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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-07-01
Borrower	Economic Community of West African (ECOWAS)
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 3.86 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 5.78 million

Project Description

According to the bank website, the Desert to Power West Africa Regional Energy Program (WAREP) will support Sahelian countries in accelerating regional-scale development of solar power generation, transmission and decentralized solar power projects. Phase 1 will finance pre-feasibility studies to accelerate regional-scale development for on-grid and off-grid solar generation and transmission interconnection across the Sahel Region. The project has three components: (i) Pre-feasibility studies for the Sahel Backbone and associated solar parks to improve regional energy trade; (ii) Preparation Activities for the ECREEE Regional Mini Grid Program (ERMGP) to expand mini-grid investments and generate economies of scale (iii) Project management to ensure quality control and supervision of the project. The estimated total project cost is UA 4.18 million (approximately USD 6 million) funded under the Bank's ADF-15 Regional Envelope.

The Project intends (i) to build a pipeline of regional solar projects, both gridconnected and decentralized solutions, as well as cross-border transmission projects; (ii) to strengthen the capacity of utilities to integrate intermittent solar energy in power systems; and (iii) to streamline and harmonize off-grid regional policy, planning, and regulatory frameworks and capacity-building initiatives led by regional bodies.

Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal report (en)
- Appraisal report (fr)
- Environmental Study (en)
- Expression of interest (fr)
- General Procurement Notice (en)