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Niger Electricity Co. has asked consultants to submit expressions of interest for feasibility, environmental, and social impact studies for a 60 MW solar-plus-storage project in western Niger. The deadline is Dec. 2.

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State-owned Niger Electricity Co. is seeking consultants to carry out feasibility, environmental and social impact studies for the construction of a 60 MW solar plant with storage. The project will be built in the town of Tahoua, western Niger.

The tender details state that the work should be completed within 15 months. It will be funded by financing obtained from the African Development Bank. Expressions of interest must be submitted by Dec. 2, 2024.

According to figures from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Niger had deployed 92 MW of solar by the end of 2023, up from 62 MW the year prior, thanks to the commissioning of a 30 MW plant in July 2023.



Total energy supply (TES) includes all the energy produced in or imported to a country, minus that which is exported or stored. It represents all the energy required to supply end users in the country. Some of these energy sources are used directly while most are transformed into fuels or electricity for final consumption.

Energy production includes any fossil fuels drilled and mined, which can be burned to produce electricity or used as fuels, as well as energy produced by nuclear fission and renewable power sources such as hydro, wind and solar PV. Bioenergy - which here includes both modern and traditional sources, including the burning of

municipal waste - is also an important domestic energy source in many countries.

Imports, particularly of fossil fuels like oil, natural gas and coal, make up an important part of the energy supply in many countries. Countries that rely heavily on imported energy may be vulnerable to supply disruption from external events such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine. In countries that export large amounts of energy, falling energy prices can also cause major economic shocks.

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