

Rwanda grid modernization



Overview

In just 15 years, Rwanda has increased its electricity access to 75% from 6% in 2009. This took government ownership, leadership, and commitment, partnership with the private sector, funding from development partners, and dedicated structure and institutional strengthening. After more than a decade of rapid grid expansion, the central question is no longer whether to connect households, but how electricity can be delivered in a way that supports jobs, affordability, and long-term growth. That. Rwanda is embarking on one of Africa's most ambitious and strategically diverse energy transformations. The Rwanda Energy Group (REG) has unveiled a comprehensive 10-year strategic plan (2024–2034) to more than double the nation's installed electricity generation capacity from the current 467.

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Rwanda electrification draws AfDB funding

AfDB said in a statement that the goal of its Rwanda Energy Sector Result-Based Financing (RBF II) programme is to modernise the country's electricity network, expand access to clean energy and ...

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