

With a population of over 400 million inhabitants and a growing economy, energy demand in West Africa is increasing at a rapid pace. The current installed capacity in the region covers less than 40 % of the demand and only 42 % of the population has access to electricity, while grid reliability issues restrain the industrial development of the region and affect productive activities.

Access to electricity is most challenging in the western part of SSA. Data from the World Bank indicates that, as of 2019, more than half of the population of West Africa (51.1%) lacks access to electricity [16]. Further, rural areas, which are home to 49% of the total population of West Africa (WA), had an electrification rate of only 28% [17].

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West Africa hosts four countries of the global top ten most vulnerable countries to climate change (African Development Bank, 2023). There is region-wide awareness of the pivotal role of utility-scale and off-grid RE through the adoption of the ECOWAS Regional Energy Policy and the creation in 2010 of the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency ...

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West African countries face a long-standing energy access issue stemming from historical low generation capacity, poor planning processes and financially-constrained power utilities.

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According to Gaylor Montmasson-Clair, a senior economist at Trade and Industrial Policy Strategy (TIPS). South Africa imported \$1.1 billion (4.4 GWh) of lithium-ion cells and batteries in the first six months of 2023 which is mostly imported from China. Of reference Manufacturing a renewable energy value chain in South Africa

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