

Where is the solar power plant located in Benin?

The government of Benin is inaugurating the Illoulofin photovoltaic solar power plant. The facility, located in the commune of Pobè, Plateau department, has a capacity of 25 MWp. Benin is inaugurating its first large-scale solar photovoltaic power plant. The installation, located in the locality of Illoulofin, was recently commissioned.

Who can benefit from a new off-grid solar scheme in Benin?

Households, smallholders and entrepreneurs in remote locations across Benin will be able to access reliable and cheap electricity for the first time under a new off-grid solar scheme agreed between leading solar energy company ENGIE Energy Access and the European Investment Bank, one of the world's largest financiers of renewable energy.

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The installation, located in the locality of Illoulofin, was recently commissioned. The reception ceremony presided over by Benin's Minister of Energy Dona Jean-Claude Houssou took place on Tuesday 19 July 2022. It was attended by officials from the French Embassy in Benin, and the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ARE).

Will EIB support Engie to deploy off-grid solar power in Benin?

The new Benin cooperation follows EIB's previous support for ENGIE to deploy off-grid solar power in Uganda. Benin is the sixth African country to benefit from the EIB's streamlined support for African off-grid energy investment, following recent backing for projects in Mozambique, Uganda, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Comoros.

How will a European Investment Bank loan help Benin?

The European Investment Bank has agreed to provide a EUR 10 million loan to support the deployment of 107,000 high-quality solar home systems to Benin. This will open up access to clean energy for 643,000 people. The solar home systems include solar panels and battery storage to be sold on Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) contracts.

What is PAYGO partnering with the European Investment Bank in Benin?

Our new partnership with the European Investment Bank in Benin will provide ultra-affordable PAYGO systems to people in villages across the country, giving access to clean solar energy and financial empowerment.

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SummaryLocationOverviewDevelopersConstruction timeline, costs and fundingSee alsoIlloulofin Solar Power Station, is a 50 megawatts (67,000 hp) solar power plant in Benin, whose first 25 MW was commissioned on 19 July 2022, and the next 25 MW is under construction and is expected to come online in 2025. The solar farm is under development by the Government of Benin, with funding from the European Union (EU), the French Development Agency (AFD) and the Beninese Electricity Company (SBE...

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The upgrade of large-scale solar power plant and photovoltaic minigrids will contribute to increasing the production of renewable energy and strengthening Benin's grid integration within the regional market.

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In that sense, today, NEOt Offgrid Africa announced a collaboration with two other companies in developing a 1.7 megawatt (MW) solar energy project in Benin. It's an energy investment platform of France's EDF and Paris-based asset manager Meridiam. A pilot for regulated off-grid electrification with solar installation

Together, the FORSUN, TTC and DEFISOL plants will strengthen Benin's energy capacity, enough to supply electricity to thousands of homes, the Benin government said in a statement.

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