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NEWSLETTER

REGIONAL

SOLAR INSTALLATIONS IN AFRICA SET TO HIT RECORD 17 GW IN 2026

[Ember, an energy think tank, and the African Tech Futures Lab \(ATFL\)](#) is on track to install 17 GW of solar capacity in 2026, representing 45 % on-year growth. New analysis reveals Africa installed 12.0 GW in 2025, nearly double official estimates. Between 2023 and 2025, three-quarters of the 26 GW installed consisted of distributed rooftop solar systems, largely undocumented in national statistics. Chinese panel imports cost USD 2.4 billion over 12 months to June 2026. Thirty-six of Africa's 54 countries are forecast to set new installation records in 2026. Kenya's cumulative capacity additions from 2023-2026 exceed half its 2023 grid capacity, while 2026 additions will contribute 21 percent to annual generation in Somalia and Djibouti.

NATURAL CAPITAL IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

The African Development Fund approved a \$4.23 million grant on 27 August 2026 for the second phase of a project strengthening natural capital integration into development financing and decision-making across 13 African countries, including Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania. Running from October 2026 to September 2029, the initiative aims to improve systems for measuring and incorporating natural resources and biodiversity into development planning. The programme combines policy support, technical assistance, statistical assessments, biodiversity financing tools and capacity building, directly supporting African priorities on climate change, environmental sustainability and green investment.

NUMBER OF THE MONTH

34.0 %

That is the share of variable renewable energy (wind and solar) in Kenya's electricity mix at daytime peak demand of about 1,900 MW, rising to 36% at low load, per the Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) at its [State of the Grid briefing](#) on 11 August 2026.

PROPARCO AND CDP INVEST IN AFRICA50'S GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Proparco and Italy's Cassa Depositi e Prestiti signed subscription agreements on 6 August 2026 to invest USD 10 million and USD 40 million respectively in the Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa Project Development Fund (AGIA-PD). The fund, managed by Africa50, provides early-stage risk capital for project preparation, addressing a critical bottleneck for private infrastructure investment in Africa. The fund closed at USD 118 million in August 2025 with support from the African Development Bank and Germany's KfW. AGIA-PD targets USD 400 million and aims to unlock up to USD 10 billion in green infrastructure investment across the continent.



RENEWABLE ENERGIES

KENYA

SUN MOBILITY LAUNCHES BATTERY-SWAPPING NETWORK FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

On 21 August 2026, Indian electric mobility infrastructure company SUN Mobility deployed its open-architecture battery-swapping ecosystem in Kenya on 21 August 2026, launching Africa-wide expansion. Thirty-five stations are operational in Nairobi and Mombasa, serving electric vehicles from over ten manufacturers. This shared infrastructure model eliminates proprietary development costs. Operating-cost savings reach 20 to 35 percent compared to petrol vehicles, depending on daily usage (100 to 150 km). SUN Mobility's Indian platform powers 125,000 vehicles through 2,000 stations in 25 cities. A partnership with Vivo Energy provides access to 4,200 Shell and Engen-branded service stations across 29 African countries. Within five years, the group targets 160,000 vehicles and 2,500 stations across Africa, positioning Kenya as the anchor point for continental expansion.

MAURITIUS

STRONGER COOPERATION WITH INDIA ON THE ENERGY TRANSITION

Mauritius' Minister of Energy, Patrick Assirvaden, met his Indian counterpart, Hardeep Singh Puri, on 21 August to strengthen energy cooperation between Mauritius and India. The talks covered the development of biofuels with a view to cutting Mauritius' reliance on coal and heavy fuel oil by 15%, which could translate into a reduction of 0.8 to 1.2 million tonnes of CO₂. Three projects were also discussed: a floating solar plant at Tamarind Falls, a study for a 500 MW liquefied natural gas (LNG) project and the purchase of 100,000 solar panels for households. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) with India will give Mauritius access to Indian expertise in biofuels and alternative energy. Patrick Assirvaden also plans to travel to New Delhi shortly to take this cooperation forward.

SOMALIA

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR TWO SOLAR PLANTS TOTTALLING 110 MW

The World Bank-financed Somalia Electricity Recovery Project (USD 150M) has awarded contracts for the construction of two solar photovoltaic plants in Mogadishu. The first, the 55 MW Jazeera Power Plant, went to the American group Renewvia Energy and the Turkish group Asunim Renewable Energy for around USD 45M. The second, for the Daynile solar plant, also 55 MW, went to the Nigerian group CCC International Engineering and the Chinese group Yingchen New Energy Technology Co. for USD 44.9M. Both plants will supply Beco, a private group and one of Somalia's leading electricity providers.

TANZANIA

INAUGURATION OF THE 2,115 MW JULIUS NYERERE HYDROPOWER PROJECT

On 22 August 2026, Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan inaugurated the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP), located on the Rufiji River in the Pwani region, 250 km south-west of Dar es Salaam. With an installed capacity of 2,115 MW, the dam represents an investment of USD 2.9B by the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) and is expected to generate some 5,920 GWh a year. Built by the Egyptian consortium of Arab Contractors and Elsewedy Electric, it is fitted with nine turbines of 235 MW each. The ceremony was attended by, among others, the Egyptian Prime Minister. The dam marks a major step forward for the country's energy security and economic development, while contributing to Mission 300, which aims to supply electricity to 300 million Africans by 2030. The new capacity should also help raise the share of renewables in Tanzania's electricity mix, which reached 51% in 2024, driven in particular by the phased commissioning of new hydropower capacity (+2,142 MW).



UGANDA

CONTRACTOR SEEKS USD 40M TO REPAIR FAULTS AT THE KARUMA DAM

The contractor of the Karuma dam, China's Sinohydro Corporation Ltd, has asked the government for an additional USD 40M to address problems affecting the plant's operation and the safety of the infrastructure. Commissioned in September 2024 after more than ten years of works, the dam, located on the Nile 270 km north of Kampala, cost USD 1.8B and has a capacity of 600 MW. The disruptions are reported to stem in particular from a build-up of aquatic plants and debris that reduces water flow and clogs the cooling system, and to be especially pronounced during the rainy season. Two of the six generating units have been out of service for the past two months.

SUSTAINABLE CITY

COMOROS

STRONG POTENTIAL, PERSISTENT CONSTRAINTS IN THE COMOROS' BLUE ECONOMY

A World Bank report published on 13 August 2026, "Challenges and Opportunities for Developing the Blue Economy in the Comoros", notes that the country's marine and coastal potential is substantial and essential to its economy, food supply, employment and climate resilience. The sector nonetheless faces overfishing, ecosystem degradation, poor waste management, the impact of climate change and a lack of sustainable financing. Against these, the report sets significant opportunities: restoring mangroves and reefs, sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and mariculture, and future blue carbon and biodiversity markets. Seizing them, it argues, calls for better national coordination and community governance, stronger technical capacity and innovative financing, so as to build an inclusive and sustainable blue economy.

DJIBOUTI

ONEAD PARTNERS WITH A FRENCH COMPANY TO STRENGTHEN THE WATER SECTOR

As part of Djibouti's efforts to improve management and infrastructure in the water and sanitation sector, the National Water and Sanitation Board of Djibouti (ONEAD) signed a partnership agreement with the Société d'Outillage et de Construction (SOC) on 10 August 2026. This French company, which specialises in civil engineering and electrical installation works, will strengthen the technical skills of Djiboutian teams. Under the agreement, ONEAD technicians will receive support across several trades relating to the management of water networks and sanitation infrastructure. SOC will thereby help build the skills of the public operator's staff in core activities linked to drinking water distribution and wastewater treatment.

RWANDA

65 M EUR FINANCING FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN NORTH-WESTERN RWANDA

On 5 August 2026, Rwanda and the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed a EUR 65M financing agreement for the Volcanoes Community Resilience Project (VCRP), which aims to strengthen climate resilience, protect biodiversity and improve living conditions in north-western Rwanda. Covering the districts of Gakenke, Burera, Musanze, Nyabihu, Rubavu, Rutsiro, Ngororero and Muhanga, the project will benefit more than 2.3 million people exposed to flooding, landslides and soil erosion. It will finance flood risk reduction infrastructure, watershed restoration, landscape rehabilitation, biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods. The VCRP is coordinated by the Ministry of Environment, with support from Rwandan agencies specialising in water, meteorology, the environment and development. The agreement forms part of the ongoing partnership between Rwanda and the EIB on climate and resilient infrastructure.



TENDERS

Comoros – AFD

MARITIME INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORT SERVICE DELEGATION

AFD finances 10.5 M EUR project for inter-island maritime transport. Call for operators to manage MASSIWA vessel services between Moroni and Mutsamudu, including maintenance, commercialization, and public service continuity.

Deadline: October 23, 2026 - 16:00 (local time)

[For more information](#)

Madagascar - AFD

DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF HYDROELECTRIC EQUIPMENT AT IVONY SITE

GRET calls for international bids for design, turbine and generator supply, and installation of hydroelectric production equipment in Ambositra district to support the TOTEM project.

Deadline: September 30, 2026 - 10:00 (local time)

[For more information](#)

Kenya – World Bank

EXCAVATION OF NGANDENI AND IKULYA EARTH DAMS AND RELATED WORKS

Kitui County seeks bids for excavation of 128,000 cubic meters Ngandeni Earth Dam and 47,500 cubic meters Ikulya Earth Dam in Kitui County, including perimeter fencing and sanitation facilities. Contract duration: 180 days.

Deadline: October 1, 2026 – 12:00 Hours (E.A.T)

[For more information](#)

Burundi– World Bank

CONSTRUCTION OF A LAKE TANGANYIKA WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The *Régie de Production et de Distribution d'Eau et d'Électricité (REGIDESO)* calls for international bids to design, supply and install a treatment plant drawing raw water from Lake Tanganyika. Financed under the Drinking Water and Sanitation Access Project (PAEPA). Execution and commissioning within 18 months, plus a 12-month warranty period.

Deadline: October 29, 2026-15:00 (local time)

[For more information](#)

Mauritius – European Union

CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

Expertise France calls for project proposals to strengthen circular economy in construction across Mauritius and Rodrigues. Eligible organisations may apply for grants between €50,000 and €110,000 to support waste diversion, reuse and recycling practices, and inclusive entrepreneurship. Minimum 20 % co-financing required.

Deadline: 13 November 2026, 23:59 (Paris time).

[For more information](#)

Africa – African Water Facility

WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

The African Water Facility invites proposals for high-impact water and sanitation projects across Africa that strengthen climate resilience and improve service delivery. Eligible projects may receive preparation grants not exceeding EUR 1 M per project.

Deadline: 25 September 2026.

[For more information](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Uganda-UE Business Forum: Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Uganda - Instruments, Structures and Opportunities



Kampala, Uganda, 20th – 21st October 2026

The European Union (EU) Delegation to Uganda hosts a flagship business forum at the Kampala Serena Hotel, targeting renewable energy investments in hydropower, geothermal and wind. Held under the Global Gateway initiative, the forum convenes European and Ugandan companies, investors, development partners and government authorities to facilitate B2B, B2G and B2F partnerships and to move concrete investment projects forward.

The forum runs alongside [Uganda's Renewable Energy Conference](#) and EXPO, organised by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development and the National Renewable Energy Platform, held at the same venue from 19 to 22 October. Exhibition space is available to companies, with stands hosted by the EU-Uganda Business Hub, and is open to renewable technologies beyond the three priority segments. For European firms, it offers an early view of Uganda's investment pipeline and direct access to project sponsors.

A preparatory webinar addresses financing structures and instruments available through Team Europe and partner institutions, covering equity, debt, guarantees and blended finance. Participants include project developers, independent power producers (IPPs), development finance institutions and commercial banks. The forum offers targeted matchmaking, pitching sessions and Deal Room access to advance projects toward financial close.

Learn more : [Uganda-EU Business Forum 2026](#)



AFRICA E-MOBILITY WEEK

South Africa, Stellenbosch, 28th – 30th September 2026

Africa E-Mobility Week & Forum 2026 (AEW2026) will be held at Nooitgedacht Estate, Stellenbosch, Western Cape, as the continent's flagship gathering on electric mobility. It is convened with the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the Africa E-Mobility Alliance (AfEMA).

Hosted by Ethiopia in 2025, the event moves to South Africa this year. Over three days and five parallel stages, it will bring together policymakers, manufacturers, operators and financiers around a common objective: moving Africa's e-mobility transition from pilot projects to deployment at scale.

AEW2026 will feature:

- A plenary opening on the AU Continental Framework on Electric Mobility and the launch of the LEAP project on industrialisation, presented by Germany and Kenya
- Sessions on investable markets, charging interoperability, electric freight corridors and just transition financing, with the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat and the World Bank
- Strong Kenyan participation, with the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, the Electric Mobility Association of Kenya (EMAK), GIZ Kenya, BasiGo and M-KOPA
- An exhibition, spotlight sessions and a finance and investor roundtable
- Industry tours on day three with GreenCape, covering operators, charging infrastructure and manufacturing sites in the Western Cape

Location: Nooitgedacht Estate, Stellenbosch, Western Cape, South Africa

Learn more: [Africa E-Mobility Week & Forum 2026](#)



France, Paris, 24th and 25th November 2026

Held under the high patronage of Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, and supported by the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, as well as the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the **2026 edition of Ambition Africa will bring together over 1,500 French and African participants**, both in person and online, representing up to 43 African countries.

On November 24th & 25th, 2026, the forum returns to the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry in Paris for its eighth edition. Now a key annual event for Franco-African economic and trade relations, it gathers ministers, ambassadors, prominent speakers and business delegations from across the African continent for two days of high-level dialogue and partnership.

Ambition Africa 2026 will feature:

- Official plenary sessions with French and African officials
- Sectoral and transversal workshops on agriculture, health, energy sovereignty, water and waste, cybersecurity, urban development, finance and creative industries
- An innovation contest and awards ceremony
- Personalized B2B meetings between French and African companies
- Networking cocktails and a closing dinner concert

Location: Paris, France

Learn more: [Accueil - Ambition Africa](#)



KENYA TRANSPORT SUMMIT AND EXPO

NAIROBI-2026

Kenya, Nairobi, 30th September to 2nd October 2026

The Kenya Transport Summit & Expo (KTS&E) 2026, a collaboration between the National Public Transport Alliance (NAPTA Kenya), the Institute for Development Studies of the University of Nairobi and Droll Alfa, will be held under the banner "Building Safe, Sustainable, Inclusive and Integrated Transport Systems for the people".

Successor to the 2025 Inaugural Summit, KTS&E 2026 is presented as a unified national forum intended to move the sector from fragmented planning to integrated national delivery across all transport modes, and as the national accountability and delivery platform for Kenya's transport sector reform. The organisers announce high-level speakers. The 2026 exhibitors list has not yet been released.

Location: Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

Learn more: [KTS&E 2026 | Kenya Transport Summit & Expo - Building Safe, Sustainable & Inclusive Transport Systems](#)



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The French Club for Renewable Energies is an informal group bringing together French private and institutional actors to highlight French expertise on these themes and promote collaboration to offer an integrated development offer.

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