

# MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

Bringing together partners to build a stronger clean energy mini-grids sector

## NEWSLETTER

June 2018



### MESSAGE FROM THE MGP STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR

**By: Daniel Schroth, AfDB, MGP Steering Committee Chair**

As evidenced by the events at the recent Sustainable Energy for All Global Forum, the green mini-grids movement is becoming increasingly important in the race toward universal energy access and the achievement of SDG7. The mini-grids landscape is growing and changing with more corporate players moving into the sector, developers innovating to increase profitability, and the boundaries between mini-grids and utility world are blurring. As the number and level of stakeholders in the industry quickly grows, the rationale for the

Mini-Grids Partnership is stronger than ever, and we are actively engaging with members to answer the challenges facing the sector.

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## Access to End-Use Technologies Key to Catalysing Mini-Grid and Enterprise Development

### Article by: Energy 4 Impact

Satisfying the need for power of commercial enterprises presents an opportunity for private sector players such as JUMEME Rural Power Supply Ltd, a Tanzanian company that develops solar-powered mini-grids to connect businesses and households in remote areas. Energy 4 Impact has partnered with JUMEME in an advisory role to help them stimulate demand for electricity among potential customers and to develop micro entrepreneurs' business capacity to use energy for economic transformation, resulting in greater productivity and power consumption.

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## Navigant Research reports the Global Market for Off-Grid DER Implementation to total \$350 Billion between 2018 and 2027

### Article by: Stefanie Bradtner, Navigant Research

The report, *Off-Grid DER Innovations*, provides a quantitative analysis of the global market for off-grid DER technologies and a summary of innovative uses and business models. The study focuses on the deployment of integrated DER solutions in the commercial and industrial, residential, and personal segments, including microgrids, pico systems, solar home systems (SHSs), nanogrids, and transport applications. Global market forecasts, segmented by region, application, system type, and segment, extend through 2027. The report also examines the telecommunications, resource extraction, and multi-user off-grid electrification applications for off-grid DER.

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## POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

- **EAP AFRICA INNOVATION WINDOW OPEN FOR NEW PROPOSALS**

The Nordic Development Fund (NDF) and Energy and Environment Partnership (EEP) Africa officially opened the EEP Africa Innovation window for new proposals at Africa Utility Week. The deadline for applications is June 28th. [Read More](#)

- **PUERTO RICO UNVEILS FINAL REGULATIONS FOR MICROGRID INSTALLATION**

Puerto Rico regulators issued microgrid rules to aid development as the territory recovers from Hurricane Maria. The regulations establish classes of microgrids and what type of energy they can use, and clarify the role of utilities and municipalities. [Read More](#)



## Tools & Resources

### **GREEN MINI-GRID HELP DESK & DEVELOPER SUPPORT SERVICE**

The African Development Bank has launched a new version of the Green Mini-Grid Help Desk, which now includes country-specific pages, links to partners in the sector, and greater prominence for GMG Market Development Program-generated documents. The

Help Desk has also expanded to include a Policy Help Desk and the MDP is now offering technical assistance to policymakers through this portal. [Learn More](#)

### **IFC REPORT: BENCHMARKING MINI-GRID DESCOS 2017 UPDATE**

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has published an update to their 2016 report *Operational and Financial Performance of Mini-Grid DESCOS: Findings and Insights from Pioneer Benchmarking of this Emerging Sector*. The update reports new benchmarking data for 2017 for 20 mini-grid distributed energy service companies (DESCOs) operating across 12 countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean. [Learn More](#)

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## EVENTS

#### **ASIA CLEAN ENERGY FORUM**

June 4-8  
Manila, Philippines

#### **ZAMBIA OFF-GRID INVESTOR FORUM**

June 12-13  
Lusaka, Zambia

#### **OFF-GRID POWER FORUM**

June 20-22  
Munich, Germany

#### **RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2018**

July 19-21  
Bangkok, Thailand

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOLAR  
TECHNOLOGIES AND HYBRID MINI-GRIDS**

October 17-19

Palma, Spain

**MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP**

The Mini-Grids Partnership brings together mini-grid financiers, developers, facilitators and policymakers to share information, ideas and shape policy to help move the clean energy mini-grids market forward.

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