

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.

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.

What should Mali do about renewable-based electricity?

Mali also should provide guidelines and standards to 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.

Will Mali get a large solar power plant?

As far as the energy transition is concerned, UEMOA has carried out an installation study for large solar power plants, identifying five sites - which include Mali - for a total capacity of 574 megawatts (MW), to be commissioned by 2030.

Will Mali achieve universal access to electricity by 2030?

For clean cooking, Mali targets universal access by 2030. In recent years, the rate of access to electricity in Mali has surpassed 25%, thanks to a public focus on mini-grid solutions. The government of Mali now plans to increase hybridisation of its mini-grids by adding PV capacity to diesel power plants.

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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

According to Third National Communication of Mali in 2018, designing sustainable energy supply systems for Mali is tedious considering the country's heavy reliance on fossil fuel, natural resources such as biomass, and energy import exposing it to climate change, fossil price volatility, etc (TNC 2018).

Therefore, this article provides data that can be used to create a simple zero order energy system model for Mali, which can act as a starting point for further model development and scenario analysis.

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