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#### Why is the RRA process difficult in Mali?

Mali's RRA process has faced various obstacles due to the lack of readily available statistical datato enable an assessment of critical energy sector indicators (e.g. total primary energy supply, energy consumption per sector, rural electrification rate).

What should Mali do about renewable-based electricity?

Mali also should provide guidelines and standardsto accommodate renewable-based electricity. Consultation with relevant stakeholders is crucial, since grid connection codes impact on all those involved in the power system. By engaging the relevant parties, codes will be able to be implemented without placing the system in jeopardy.

#### Is Mali ready to scale up renewables?

The Ministry, working through the Mali Renewable Energy Agency (AER-Mali), has initiated a partnership with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to assess Mali's readiness to scale up renewables.

#### What is the energy supply in Mali?

As in most sub-Saharan African countries, biomass (mainly in the form of firewood) provides the bulk of the energy supply (Figure 4). Mali has neither proven hydrocarbon resources nor a refinery; as a result, all petroleum products are imported through neighbouring coastal countries which impacts on the country's balance of payments.

#### What is the electricity system in Mali?

Mali's electricity system encompasses a national gridthat is owned and operated by Energie du Mali SA (EDM SA) which supplies 35 towns, including Bamako. In addition to the national grid, EDM SA manages 30 isolated centres equipped with diesel generators and two centres supplied by Côte d'Ivoire.

#### Does Mali have bio-energy resources?

to IRENA. As highlighted in Chapter 2,Section 2.1,Mali has significant bio-energy resources that can lead to a paradigm shift in the structure of the power supply system. A country-wide,in-depth assessment of bio-energy resources and a policy framework are among the key initial steps toward better utilisation of resources.

Mali has vast resource potential for the development of renewable energy. Renewable-based technologies could strengthen agriculture, drive sustainable rural development and improve food security, as well as expanding energy

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The Ministry of Energy and Water and the Mali Renewable Energy Agency (AER-Mali), are currently conducting a Renewables Readiness Assessment (RRA) that, with IRENA's assistance, aims to identify the key actions required to capitalise on the country's significant renewable energy potential.

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