



MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

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

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TAKING STOCK OF LEADING INNOVATORS IN GLOBAL REMOTE MICROGRID MARKETS

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This article describes Navigant Research's system of ranking mini-grid vendors based on strategy and execution. It discusses three companies to demonstrate the evolution of the mini-grid field.

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BILATERAL EXCHANGE VISIT ON MINI-GRIDS - NIGERIA, ETHIOPIA

The governments of Ethiopia and Nigeria recently held a bilateral exchange visit in which the government of Nigeria shared its experience and lessons on design and development of mini-grids to facilitate the development of mini-grids in Ethiopia.

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- **GAMBIA'S GREEN MINI-GRIDS POLICY FRAMEWORK VALIDATED**
The Gambia's government is focused on using mini-grids for rural electrification. It recently held a validation workshop to set up a policy framework and provide technical and institutional capacity building. [Read more](#)
- **INVESTORS ENCOURAGE DONORS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR MINI-GRIDS**
Twelve leading energy and impact investors have declared their support for renewable mini-grids in Africa and urged governments and donors to consider results-based financing to help unlock private capital. [Read the position paper](#)
- **DECENTRALIZED ENERGY MARKET ASSESSMENT IN MYANMAR**
This study examines the need for mini-grids to accomplish Myanmar's electrification goals. It identifies policy measures that could strengthen the mini-grid market and increase the rate of mini-grid development. [Read more](#)



STATE OF THE GLOBAL MINI-GRIDS MARKET REPORT

To address the dearth of market intelligence and data in the global mini-grids sector, the Mini-Grids Partnership is commissioning a study of the 'State of the Global Mini-Grids Market'. This report will be an authoritative, comprehensive and up-to-date overview of the global mini-grids market and present key trends in the market and industry. **See here for more information**

RESULTS-BASED FINANCING AND COMPETITIVE APPROACHES FOR MINI-GRIDS

The MGP hosted a meeting on June 27th in Accra, Ghana for financiers, industry, and government stakeholders to present their experience and ideas on 'Results-Based Financing and Competitive Support Approaches' for mini-grids. **See convening materials here**

MINI GRIDS FOR HALF A BILLION PEOPLE

ESMAP's report provides an explanation of the value of mini grids and describes the current status of the mini-grid market and the steps that need to be taken to reach half a billion people. **Read the executive summary**

GET.invest MARKET INSIGHT PACKAGES

GET.invest released their first four Market Insight packages, including one for mini-grids in Zambia. These provide step-by-step guidance on how to develop energy projects in each market segment and country. **See them here**

CBEA AND POWERGEN PIONEER LONG-TERM MINI-GRID PROJECT FINANCING

CrossBoundary Energy Access has invested in 60 mini-grids that will serve 34,000 people in Tanzania. By pooling the mini-grids into a single financial vehicle, they have developed an approach that could encourage investment by reducing transaction costs and risk. **Read more**

HYDRO EMPOWERMENT NETWORK- MINI-GRIDS WEBINAR SERIES 2019

The Hydro Empowerment Network (HPNET), a knowledge exchange 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**

INNOVATION INSIGHT: THE PRICE ELASTICITY OF POWER

CrossBoundary and Energy4Impact studied the effect of tariff reductions on rural electricity consumption. They found that customers dramatically increased their electricity consumption when tariffs were reduced. **Read the study**

INCENTIVES FOR MINI-GRIDS THROUGH RETAIL TARIFF AND SUBSIDY DESIGN

This case study by the African Mini-Grids Community of Practice provides options for tariff and subsidy design that policy-makers can use to advance mini-grids. It also includes information on tools and resources to help assess these options. **Read the case study**

EVENTS



**2019 Power Africa
Conference**
August 20 - 23
Abuja, Nigeria

**10th Microgrid Global
Innovation Forum**
September 10-12
London, United Kingdom

**Off-Grid Energy Access Forum
2019**
October 2, 2019
London, United Kingdom

**HOMER International Microgrid
Conference**
October 7-9, 2019
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE MGP SECRETARIAT

Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) and UN Foundation have announced an agreement to integrate UN Foundation's energy access program into SEforALL, officially bringing both organizations' energy initiatives and staff together. Through this merger, the two institutions will be able to have an even greater impact going forward in their shared goal of delivering the clean and sustainable energy solutions that the world needs.

This merger comes after eight years of close collaboration and partnership between SEforALL and UN Foundation, during which we worked together with all of you to help build a nascent sustainable energy movement into the vibrant force that it is today. Going forward, SEforALL will take over the Secretariat role of the Mini-Grids Partnership, along with Alliance for Rural Electrification.

Follow us at the MGP website [here](#) and for SEforALL [here](#).

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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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