MISSION 300

#PoweringAfrica

Connecting 300 Million People to Electricity—and Economic Opportunity—by 2030

(Photo courtesy of the World Bank Group)

The Challenge

Reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy is foundational to economic transformation, public service delivery, and job creation. Yet nearly 600 million people in Africa—85% of the world's unelectrified population—still lack electricity, and population growth continues to outpace new connections.

Our Mission

Mission 300 aims to connect 300 million people in Africa to electricity by 2030 – while driving economic transformation and job creation, particularly for vulnerable communities.

A Powerful Partnership

Mission 300 — a partnership between the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank Group, with support from The Rockefeller Foundation, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, and Sustainable Energy for All — translates financial and reform commitments into implementation through national energy compacts, economywide reforms, investment programs, technical assistance, and private-sector mobilization to combat energy poverty and unlock opportunity.

Mission 300 has been endorsed by the African Union as a continental initiative, complementing other initiatives such as the Continental Power Masterplan and the Africa Single Electricity Market (AfSEM).

African governments lead sector reforms through National Energy Compacts that set measurable targets in five areas:

- Expanding least-cost power generation
- Facilitating cross-border power trade
- Scaling up distributed renewable energy and clean cooking solutions
- Unlocking private sector investment
- Strengthening power utilities so they are financially viable.

Together, these reforms help increase investor confidence and private investment to expand energy access across Africa.

Private sector partners drive investment and innovation—from off-grid energy to large scale electricity generation, transmission, and distribution.

Local communities ensure that energy projects and investments reflect their needs and deliver meaningful change.

Development co-financiers, philanthropies, and partners provide financial resources and technical assistance to scale up the impact of Mission 300.

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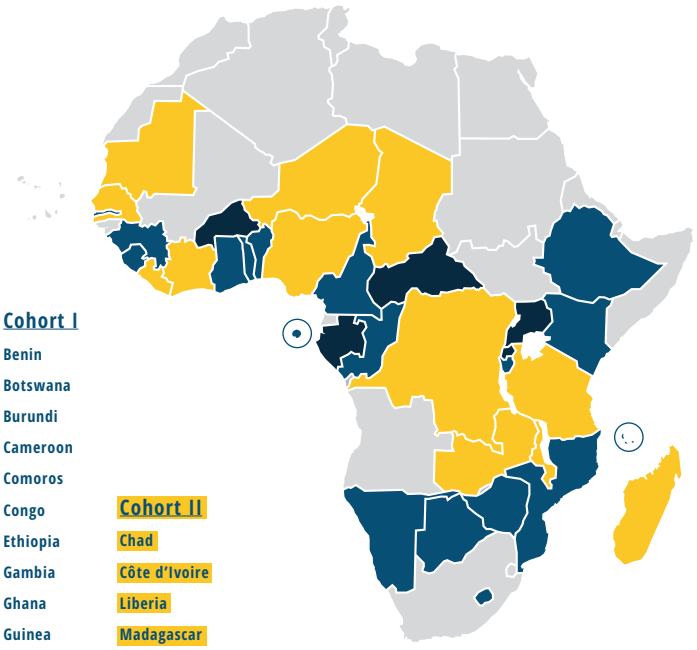
To date, Mission 300 has:

1. Provided electricity access to **over 50 million people** (as of April 2026) across more than 200 energy investments financed by World Bank Group and the African Development Bank Group, with a pipeline of tens of millions more by the end of 2026.
2. Pledged over **$50 billion in development finance**— including large-scale, concessional financing from the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank Group—reinforced by catalytic capital and guarantees to mobilize private investment.
3. Convened the **Mission 300 Development Partners Coordination Group (DPCG)** to align contributions from roughly 35 bilateral and multilateral donors, development finance institutions, philanthropic partners, and technical organizations. Members of the group such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the European Investment Bank, the French Development Agency, the Islamic Development Bank, and the OPEC Fund have pledged about $10.4 billion in support of Africa's energy sector.
4. **Advanced innovative tools to reduce investment risk for the private sector**. With a $300 million anchor investment across two phases from the World Bank Group, African Development Bank Group and partners, the initiative's flagship vehicle Zafiri addresses one of Africa's toughest energy financing gaps by channeling long-term equity into distributed renewable energy (DRE) companies, bringing reliable, affordable power to communities beyond the reach of traditional grids. Additional investors include Trade and Development Bank, Nordic Development Fund, FirstRand Group, The Rockefeller Foundation, and MacArthur Foundation.
5. Financed technical assistance and support for **35 countries to design and launch National Energy Compacts** that define targets, reforms, and investment priorities to accelerate access.
6. Established funding for technical support to **16 Compact Delivery and Monitoring Units (CDMUs)** with more to come. CDMUs are teams of mostly national experts who coordinate implementation, monitor results, and align support to speed up the rate of connections.
7. Funded support for Co-Action Global to launch the **Mission 300 Fellowship,** which is deploying **22 mid-career fellows** to support Mission 300 implementation, and funded the creation of the **Mission 300 Expert Roster** to provide on-demand, highly specialized support to CDMUs for energy access reform and delivery.
8. **Spurred greater investment across Africa** with **the DRE Africa Platform**, unveiled by Africa50, the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority, Sustainable Energy for All, and the International Solar Alliance to finance distributed renewable energy projects across Africa and to catalyze local currency financing.
9. Launched the **Mission 300 Private Sector Council** with 14 leaders from diverse sectors to help drive strategies to crowd in capital and deal-making capability, maximize economic transformation, and scale up catalytic finance platforms to accelerate commercial investment that supports both energy access and job creation.

COMPACT COHORTS I, II, & III*



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- Benin
- Botswana
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Comoros
- Congo
- Ethiopia
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- São Tomé and Príncipe
- Sierra Leone
- Togo
- Zimbabwe

Cohort II
- Chad
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mauritania
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Nigeria
- Niger
- Senegal
- Tanzania
- Zambia

Cohort III
- Burkina Faso
- Central African Republic
- Gabon
- Rwanda
- Uganda

*As of June 2026