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Overview

What role does hydropower play in Africa's Development?

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What is the Africa hydropower modernisation programme?

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Are Africa's hydropower projects achieving Final Investment Decision (FID)?

Africa has a significant pipeline of approved hydropower projects, but a key challenge remains reaching final investment decision (FID) and progressing to construction. More than 18.5GW of projects have secured approval but are not yet under construction.

Is solar energy a viable alternative to large hydropower in Southeast Asia?

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Why is the southern African region a conflict based on hydropower?

The Southern African region epitomizes the conflicts arising from the significant expansion of hydropower and the potential tradeoffs in developing wind and solar projects.

What is Africa's first gold-certified hydroelectric project?

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