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Does Akon Lighting Africa provide sustainable electricity?

Within the first year, Akon Lighting Africa was able to provide 14 countries with sustainable electricity, including street lamps and solar panels. Local vendors are able to stay out another six to eight hours after sunset to provide for their families.

Who is Akon Lighting Africa?

Fast-forward to today, and Akon Lighting Africa is now responsible for providing solar-powered electricity to 25 different countries and roughly 28.8 million people who can now enjoy the same benefits of electricity that much of the world has enjoyed for decades.

Is rap star Akon launching a solar power business?

Recognizing the opportunities lurking in the renewable energy market, the world-renowned rap star, Akon, has started a solar power business that aims to bring electricity to millions of people in the continent of Africa.

What did Akon do for Africa?

In just one year, Akon's initiative was a smashing success by providing 14 African nations, including Guinea, Senegal, and Sierra Leone, with sustainable, solar-powered electricity via street lamps and solar panels.

Is Akon a community innovator?

Akon is not the only one to engage in community innovations; there are other non-conventional projects such as Morocco's Noor Complex solar power plant and Kenya's M-Kopa, a pay-as-you-go solar power provider, which use natural resources to make power accessible to consumers at the lowest cost possible.

Who are Akon and Samba Bathily?

Akon founded the solar project in partnership with two visionary co-founders, Thione Niang, a passionate Senegalese political activist, and Samba Bathily, a successful entrepreneur and CEO of solar company Solektra International. The co-founders understand that rural African communities require more than just temporary aid from foreign donors.

Musician Akon has provided 14 African nations with solar-powered electricity via street lamps and solar panels as part of "Akon Lighting Africa," a project aimed at providing the continent of Africa with low-cost, sustainable electricity.

The power sector in Africa is significantly underdeveloped with paradoxically huge potential for renewable energy deployment. This case discusses how Akon Lighting Africa (hereafter ALA), a celebrity-run project, is harnessing solar energy to provide electricity to those who live without it.

In 2014, Akon launched the "Akon Lighting Africa" project to help Africans access low-cost yet sustainable



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energy through solar power. Understanding the affordability of solar power, Akon's solar project aimed to bring much-needed electricity to more communities in Africa.

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Having achieved fame and fortune as a chart topping rap star in the US, Akon is now seeking to combine his profile with solar technology to broaden access to electricity by fronting a company that is establishing the infrastructure and skills to take solar power to isolated communities in his African heartland.

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ATLANTA (AP) -- Grammy-nominated singer Akon has a goal of bringing solar-powered electricity to 1 million homes in Africa by the end of the year, and the singer is using millions of his own dollars for the cause. Akon started ...

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Akon Lighting Africa is a project started in 2014 by music artist Akon with Samba Bathily and Thione Niang which aims to provide electricity by solar energy in Africa. [2] [3] [4] Their initial technique is to install solar street lights and small energy systems. [5]

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