



World Bank releases \$1.5b for solar project

ACCRA More than 500 million people have no access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa. World Bank-funded projects to generate power under solar lighting solutions to provide lighting off-grid.

The World Bank has approved \$1.5 billion for the solar lighting project, which will provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to over 500 million people in sub-Saharan Africa. The project will support the construction of 100,000 solar home systems (SHS) and 100,000 solar street lighting systems. The SHS will provide electricity for lighting, charging mobile phones, and other small appliances. The street lighting systems will improve public safety and security.

The project is being implemented in 10 countries: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and Rwanda. The World Bank is providing the financing, while the governments are providing the land and other resources. The project is expected to be completed by 2020.

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Radical LPG rules to rein in illegal refills

New rules require marketers to insure, track their cylinders to ensure consumer safety and lock out unregulated retailers

By Lewis Njoku

It will be responsible for the transportation of gas cylinders. The new rules require marketers to insure, track their cylinders to ensure consumer safety and lock out unregulated retailers.

The new rules are a radical step to ensure consumer safety and to lock out unregulated retailers. The rules require marketers to insure their cylinders and to track them throughout their lifecycle. This will ensure that all cylinders are safe and that only regulated retailers can refill them.

The rules also require marketers to provide training for their staff and to ensure that their cylinders are properly maintained. This will help to reduce the risk of accidents and to ensure that consumers are safe.

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COST IMPLICATIONS



Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority Director General Peter Obiero during a briefing for the launch of the new LPG gas regulations in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO BY JAMES MUKIRI

The new rules will have significant cost implications for marketers. They will need to invest in insurance and tracking systems. They will also need to invest in training and maintenance.

The new rules will also have significant implications for unregulated retailers. They will be unable to refill cylinders, which will reduce their revenue. This will help to level the playing field for regulated marketers.

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Kepsa study shows graft is more rampant in small businesses

By Jonathan Mwangi and others



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