

# MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

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

## NEWSLETTER

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### INTERVIEW WITH DAMILOLA OGUNBIYI, MD OF THE NIGERIAN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AGENCY

The Mini-Grids Partnership chats with Damilola Ogunbiyi about Nigeria's electrification priorities, their regulations for mini-grids policy, and how the REA is overcoming the challenges facing mini-grids in the country.

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### THE AFRICA MINI-GRID DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION TARGETS DATA AND FINANCE, POLICY ACTION

Article by: William Brent, Power for All

William Brent from Power for All chats with Aaron Leopold, CEO of the African Mini-Grid Developers Association (AMDA), on their plans to scale the mini-grid sector. With a recent influx in funding committed by donors and concessional lenders to the sector, AMDA looks to distribute resources effectively and efficiently – a process that depends on better data, new financing structures, and informed policy and regulation.

Click the link below to read the article, or listen to the full interview [here](#).

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## POWER FOR OFF-GRID AREAS: SOLAR MINI-GRIDS SET UP IN TWO DISTRICTS OF PAKISTAN

Article by: The Pakistan Express Tribune

The KfW Development Bank and the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund completed solar-powered mini-grid projects in two districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. These systems have a combined generation capacity of about 400 kW and help provide electricity to about 434 households.

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## ODYSSEY ENERGY SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCES MINI-GRID PROJECTS SEEKING INVESTMENT WORTH \$500 MILLIONS

Article by: Odyssey Energy Solutions

Odyssey Energy Solutions, a platform connecting private mini-grid developers and investors, announced that its mini-grids project pipeline had surpassed 550 projects, requiring a total estimated investment of more than USD \$500 million.

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## POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

- **ELECTRIFICATION STRATEGY OF TOGO**

The government of Togo has released a strategy report supporting its vision to achieve universal energy access by 2030. The roadmap defines milestones for implementing the strategy which depend on the deployment of off-grid solutions including mini-grids. [Read More](#)

- **ENERGY AFRICA- ZAMBIA REPORT**

The UK's Department for International Development released a report that provides options to model and analyze the economic effects of fiscal policy options for off-grid technologies, including mini-grids in Zambia. [Read More](#)



## Tools & Resources

### DATA REQUEST: ESMAP'S GLOBAL FACILITY ON MINI-GRIDS

The ESMAP Global Facility on Mini Grids is collecting cost data on solar and solar-diesel mini-grids to map cost trends among countries for capital equipment, project development, and installation costs. If you have cost data on one or more mini grids, ESMAP would be interested to include this into their database. Data collected for this project will be kept confidential and anything released publicly will not have project-specific identifiers.

If you'd like to contribute, please complete the survey [here](#), and send any questions to [cgreacen@worldbank.org](mailto:cgreacen@worldbank.org).

### SIEMENS REPORT: PUERTO RICO'S ELECTRIC GRID

The July 2018 guide from Siemens explores the rebuilding and development of Puerto

Rico's electric grid. The report evaluates factors including cost, reliability, sustainability and recommends a plan to improve resiliency using a segmented grid structure. [Learn More](#)

### UN FOUNDATION WEBINAR: GRID INTERCONNECTION OF MINI-GRIDS

The Energy Access Practitioner Network, in partnership with the Clean Energy Solutions Center hosted a webinar on challenges and opportunities presented by mini-grids and interconnection after the main grid arrives. View this webinar to learn about case studies from Asia and Africa and hear the requirements—policy, technical, and commercial—needed to achieve a relatively seamless interconnection of mini-grids with the main grid. [Learn More](#)

### IRENA BRIEF- OFF-GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

The latest report from the International Renewable Energy Agency captures recent trends in sustainable and modern energy and assesses the enabling environment to scale-up off-grid deployment. This brief covers topics including policies and regulations, delivery and financing models, institutional frameworks, capacity building, technology adaptation and cross sector-linkages. [Learn More](#)



## EVENTS

#### INTERSOLAR SOUTH AMERICA: ARE OFF-GRID WORKSHOP

August 28  
São Paulo, Brazil

#### MICROGRID GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM

September 11-13  
London, UK

#### PHILIPPINES MINI-GRID B2B FORUM

September 19-21  
Manila, Philippines

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

October 17-19  
Palma, Spain

THE INTERNATIONAL OFF-GRID RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE AND  
EXHIBITION

October 31- November 1  
Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

## 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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