

# MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

Bringing together partners to build a stronger clean energy mini-grids sector

## NEWSLETTER

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### INTERVIEW WITH HARY ANDRIANTAVY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (CLUB-ER)

The Mini-Grids Partnership chats with Hary Andriantavy, the Executive Secretary of the African Association for Rural Electrification (CLUB-ER), about African policymakers' heightened interest in mini-grids, regulatory and technical framework, and inter-country partnerships.

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### IMPROVING RURAL ELECTRICITY SERVICE: ADDING VALUE UNDER THE GRID

**Article by: SACHI GRABER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE**

Sachi Graber gives an overview of the new report *Under the Grid: Improving the Economics and Reliability of Rural Electricity Service with Undergrid Minigrids*, and examines why it is difficult to get reliable and useful electricity to undergrid communities and how mini-grids could be a promising solution.

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## SOLAR MINI-GRIDS GIVE NIGERIA A POWER BOOST

**Article by: AMY YEE, THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Amy Yee profiles Gbamu Gbamu, a town in Nigeria's Ogun State that recently received six solar mini-grids, to examine the country's energy market and the potential impacts of clean mini-grids on growth.

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## POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

- **MOZAMBIQUE REVISES ELECTRICITY LAW**

Mozambique completed their ongoing review of the proposed Electricity Law to accelerate universal energy access by 2030 in November. The law consolidates the principles of organization and operation of the electric power system to provide citizens with access to electricity. [Read More](#)



## Tools & Resources

### **NREL & ENERGY 4 IMPACT: FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL BUNDLING STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE MICRO-GRID BUSINESS MODELS**

This report reviews the main elements of micro-grid business and financing models, examines operational and financial bundling to improve the viability of micro-grid developers and their projects. It includes two case studies in Uganda and Tanzania which show novel approaches to micro-grid deployment and financing. **Learn More**

### **AfDB & ECA- GREEN MINI-GRID MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: TRAINING OF FINANCIERS**

This second part of the *Green Mini-Grid Market Development Program: Access to Finance business line* series report explores the determination of commercial financiers' capacity building needs, sets out the identified training needs, and recommends how to meet them. **Learn More**

### **UNDP- DERISKING RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENT: OFF-GRID ELECTRIFICATION**

This report expands the 'Derisking Renewable Energy Investment' framework for solar-battery mini-grids. The report sets out a theory of change, introduces key concepts, and includes two case studies in Uttar Pradesh (India) and Kenya. The report is accompanied by a financial Excel tool on mini-grid sizing and levelized costs. **Learn More**

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS- MYANMAR NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT (NEP)**

Funded by the World Bank and the Government of Myanmar, the NEP Project Management Office is seeking proposals from private project developers to invest in, own, engineer, construct, operate and manage mini-grids electricity supply with less than 1 MW capacity. Selected projects will receive up to 60% of the capital expenditure. **Learn More**

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# EVENTS



## ABU DHABI SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

January 12-19  
Abu Dhabi, UAE

## AFRICA ENERGY INDABA

February 19-20  
Johannesburg, South Africa

## POWERING AFRICA SUMMIT

February 25-27  
Miami, USA

## 5th ARE ENERGY ACCESS INVESTMENT FORUM

March 13-14  
Abidjan, Ivory Coast

## MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

The Mini-Grids Partnership brings together mini-grid financiers, developers, facilitators and policymakers to share information, ideas and shape policy to help move the clean energy mini-grids market forward.

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