotse plains into the Kariba dam, water levels are expected to improve within a period of two months.

Zambia seeks to plug water wastage by harvesting rain

Reuters – 18 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

As erratic rainfall leaves Zambia's reservoirs running low and its crops thirsty, the government is planning to harvest water and tap the precious resource more efficiently. Experts warn that drought linked to the current strong El Niño weather phenomenon is compromising water security in the southern African country of more than 15 million people.

Kenya: Uhuru to Launch Nairobi's Stalled Sh6.8bn Water Project

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The multibillion-shilling Northern Collector Water Tunnel that will be able to supplying Nairobi residents with an additional 140,000 cubic metres will be launched in a matter of weeks. According to Water and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa, the Sh6.8 billion project that has been dogged with delays will finally take off once President Uhuru Kenyatta launches it.

Who Owns The Nile? Egypt, Ethiopia And The Struggle To Share Resources

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Everyone learns at school that the Nile is the longest river on Earth. Fewer people know that 90 percent of the Nile's volume comes from the Ethiopian highlands, and that the river passes through 11 countries. It's only recently that humans had the technology to measure the flow of rivers. For uncounted eons, the Nile flowed to Egypt in uncounted quantities, Daniel Pipes said in a guest column in the Washington Times.

El Niño is causing global food crisis, UN warns

The Guardian – 17 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Severe droughts and floods triggered by one of the strongest El Niño weather events ever recorded have left nearly 100 million people in southern Africa, Asia and Latin America facing food and water shortages and vulnerable to diseases including Zika, UN bodies, international aid agencies and governments have said.

Des valises solaires pour rendre l'eau potable

Le Monde Afrique – 16 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Thomas Kacou a fait ses calculs. Avec un milliard d'euros, 100 millions d'Africains pourraient avoir accès à l'eau potable, sur les quelque 300 000 millions encore privés de ce droit sur le continent. Aussi le jeune entrepreneur ivoirien a-t-il lancé sa campagne de financement participatif (crowdfunding), Eau potable en Afrique, le 20 janvier. Une levée de fonds solidaire hébergée sur sa toute nouvelle plateforme destinée aux projets africains : It's about my Africa.

Global Water Shortage Risk Is Worse Than Scientists Thought

The Huffington Post – 15 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

The growing risk of worldwide water shortages is worse than scientists previously thought, according to a new study. About 66 percent, which is 4 billion people, of the world's population lives without sufficient access to fresh water for at least one month of the year, according to a new paper published Friday in the journal *Science Advances*.

Africa Climate Change News

How Climate Change Is Pushing More African Countries To Accept GM Crops

AFK Insider – 26 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Faced with unpredictable harsh weather conditions more and more African Countries are changing their stance against genetically modified (GM) crops to help improve on farm yields and feed a growing population. For long GM food has been viewed with suspicion by many African governments with vicious debates taking place across the continent on the benefit and pitfalls of these new technology.

En Ethiopie, Ségolène Royal fait ses premiers pas en tant que présidente de la COP21

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C'est une tournée africaine au pas de charge pour la nouvelle présidente de la COP21 : en cinq jours, Ségolène Royal visite cinq pays. Son objectif ? S'assurer que les chefs d'Etat et de gouvernement africains vont ratifier l'accord de Paris, approuvé par 195 pays le 12 décembre 2015.

Le pari éthiopien d'une économie verte : vers l'émergence d'un modèle africain?

Afrique Inside – 19 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

L'accord survenu lors de la conférence de Paris en décembre 2015 marque, une avancée positive quant aux menaces et aux défis liés aux modifications météorologiques de notre planète. En effet, le texte adopté est le premier accord universel sur le dérèglement climatique car celui-ci a été signé par les 195 pays ayant participé à la Convention cadre des Nations Unies sur les changements climatiques (CCNUC) de 1992.

Africa: 'Our Task Is Not Over,' Says Ban, Urging Action On Paris Climate Pledges Ahead of Signing Ceremony

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While the international community has provided a solid foundation for the world's response to climate change by adopting the Paris Agreement this past December, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said today that it is now necessary to build on that momentum in order to secure a safer and healthier future for all.

Africa: Why 2016 Will Be the Best Year Yet for Climate Justice

allAfrica – 15 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Already in 2016, communities around the world have been forced to confront climate disasters of all sorts. Latin American countries are working with a sense of urgency to prevent transmission of the

Zika virus, which spreads increasingly quickly in rising temperatures. From Indonesia to Malawi, people are grappling with the effects of what NASA estimates may be the worst El Niño on record.

Africa Education News

Afrique du Sud : des universités fermées

BBC Afrique – 25 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

En Afrique du Sud, trois universités sont restées fermées ce jeudi en raison d'une nouvelle vague de manifestations violentes. Mercredi soir, plusieurs bâtiments de l'université de Mafikeng, dans le nord du pays, avaient été incendiés par des étudiants en colère. Du centre des sciences et d'un dortoir dans une résidence étudiante, il ne restait que des cendres et des murs calcinés.

South African university set ablaze in student protest

The Guardian – 25 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

A university in South Africa is being evacuated and the campus shut indefinitely after protesting students torched buildings, destroying the administration building, a spokesman for the facility has said. Koos Degenaar said an administration block that included a science centre at North-West University in Mahikeng was burned down on Wednesday night. Student protesters also set fire to a dormitory supervisor's residence.

Africa needs a hybrid tertiary education model

Rand Daily Mail – 23 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

SA needs an education system that fuses aesthetic, philosophical and technical education for African children. A colleague sought my advice for his nephew, who is not sure what to do after matric. I am a university lecturer in the humanities, but this was my response: "If the student is uncertain and the family will be paying for the fees, he should rather take a year doing a practical certificate such as bookkeeping.

Africa: Quality Education in Mother Languages Vital to Success of 2030 Agenda – UN

allAfrica – 21 February 2016 – [Click here for full article](#)

Mother languages are essential to providing quality education, which in turn supports the achievement of the new global development agenda, the head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said on the International Day established to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world.

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