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## Overview

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Société Nigérienne d'Electricité (Nigelec) has contracted a consortium of India's Sterling and Wilson, France's Vergnet and SNS Niger to construct a solar PV battery storage and diesel genset-based hybrid power plant in the central city of Agadez. Are there any off-grid solar energy systems in Niger?

Yes, there is considerable experience of off-grid solar energy systems in Niger. These include off-grid PV electrification, water pumping, and solar water heating systems. The main decentralised renewable energy system promoted in Niger for rural electricity is solar PV.

Who invested in solar energy in Niger?

A study on the renewable energy sector in Niger found that more than 90% of the solar PV investment was made by development partners. The country experienced a cumulative solar PV investment amounting to USD 23.89m in 2005-2010.

Does Niger have potential for solar power?

Niger enjoys high solar radiation conditions in all eight of its regions. Average solar radiation is 5-7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per day, and there are seven to ten hours of sunshine per day on average. Further data collection and analysis are needed to ensure their potential and viability.

What is the history of solar energy use in Niger?

The history of solar energy use in Niger began in the mid-1960s when the Centre National d'Énergie Solaire (CNES) was established. Previously known as the Office de l'Énergie Solaire (ONERSOL), it had been set up to.

How can Niger balance its energy mix?

This transformative project, funded by the World Bank through the International Development Association (IDA), will enable Niger to better balance its energy mix, which is currently largely dominated by thermal

energy. This initiative is particularly crucial for a country that frequently faces climatic shocks.

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