Early Warning System

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## Quick Facts

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| **Specific Location** | Sahel Region |
| **Financial Institutions** | African Development Bank (AFDB) |
| **Status** | Approved |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | A |
| **Voting Date** | 2021-07-01 |
| **Borrower** | Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the West African Power Pool (WAPP) |
| **Sectors** | Energy |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Grant |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 1.92 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 which will be executed over 36 months, 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. This in turn is expected to contribute to the global objective of DtP to reach 10,000 MW of new solar generation capacity and universal access to electricity by 2030. The estimated total project cost is UA 4.18 million (approximately USD 6 million) funded under the Bank's ADF-15 Regional Envelope.

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- African Development Bank (AFDB)

## Contact Information

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**Bank Documents**

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