

## **SolarTech Power Solutions**

# **Democratic Congo Energy Storage Power**



## Overview

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What is the main energy resource of the Democratic Republic of Congo?

Hydroelectric power (See Annex 1) is the main energy resource of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The DRC ranks first in Africa in terms of its potential (100,000 MW), which accounts for 13% of the global hydropower potential.

Is the Democratic Republic of the Congo an energy exporter?

One of the Inga dams, a major source of hydroelectricity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Democratic Republic of the Congo was a net energy exporter in 2008. Most energy was consumed domestically in 2008. According to the IEA statistics the energy export was in 2008 small and less than from the Republic of Congo.

What is the government's vision for power generation in Congo?

The government's vision is to increase the service level to 32 percent by 2030. Lack of access to modern electricity services impairs the health, education, and income-generating potential of millions of Congolese people. Most power generation development is directed and funded by mining companies seeking to power their facilities.

What is the energy potential of the DRC?

The DRC has immense and varied energy potential, consisting of non-renewable resources, including oil, natural gas, and uranium, as well as renewable energy sources, including hydroelectric, biomass, solar, and geothermal power.

How many people in DRC have electricity?

Despite millions of dollars of donor funding, according to the World Bank only 19 percent of the DRC's 108 million people have access to electricity – about 41 percent in urban areas and 1 percent in rural areas. The government's

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Should solar investors invest in DRC?

Several solar investors have explored the DRC market and are in the process of signing MOUs with the government. The GDRC seeks firms with financing and experience to collaborate with local and parastatal firms to build these power-generating facilities.

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