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What is Benin's current energy situation?

This section provides information on Benin's current energy situation with energy demand-and-supply scenarios. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), 41% of Benin's population currently have access to electricity.

Which institutions are working to provide access to affordable energy in Benin?

Several institutional frameworks in the energy sector in Benin are working to provide access to affordable energy in the country. The ME is the biggest institution of the energy sector, responsible for the management of the energy sector and in charge of the implementation of RE projects.

Does Benin have a good energy sector?

This paper analyzed the energy sector in the Republic of Benin, a developing country in West Africa that has many problems in meeting the needs of its population for almost all sectors over the last decade, specifically, between 2010 and 2018, in terms of production, consumption, and imports.

How can bioenergy contribute to the energy sector in Benin?

In addition, the Vossa hydroelectric power plant of 60.2 MW is to be built with an annual production capacity of 188.2 GWh. An additional hydroelectric plant is planned to be installed in Benin to increase the national electricity production in Benin. Bioenergy can also play a crucial role in the energy sector in Benin.

What is the energy sector strategy in Benin?

In Benin, the energy sector strategy is aimed at improving the energy independence of the country and diversifying its sources of supply through the implementation of various interconnection projects with neighbouring countries and the enhancement of the national RE potential.

With the ever-declining costs for renewable technologies, renewable energy systems are expected to become the least costly option in more and more locations. However, most financiers still perceive off-grid renewables as high-risk options with low return on investment.

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This study aims to forecast the energy demand for Benin while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and propose alternative solutions to clean energy deployment barriers. The Low Emissions Analysis Platform (LEAP) is used to explore the future energy demand for Benin and associated GHG emissions.

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Given the aforementioned scenario and the lack of studies on the energy crisis in Benin, this study seeks to detail the national energy situation in Benin over the last decade, using critical analysis by taking production, consumption, and imports into account.

The Benin energy sector faces serious challenges, including an unfavorable energy mix with regular power shortages, erratic power outages, reliance on electricity imports, and dependence on traditional cooking stoves.

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