

What techniques are used to produce electricity in Guinea Bissau?

The main techniques used for the production of electricity are dams but there are also other techniques such as: Run-of-the-river hydroelectric, pumped-storage hydroelectricity, Tidal power and wave power¹. Guinea Bissau has an important site for the construction of a dam with a good potential for power generation.

What is the main source of biomass energy in Guinea Bissau?

The most ancient and still the most used today in African countries, is the wood coal and patches for cooking. In Guinea Bissau, it is the main source of biomass energy but not the only one. GB has recently started trying new application of biomass energy.

How will the ECOWAS regional Access Project Impact Guinea-Bissau?

The ECOWAS regional access project will extend and strengthen the distribution network in Guinea-Bissau, supplying electricity to an additional 198,000 people (33,000 households) by 2022. A low-hanging fruit opportunity exists to bring electricity to an additional 31,443 households.

Why did the IMF visit Guinea-Bissau in 2019?

The IMF visited Guinea-Bissau in January 2019 to address misalignment between the pipeline of investment projects and the public investment plan and the 2019 draft budget. The focus was on electricity service and the country's debt management.

According to the ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Guinea-Bissau is the perfect destination for the testing and demonstration of grid-connected and mini-grid solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.

The African Biofuel and Renewable Energy Co (Abrec), which promotes renewables and energy efficiency across the continent, has awarded the contract to build Guinea-Bissau's first large scale PV...

In Bissau, solar photovoltaic (PV) plants will help reduce the average cost of electricity in the country and diversify the energy mix, while battery storage will help integrate this variable energy source into the grid. In Bafata, Gabu and Cacheu, the PV plants will provide cheaper and cleaner local power generation than current diesel production.

The World Bank, IDA, ESMAP, and GCF are funding Guinea-Bissau's first solar power plants with a \$78.15 million investment to support decarbonization and expand electricity access. The project will build solar plants near Bissau and install mini-grids on the Bijag's islands, thereby providing electricity to 1,200 households and SMEs.

The project involves the construction of several solar photovoltaic power plants near the capital Bissau, including a 30 MWp solar power plant. The plants will have a battery storage system to effectively manage

power distribution and support the electrical system.

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The UNDP Guinea-Bissau CO, in cooperation with the UNDP Information & Technology Management (ITM) Green Energy Team, has taken initial steps toward implementing stand-alone solar PV systems for 6 remote communities in Cacheu region.

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