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Overview

What is the main priority for the Democratic Republic of Congo's power sector?

The main priority for the Democratic Republic of Congo's power sector is to increase access to electricity. The Democratic Republic of Congo is a large country with 10 million households of which 1.6 million have access to electricity. This makes it the third largest population in the world without access to electricity.

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.

Is biomass a key source of primary energy in DRC?

This note acknowledges the importance of biomass as an key source of primary energy in DRC but considers its limitations as being too strong to constitute a significant response to the electricity access challenge. DRC has significant biomass resources, challenged by deforestation.

How can we better understand electricity demand in the DRC?

To better understand present and future electricity demand in the DRC, a concerted effort by public agencies and donors, under the leadership of the

Ministry of Energy and Hydraulic Resources to collect better data will be needed, as will a flexible approach to quickly factor evolving demand growth.

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 vision is to increase the service level to 32 percent by 2030.

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