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### **Burkina Faso marvel solar energy**

Why is Burkina Faso launching a solar power plant in Komsilga?

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#### Is Burkina Faso suitable for solar power projects?

This suitability assessment was carried out at the request of the Government of Burkina Faso to map potential areas for utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) and wind projects. Currently, less than 25% of the population has access to electricity and the majority of those with access live in urban areas.

#### Will a 50 MWp solar power plant bolster Burkina Faso's electricity supply strategy?

In a pivotal move to bolster Burkina Faso's electricity supply strategy,the Minister of Energy, Mines, and Quarries, Simon-Pierre BOUSSIM, and Serge CONSEIGA, General Director of Energie Plus, sealed an agreement for the construction of a 50-megawatt peak (50 MWp) solar power plant in the commune of Komsilga, Burkina Faso.

#### Can Burkina Faso achieve 95% electricity access?

The country aims to reach 95% electricity access,with 50% in rural areas and universal access to clean cooking solutions in urban areas,with 65% in rural areas by 2030,up from 9% in 2020. The utilisation of Burkina Faso's renewable resource potential would enable the country to reduce its heavy reliance on thermal generation and energy imports.

#### How will Burkina Faso improve electricity trade with neighbouring countries?

Additionally, the results from this report are intended to inform the design and development of the country's regional projects as Burkina Faso is planning to enhance electricity trade with neighbouring countries through regional interconnectors with Benin, Niger, Nigeria and Togo.

#### What is Burkina Faso's road network?

The road network considered in this analysis was provided by the National Observatory of Territorial Economy ofice in Burkina Faso. It includes the national, regional and departmental roads across the country as shown in Figure 6. Figure 6. Burkina Faso's road network

Burkina Faso"s energy sector has achieved a milestone as the Transitional Legislative Assembly has endorsed a EUR45.7 million conventional loan from the Export-Import Bank of China. This approval clears the path for the construction of the Donsin solar power plant and an associated electricity storage system.

Burkina Faso marks a significant leap in its renewable energy journey with the inauguration of the Zano

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photovoltaic solar power plant. With a peak capacity of 24 Megawatts, this state-of-the-art facility contributes 38 GWh of clean electricity annually, aligning with the nation"s commitment to achieving 15% renewable energy by 2025.

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Burkina Faso has made great progress in the field of renewable energy in recent years, and 2024 is expected to be a watershed year for the nation's solar energy industry. Burkina Faso is well-positioned to use the power of the sun to boost economic growth, expand access to energy, and lower carbon emissions because of its abundant sunlight ...

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