

Is reliable energy the key to sustainable growth in Liberia?

The World Bank today released the fifth edition of its annual Liberia Economic Update, titled Powering Growth with Reliable, Affordable, and Sustainable Energy Access. The report offers a comprehensive analysis of recent economic developments in Liberia, underscoring the crucial role of reliable energy in fostering sustainable growth.

What is happening in Liberia's energy sector?

The update highlights key advancements in Liberia's energy sector, including notable progress in power generation and the expansion of energy access. However, despite these gains, the country faces significant power shortages, calling for substantial investments to achieve reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy access for all Liberians.

How will Liberia achieve universal access to electricity by 2030?

The country will need to invest heavily in energy infrastructure to achieve universal access to electricity by 2030. The primary energy sources in Liberia are traditional biomass fuels such as firewood and charcoal, which account for more than 80% of the country's total energy consumption [5,12,13].

What are the main energy sources in Liberia?

Liberia is endowed with significant primary energy sources, including biomass, hydroelectricity, petroleum and renewable energy resources, and these play a crucial role in the development of Liberia's

What is the primary energy consumption in Liberia?

In Liberia, more than 80% of the primary energy consumption comes from biomass. Most importantly, woody biomass is used for domestic cooking and heating. In 2004, it was estimated that over 95% of the population depends on firewood and charcoal for cooking and heating needs and palm oil for lighting. Energy consumption in Liberia is dominated by biomass.

What are the challenges to energy access in Liberia?

The primary challenge to energy access in Liberia is the limited and underdeveloped energy infrastructure. The lack of adequate power generation, transmission, and distribution systems contributes to this low access rate. The electrification rate is significantly lower in rural areas, where most of the population resides.

PIDG TA has provided \$360,000 of capital funding for the supply and installation of a rooftop solar-hybrid system that will provide the primary source of power to this Liberia storage facility. ...

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Where others see obstacles, we uncover opportunities. While energy accessibility remains a challenge in many parts of the world, Liberia stands apart due to its unique combination of severe infrastructure deficits, high unemployment rates, ...