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How much solar power is available in Burundi?

Hydropower: 1,700 MW of potential. 300 MW are economically possible ("Burundi" 2022). Solar: Average daily solar insolation is 4-5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day, indicating strong solar potential for Burundi ("Energy Profile Burundi" n.d.). There is a growing number of households, businesses, schools, and health clinics using distributed, off-grid solar.

What is the primary energy supply in Burundi?

The remainder of the primary energy supply is from oil ("Burundi Energy Profile" 2021). However, a majority (98%) of the renewable energy supply in Burundi is bioenergy. The remainder of the renewable energy supply is hydroelectric, and solar power ("Burundi Energy Profile" 2021).

What can a Burundi Energy Center do?

For example, such a center in Burundi could focus on funding and implementing solar-plus-storage technologies for rural and remote households. The 2015 Electricity Act enables foreign investments into the power sector. In addition, laws in Burundi allow tax benefits for energy investment and public-private partnership.

How much does electricity cost in Burundi?

Average power prices in Burundi are among the most expensive in the world, some sources citing the average tariff at USD 0.31/kWh ("REGIDESO to Nearly Triple Electricity Tariffs" 2017).

How much does solar energy cost per kWh?

Global Atlas for Renewable Energy ([globalatlas.irena.org](http://globalatlas.irena.org)) shows "development zones" with favorable characteristics (high solar radiation, ground slope, distance to loads and transmission lines, and population density) with levelized cost of energy varying from USD 0.13 to USD 0.14 per kWh Figure 5.

Are tariffs a strength or a weakness in Burundi?

Utilization of tariffs is considered a strength; however, tariffs in Burundi are considered high and ineffective. Plans of expansion of hydroelectric supply do not directly acknowledge projected climate change impacts and vulnerability to the power sector.

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