

Niger's Ministry of Energy and Renewable Energies released an RFP for the design, financing, construction, and operation of a grid-connected solar PV plant with a total capacity of 50 MW under The World Bank Group's Scaling Solar program. The plant will be located in Gorou Banda near the Capital city of Niamey.

The OPEC Fund's loan will finance the construction and grid integration of the 10 MW Dosso solar plant. Only around 20 percent of the population of Niger have access to electricity; one of the lowest rates in Sub-Saharan Africa and with significant disparities between urban and rural areas and regions.

The objective of the project is to increase access to electricity through solar energy in rural and peri-urban areas of the Republic of Niger. Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

This commitment is in line with Niger's National Electrification Strategy to accelerate on- and off-grid electrification, ensure universal access to electricity for all by 2035, and promote PPPs to help generate 80% of power domestically by 2035.

The Niger Solar Electricity Access Project (NESAP), aimed at enhancing electricity access in rural and peri-urban areas of Niger through solar energy, started in 2017 and has built 15 solar power plants.

On June 14, 2021, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, and the Government of Niger announced a partnership under the World Bank Group's Scaling Solar program to develop up to 50 megawatts of grid-connected solar power, equivalent to roughly 20 percent of the country's current installed capacity.

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