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Morocco's National Hydrogen Commission plans to dedicate 6,000 megawatts of renewable energy capacity to the task, says El-Katiri. As demand for renewable power grows, Morocco is increasingly siting its wind and solar farms ...

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Onshore wind turbines, solar PV, concentrated solar power (CSP), biomass power plants, and geothermal power plants are the specific technologies considered in this study. Section 2 gives an overview of the renewable energy potential and energy sectors in different sub-Saharan African countries.

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