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Power Storage in the Democratic Republic of Congo





Overview

What is the electricity access rate in the Democratic Republic of Congo?

The public version of the resulting report of the effort is available here. The Democratic Republic of Congo's national electric-ity access rate is estimated at 19%. Less than 1% of the rural population and 41% of the urban population has energy access. Of the country's 10 million house-holds, only 1.6 million have have access to electricity.

What is the main priority for the Democratic Republic of Congo's power sector?

The main priority for the Democratic Republic of Congo's power sector is to increase access to electricity. The Democratic Republic of Congo is a large country with 10 million households of which 1.6 million have access to electricity. This makes it the third largest population in the world without access to electricity.

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.

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.

Does Congo have a potential for renewable power generation?

As mentioned earlier, the country possesses a significant potential for renewable power generation, which is illustrated further as follows: Hydropower: For which the Congo River is the main source, with an average



flow rate 42,000 m 3 /s. Biogas: Coming mainly from both plant and animal waste.

What are the main sources of energy in the Congo?

Hydropower: For which the Congo River is the main source, with an average flow rate 42,000 m 3 /s. Biogas: Coming mainly from both plant and animal waste. Solar: The DRC has noticeably high solar radiation averaging 6 kWh/m 2 /day.



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