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# MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

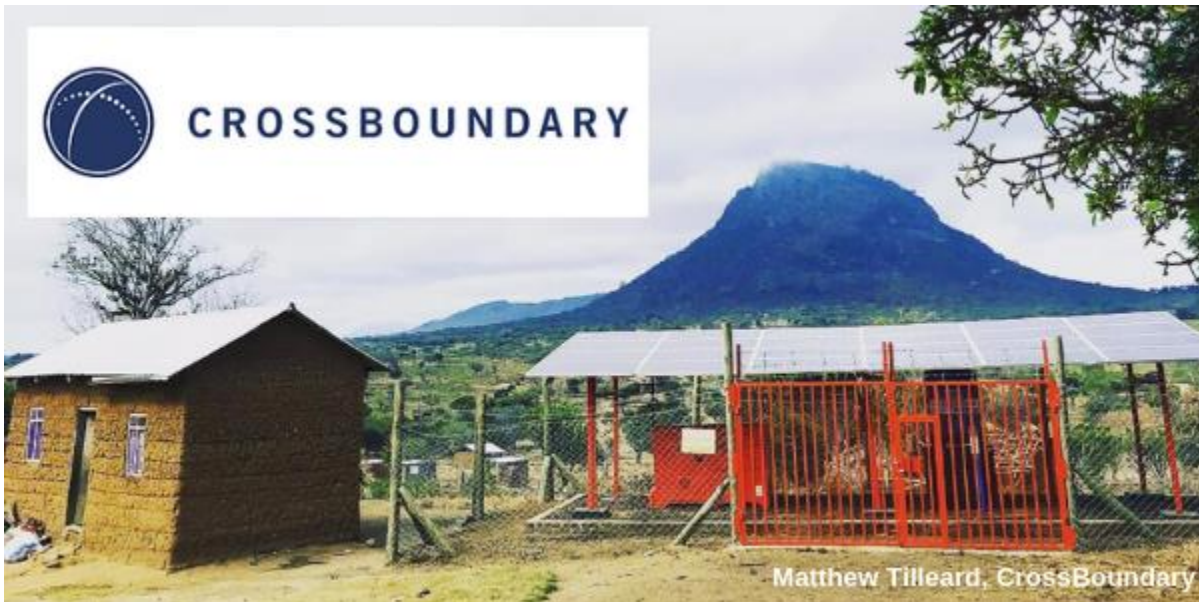
BRINGING PARTNERS TOGETHER TO BUILD A STRONGER CLEAN ENERGY MINI-GRIDS SECTOR

## NEWSLETTER

April 2019



CROSSBOUNDARY



### INTERVIEW WITH GABRIEL DAVIES AND MATTHEW TILLEARD OF CROSSBOUNDARY

CrossBoundary Energy is Africa's first dedicated fund that invests capital in projects providing cheaper and cleaner power, and also provides financing for distributed solar projects (100kW - 10MW) across Africa. The Mini-Grids Partnership chats with Gabriel Davies, Head of Energy Access, and Matthew Tilleard, Managing Partner and Co-Founder, about CrossBoundary's financing approach and predictions for the mini-grids market.

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### UPDATE ON UK DFID SUPPORT TO THE GREEN MINI-GRIDS SECTOR IN AFRICA

**Article by: STEVEN HUNT, UK DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

This article provides an update on the DFID support to accelerating Green Mini-Grids (GMGs) in Africa. It talks about the several country programmes, regional and sectoral level engagement by DFID, as well highlights experiences from a visit to DFID-supported GMGs in Sierra Leone and Tanzania.

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- **ADVANCING MINI-GRIDS IN SIERRA LEONE**

The report outlines findings based on the review of existing policies and regulations relevant for developing the mini-grid sector in Sierra Leone. It discusses policy and institutional reform options that can inform Government's decision-making. [Read More](#)

- **ETHIOPIA TO LAUNCH ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Government of Ethiopia launched the updated version of their National Electrification Program (NEP 2.0) that provides a detailed framework to achieve 35 percent off-grid access by 2025. [Read More](#)

- **TOGO SUBSIDIZES OFF-GRID SOLAR TO EXTEND ELECTRICITY ACCESS TO ALL**

Togo is offering subsidies to its citizens to cover the cost of off-grid solar power systems that could help accelerate the adoption of the green technology. [Read More](#)

- **NEW MICROGRID INITIATIVE LAUNCHES IN PUERTO RICO**

The Environmental Defense Fund plans to help build low-carbon microgrids in Puerto Rico, amid delays on the 100% renewable energy legislation. [Read More](#)



## **MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES TOOLS HUB**

The Mini-Grids Partnership website now features the latest tools in mini-grids financing, policy, and design. This new virtual home for the Partnership will allow us to better share and exchange information to build a stronger clean energy mini-grids sector. **Learn More**

## **AfDB, ENERGY 4 IMPACT & INENSUS - MAPPING OF PRODUCTIVE USE BUSINESSES FOR VILLAGE MINI-GRIDS**

This report focuses on productive use (PU) activities in 15 African countries and provides an in-depth analysis on sectors offering the greatest opportunities for mini-grids to electrify PU activities, namely cereals and fisheries. **Learn More**

## **RES4AFRICA- MICRO-GRID ACADEMY**

RES4Africa is hosting two trainings covering "*Design to Integration of Productive Uses through the Water-Energy-Food Nexus*" on May 6-11 in Nairobi, Kenya and June 17-22 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Deadline for applications is April 15. **Learn More**

## **HYDRO EMPOWERMENT NETWORK- MINI-GRIDS WEBINAR SERIES 2019**

The Hydro Empowerment Network (HPNET), a knowledge exchange and advocacy platform to advance small-scale hydropower is conducting a 4-part, quarterly webinar series on mini-grids, in collaboration with the WISIONS of Sustainability Initiative and Energypedia. **Learn More**

## **CALL FOR IDEAS- AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS FOR MINI-GRIDS**

Factor[e] Ventures is soliciting ideas for best practices for testing the positive synergies between investments in energy and agricultural growth. They want to find a geographical match between potential agribusiness partners in need of a cold storage solution and mini-grids that can provide a deferrable anchor load. **Learn More**

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# EVENTS



## **AFRICAN MINI-GRIDS SUMMIT**

May 8 - 10  
Nairobi, Kenya

## **MICROGRID 2019**

May 14 - 16  
San Diego, USA

## **INTERSOLAR EUROPE**

May 15 - 17  
Munich, Germany

## **NORTH AFRICA RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMIT**

June 24 - 25  
Casablanca, Morocco

## 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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