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# **Large-scale energy storage in the Democratic Republic of Congo**



## Overview

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How does the Democratic Republic of the Congo support the economy?

In the AC, Democratic Republic of the Congo supports an economy six-times larger than today's with only 35% more energy by diversifying its energy mix away from one that is 95% dependent on bioenergy.

What is the main energy resource of the Democratic Republic of Congo?

Hydroelectric power (See Annex 1) is the main energy resource of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The DRC ranks first in Africa in terms of its potential (100,000 MW), which accounts for 13% of the global hydropower potential.

Can res improve energy access in the DRC?

Exploring the diversity of RES and their potential to enhance efficient and equitable energy access represents a key step towards sustainable development in the DRC. The views expressed in this publication/article are those of the author/s and do not necessarily reflect the views of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA).

Could the Congo become an electricity exporter?

Almost all electricity generation today comes from hydropower and the Inga project has the potential to provide much more. If network constraints are addressed, Democratic Republic of the Congo could become an electricity exporter.

What is happening in the DRC's energy sector?

This paper draws attention to important developments, such as the conclusion of an energy deal between the DRC and South Africa and the development of a new energy and electricity legislative framework to liberalise the energy sector and increase the share of RES in the DRC's energy mix.

Why is Congo a major producer of cobalt?

Further industrial development depends on a large increase in imports. Democratic Republic of the Congo is a major producer of minerals. It accounts for almost two-thirds of global cobalt production; this gives it a crucial role in global clean energy transitions.

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### What are the legal frameworks supporting energy storage in Congo

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