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The Zambia Renewable Energy Financing Framework is a program co-financed by the Green Climate Fund and African Development Bank (AfDB) to support the Government of the Republic of Zambia in its efforts to catalyze private investment for small-scale renewable energy projects and thereby accelerate.

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However, challenges abound: high upfront costs (\$0.20-\$0.50/kWh unsubsidised, compared to \$0.05-\$0.07/kWh for coal or hydropower), battery storage limitations for nighttime power, and limited private investment threaten progress. International initiatives, like the Electricity Services Access.

Stand-alone, modular, and often utilizing renewable resources—solar chief among them in Zambia—mini-grids are easy to build in geographically remote locations and cost-efficient for small populations. They also result in lower energy losses than larger grids. Standardized small-scale solutions are.

LUSAKA, April 1, 2025 – Access to electricity in Zambia has risen from 30% in 2017 to currently nearly 50%. Whilst half of the population is connected, the remaining half will require new energy solutions. Zambia currently relies on hydropower for 80% its electricity generation, but recent droughts.

In response, Zambia is ramping up investment in solar and other renewables,



aiming for at least 30% of its energy to come from non-hydro sources by 2030. Backed by policy reforms and public-private partnerships, the country is attracting independent power producers and expanding off-grid solar.



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Though Zambia has fewer than 15 operating mini-grids currently, the sector is well-positioned to expand. The IAERP project conducted a baseline study showing that mini-grids provide a low-cost electrification option that ...



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