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In May 2021, two new photovoltaic solar plants opened in Kael and Kahone, two towns located in Western Senegal. The plants will provide electricity for 540,000 citizens at a low cost. The addition of the solar power plants form part of the World Bank Group's Scaling Solar program and are funded by the International Finance Corporation (IFC ...

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The energy landscape of Senegal, a nation in West Africa, is undergoing a spectacular transition as solar energy gains prominence. Senegal has achieved great advancements in utilising the year-round abundance of sunlight it receives during the past ten years, and a number of noteworthy trends and breakthroughs are propelling this solar revolution.

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The paired solar power plants cost \$40.77 million, providing electricity to 540,000 people at under four cents per kWh - not only the cheapest energy in Senegal but among the most cost-effective across sub-Saharan Africa.

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The Kahone and Kaolack solar power plants are now injecting 60 MWp into Senegal's national electricity grid. The new facilities are owned by a consortium of Engie, Meridiam and Senegal's Fonds souverain d'investissements stratégiques (Fonsis). The solar plants were built under the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) "Scaling Solar" programme.

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ENGIE, Meridiam and FONSI (Senegal's Sovereign Strategic Investment Fund) announce the commissioning of two photovoltaic power plants in Senegal with a total production capacity of 60MW - Kahone Solaire SA (35MW) and Kael Solaire SA (25MW) - located respectively in the regions of Kaolack and Diourbel, in the center of the country.

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The follow-up projects are two solar PV plants in Senegal, which are also connected to the national power grid. The grid-connected PV project in Kaolack was commissioned on May 20, 2021 and comprises the construction and operation of a large-scale photovoltaic system with 35 MWDC in Kaolack, Mbacké department, Diourbe region, Senegal.

The planned Scaling Solar projects underscore Senegal's commitment to integrating renewable energy resources into its energy mix. The successful tender set a new benchmark for the region. With prices under 4 US cents per kWh, solar energy will become Senegal's cheapest energy source.

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