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Overview

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 are the energy planning strategies for Burundi?

Energy Planning Strategies for Burundi The Burundian energy supply highly depends on traditional use of biomass. The literature shows that the power supply of this country mainly relies on hydropower generation. Many hydropower projects are under development to increase the electricity access of this country .

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.

Does Burundian power supply match domestic energy demand?

As the Burundian power supply not matching the domestic energy demand , the energy needs is mostly represented by traditional biomass at about 96% of total energy consumption, mostly used for cooking in rural areas (in traditional way) and urban areas as charcoal .

Why does Burundi need a gas power plant?

This is driven by a lack of supply, grid inefficiencies (24% of supply lost due to transmission and distribution network technical issues (Nsabimana 2020)), lack of investment in new infrastructure, and dependence on a leased gas

power plant (“Burundi ClimateScope 2021” 2021).

Does Burundi have solar power?

However, solar makes up a small fraction of energy supplied in Burundi due to its relatively low installed capacity of 5 MW (“Burundi Energy Profile” 2021). Solar made up 5% of all installed capacity in 2020, generating a total of 8 GWh of electricity for the year, which accounted for 2% of annual electricity generation in Burundi.

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