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Aussie Off-grid Technologies Set for Export Markets in Africa

At the Africa Australia Technology and Infrastructure Conference, Australian off-grid renewable energy experts and entrepreneurs will get a rare opportunity to learn about rapidly developing export markets in African countries. In recent years, off-grid renewable energy markets in Africa have been growing exponentially in the race to bridge the gap for over 620 million people who do not have access to electricity.

Many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have grappled with huge financial commitments needed to build mega power plants and reliable transmission lines to wheel-out generated electricity to growing populations. The funding challenges have now compelled countries endowed with huge renewable energy resources to focus more on off-grid renewables to ensure sustainable power supply and utilise more affordable sources of energy. Today in Africa, off-grid renewable energy sources are increasingly becoming more popular as the quicker option towards attaining predictable power supply for millions of Africans.

The current trend presents tremendous opportunities for Australian major and start-up companies to export their electricity solutions to high-demand markets in African countries. The business opportunities across markets in Africa include direct sale of branded pico-solar products, pay-as-you-go solar systems and off-grid power supply to remote areas, industrial clusters, universities, gated-residential estates, hospitals, banks and telecoms, among others.

Decision makers from African countries and Australia will be converging at the 5th edition of Africa Australia Technology + Infrastructure Conference (AATIC). The event will take place at the Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) Perth on 4th & 5th September 2017.

The two-day event is part of Africa Week and is supported by Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT). The forum will provide an excellent opportunity for Australians to showcase their solutions, connect with African decision-makers and enter these high-demand electricity markets in Africa.

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