



1st International Conference

« SOLAR ENERGY: ISSUES, POTENTIALS AND CONSTRAINTS FOR AFRICA »

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Conference hall, Ouaga 2000

Africa has a huge potential in natural energy resources, especially in renewable energy resources which remain currently little exploited. Meanwhile, more than 60% of the African population doesn't have access to electricity. The progress achieved in the latest decades in the solar field appear then as a real opportunity for Africa.

Burkina Faso Authorities called upon the International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE, Ouagadougou) and the National Center of Solar Energy (INES, France) to make an assessment of the ongoing solar experiences, to invite and sensitize the private sectors, and to make recommendations for decision makers in order to light up the choices of the national and regional institutions as well as NGOs and private operators for the solar market development in Africa.

That is the objective of the 1st international conference « Solar Energy: Issues, Potentials and Constraints for Africa » organized by the Ministry of Mines, Quarries and Energy of Burkina Faso, 2iE and INES from 13 to 15 December, 2012 at Ouagadougou.

Four thematic will be covered:

- Solar resource in Africa: fiction or reality, what potential?
- Solar technologies available and/or ongoing development in the world
- The feedback experiences from solar achievements in Africa.
- Constraints of the development of the solar market in Africa: politic framework, role of the private sector, financing and human resources.

The detailed agenda of the conference may be found at www.2ie-edu.org

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