

Burundi electricity market



Overview

Burundi triples electricity capacity in five years, reaching 166. Jiji-Mulembwe hydropower complex aims to supply 15,000 households and 7,000 businesses.

Introduction Burundi is a small, densely populated landlocked country in East Africa with a population of approximately 13.5 million people and one of the lowest per capita incomes globally. The country faces severe energy challenges, with only 11.6% of the population having access to electricity. Total energy supply (TES) includes all the energy produced in or imported to a country, minus that which is exported or stored. The majority of electricity generation relies on hydroelectric plants, though reliance on diesel fuel has increased, with oil use rising. The average electricity price in Burundi has decreased from ~\$133/MWh in 2023 to ~\$116/MWh in 2024.

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Climatescope 2025 , Burundi

It highlights how the energy transition is progressing in these markets and how they are harnessing the transition to boost attractiveness to outside investors.

Accelerating Access to Clean and Reliable Electricity in Burundi

A new World Bank-financed project will support the increase of electricity access in Burundi and help to improve the country's energy sector performance.



Burundi: Access to Electricity Remains Low Despite Sharp Increase in

National access to electricity remains under 12%, highlighting persistent distribution challenges. Burundi has achieved unprecedented growth in electricity production capacity over the

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Burundi's energy consumption , Power and Energy

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Burundi , Africa Energy Portal

Burundi has the lowest access rate in the East African Region despite the country's huge Renewable Energy potential (hydro, solar, wind). Their electricity sector is characterized by low investments ...

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