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In a significant move towards enhancing energy access and sustainability, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$35 million grant aimed at bolstering solar power generation in Guinea-Bissau.



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The primary goal of this initiative is to speed up electrification. Currently, only 33% of Guinea-Bissau's population has access to electricity, with around 58% in the capital, Bissau. The cost of electricity is very high, making it one of the most expensive in Africa.



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The government of Guinea-Bissau has received a US\$35 million grant from the World Bank to support the implementation of its US\$88.2 million Solar Energy Scale-Up and Access Project. The project entails the development of 30MW of solar parks with battery energy storage systems (BESS), the enhancement of transmission grid infrastructure and

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Electricity in Guinea-Bissau is not only scarce but also among the most expensive in Africa. According to Anne-Lucie Lefebvre, the World Bank's resident representative in Guinea-Bissau, the country's untapped solar resources offer the cheapest and fastest solution to bridging the electricity supply gap.

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