



# Benin off grid solar solutions

Who can benefit from a new off-grid solar scheme in Benin?

Households, smallholders and entrepreneurs in remote locations across Benin will be able to access reliable and cheap electricity for the first time under a new off-grid solar scheme agreed between leading solar energy company ENGIE Energy Access and the European Investment Bank, one of the world's largest financiers of renewable energy.

Will EIB support Engie to deploy off-grid solar power in Benin?

The new Benin cooperation follows EIB's previous support for ENGIE to deploy off-grid solar power in Uganda. Benin is the sixth African country to benefit from the EIB's streamlined support for African off-grid energy investment, following recent backing for projects in Mozambique, Uganda, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Comoros.

What are off-grid solar energy solutions?

Off-grid solar energy solutions, such as solar home systems, offer immediate access to affordable, clean and reliable electricity in places where grid or mini-grid connections aren't economically or technically feasible yet.

Will Engie support off-grid solar deployment in West Africa?

The European Investment Bank is pleased to agree new support for scaling up off-grid solar deployment to West Africa under this new partnership with ENGIE. "For the first time, more than half a million people across Benin will be able to access electricity that will power communications, provide light and make cooking easier.

Does the EIB support Africa's off-grid energy investment?

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Are off-grid solutions sustainable?

Gillian-Alexandre Huart, ENGIE Energy Access CEO, said: "Over the last couple of years, the private sector has developed off-grid solutions such as solar home systems (SHS), micro- and mini-grids, which have clearly proven to be sustainable and economical solutions to reach universal energy access by 2030.

The European Investment Bank signed a loan of EUR10 million to ENGIE Energy Access Benin, a subsidiary of ENGIE, to support the deployment of 107 000 high-quality solar home systems in Benin. This will open up access to clean energy for an estimated 643 000 people in the West African country.

Jean-Baptiste Lenoir: We are Qotto, a French company solving the access to energy issues faced by rural



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off-grid householders in Benin. We believe that providing electricity to people in need is an essential step towards empowering them. We've seen a clear need for affordable and clean energy in Benin.

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Less than one in five people living in remote and rural communities across Benin have access to reliable electricity and only 10% of households are using off-grid solar products. By scaling up adoption of off-grid solar technology in Benin, this new initiative will provide economic, social, educational and health opportunities for families and ...

Engie Energy Access has signed a EUR10 million loan agreement with the European Investment Bank (EIB) to support the deployment of large-scale off-grid solar installations in Benin. The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the Africa Energy Forum (AEF) 2022 held in Brussels.

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This MCA-Benin II program, in collaboration with local authorities in Benin, provides a structured regulatory framework to promote investment from private players such as NECT Offgrid Africa. We hope that this initiative will give rise, in Benin and elsewhere in the region, to other electrification programs using decentralized solar energy as ...

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MCC is proud to have partnered with the Government of Benin to strengthen the national power grid, improve utility management, attract private sector investment into solar power generation, and by bringing power to rural and underserved communities.



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