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OUR VISION

To be the leading regional provider of innovative and sustainable energy solutions for national development.

OUR MISSION

Developing and providing reliable and affordable energy while creating value for our stakeholders.

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Core Values of REG



Customer Oriented

Serving our customers and ensuring their satisfaction through our culture of excellence



Integrity

We are open, fair and honest with our stakeholders



RESPECT FOR PEOPLE

We respect, empower, recognize and ensure the continuous development of our people.



TEAM WORK

We work together reinforcing our professional capabilities as individuals, teams and operating units



EFFICIENCY

We innovatively achieve more with fewer resources without compromising quality



SUSTAINABILITY

We provide sustainable solutions in a safe environment

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THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE REQUESTS TO FAST-TRACK THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NYABARONGO II HYDRO-POWER PLANT



The State Minister in the Ministry of Infrastructure, Mr. Olivier Kabera, visited the Nyabarongo II hydro power plant under construction and requested that the construction work be expedited and completed before the beginning of 2027.

The State Minister together with the CEO of the Rwanda Energy Group (REG), Armand Zingiro visited various infrastructure projects aimed at increasing electricity access in Rwanda.

In particular, they visited the Nyabarongo II hydropower plant, located in the Rulindo District, Northern Province and were updated on construction progress.

Nyabarongo Hydro power plant is a project of the Government of Rwanda in partnership with various other stakeholders including a contractor called SINO HYDRO CORPORATION LTD. The company had set itself the goal of completing the construction of the plant in December 2026, but for various reasons, the completion of the plant is expected to be completed in 2027.

Mr. Kabera Olivier, praised the management of REG for monitoring the implementation of the construction of the plant and requested that they continue to monitor the completion of the work and workers should work day and night to ensure that the power plant is completed in due course.

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MINISITERI Y'IBIKORWAREMEZO IRASABAKO HAKWIHUTISHWA IMIRIMO YO KUBAKA URUGOMERO RW'AMASHANYARAZI RWA NYABARONGO YA II



Umunyamabanga wa Leta Bwana Kabera Olivier yashimye ubuyobozi bwa REG mu gukurikirana ishyirwa mu bikorwa ry'imirimo yo kubaka urwo rugomero anabasaba ko hakomeza gukurikirana iyo mirimo yo kururungiza ndetse abakozi barwubaka bagakora amanywa na n'ijoro ariko urwo rugomero rukarangizwa mugihe impande zose zemeranije.

Yanasabye kandi ko habaho koroherezwa mu buryo bwo gutumiza mu mahanga no kwakira ibikoresho byo kubaka urwo rugomero mu buryo bworoshye hatabayeho ko ibyo bikoresho bitinda mu nzira cyangwa mu bubiko muri za gasutamo nka

Umunyamabanga wa Leta muri Minisiteri y'ibikorwaremezo Bwana Olivier Kabera yasuye urugomero rw'amashanyarazi rurimo kubakwa rwa Nyabarongo II asaba ko hakwihutishwa imirimo yo kurwubaka rukaba rwuzuye bitarenze mu ntangiriro z'umwaka wa 2027.

Uyu munyamabanga wa Leta muri Minisiteri y'ibikorwaremezo ari kumwe n'umuyobozi mukuru wa Sosiyete y'u Rwanda ishinzwe ingufu REG, Armand Zingiro basuye imishinga itandukanye y'ibikorwa remezo bigamije kongera ingufu z'amashanyarazi mu Rwanda.

By'umwihariko basuye imirimoyokubaka urugomero rw'amashanyarazi rwa Nyabarongo II, ruherereye mu karere ka Rulindo mu ntara y'amajyaruguru basobanurirwa aho imirimo yo kubaka urwo rugomero igeze ishyirwa mu bikorwa.

Ni imishinga Leta y'u Rwanda ifatanyije n'abandi bafatanyabikorwa batandukanye barimo rwiyezamezimirimo (Contractor) ufite kompani yubaka yitwa SINO HYDRO CORPORATION LTD. Ni kompayi yari yihaye intego yo kuba yashoje imirimo yo kubaka urwo rugomero mu Ukuboza k'umwaka wa 2026 ariko ikagaragazako kubera impamvu zitandukanye imirimo yo gusozza urwo rugomero iteganijwe kuzarangira muri 2027.

MAGERWA n'ahandi.

Yanasabye kandi ko REG yareba uburyo bwokongerera ubumenyi abakozi bubaka urwo rugomero ku buryo n'abanyarwanda ubwabo basigarana ubumenyi buhagije mu gukurikirana, kubaka no gusana ingomero z'amashanyarazi zitandukanye.

REG yasabwe kumenyekanisha kuri Minisiteri y'ibikorwaremezo raporo y'ikibazo cyose cyabangamira imirimo yo kwihutisha imirimo yo kubaka urwo rugomero kugeza uyu mushinga urangiye, kugirango byihutishe akazi n'imirimo yo kururungiza kubaka urwo rugomero.

Bwana Kabera Olivier ari kumwe n'umuyobozi mukuru wa REG, Armand Zingiro kandi basuye n'ibindi bikorwa bishobora kuzagirwaho ingaruka n'uyu mushinga harimo umuhanda w'ibirometero bitandatu [6Km], n'ibiraro bibiri bya Rubagabaga na Satinskyi, basabako byose bigomba gukurikiranwa kugirango hatazagira ikibangamira ishyirwa mu bikorwa ry'uwo mushinga kugeza urangiye.

Imirimoyokubaka urugomero rw'amashanyarazi rwa Nyabarongo II yatangiye mu 2022, bikaba byitezwe ko izarangira mu ntangiriro za 2027. Uyu mushinga ukabawitezeho kuzongeraho ingufu z'amashanyarazi zingana na Megawati 43.5 ku ngano y'amashanyarazi mu gihugu.

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REG MEETS ITS MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS, URGES THEM COLLABORATION IN THEIR INVESTMENT PLANS

Rwanda energy group (REG) and its major Stakeholders held a consultative workshop on 27th September, 2024 to discuss mechanisms of cooperation and collaboration during the elaboration of Stakeholders' investment plans. The workshop which took place at Kigali St. Famille hotel brought together different Stakeholders from both Public and Private companies and appreciated the already existing good partnership.

Rwanda Energy Group Management pointed out that large-scale projects which require high electricity consumption need cooperation of both sides, in planning for those projects ahead of time on.

The consultative meeting participants observed that sometimes customers order big quantity of megawatts and find that their projects, such as factories and other investment activities in certain areas do conform with REG's planning which leads to frustration and possible delays in implementation of their projects.

REG management took the meeting as an opportunity to also give updates on key electricity data such as Power Generation, transmission, distribution, access, and tariffs to the attending Stakeholders meeting.

REG Stakeholders among others, appreciated the good work REG is doing and its high level of responsiveness. They also requested that REG branches should work more closely with them, especially in solving issues before they escalate.

Bizimana Pascal is one of REG's partners working in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MINAGRI). He noted,

"As our country undergoes rapid development, we have a straightforward request: we ask that REG Branches visit factories that have not engaged with REG during their planning phases. Often, these factories face challenges, such as insufficient electricity to power their machines.

Given your expertise in electricity, we kindly urge you to send your Branch managers—similar to those in Nyagatare district to visit our facility at least twice a month. Regular inspections will help identify potential fire hazards before they become critical issues. This proactive approach will be far more effective than waiting for a fire outbreak to occur before taking action." He intoned.

REG's ten-year strategic plan provide for such meetings



with Stakeholders to reinforce awareness on the progress of electricity generation, transmission, access and other electricity projects.

During a Consultative workshop, REG CEO Armand Zingiro urged REG Stakeholders to reinforce their information sharing on their anticipated major electrical loads, appraise progress, identify service improvements based on internal systematic and rigorous assessment, and find solutions to identified challenges.

"We need to connect electricity to everyone. It is a government of Rwanda Commitment to the Rwandans. This is why we need your cooperation 'all of you' to hit the target of universal access." said Armand Zindiro

The Stakeholders in the workshop were similarly reminded and advised to pay their electricity bills on time to avoid penalty as well as joining the anti-corruption campaign in the Energy sector. They were informed that late payments and corruption delay REG's commitment to serve the clients.

The Managing Director of EUCL, who was also in the Meeting noted that late payments negatively affect Utility cash flows and its ability to pay suppliers and develop other power-related projects.

According to REG reports, currently, 81% of households have accessed electricity, and generation capacity has increased to 406.402 MW, to an optimized target capacity of 556MW..

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FEMALE ENGINEERS VISIT NYABARONGO II HYDRO POWER PLANT



“We are thankful to the IER/WiE for organizing this insightful visit and to REG for allowing us to explore this pivotal project. It is both inspiring and empowering for women engineers to have access to these opportunities,” said Nicole Mukwindi, one of the visitors.

The WiE committee also expressed its appreciation to the Institution (IER) for its unwavering support, acknowledging the importance of providing spaces for women’s empowerment within the engineering sector.

The hydropower project is set to play a crucial role in meeting Rwanda’s growing energy needs through sustainable development.

On Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 17 female engineers from the Women in Engineering chapter (WiE) of the Institute of Engineers in Rwanda (IER) visited the Nyabarongo II Hydropower Project, a significant ongoing megaproject in Rwanda. This field visit, supported by Rwanda Energy Group (REG), allowed the women to gain first-hand insights into large-scale infrastructure development.

Nyabarongo II HPP is a multipurpose hydropower project designed to generate an installed capacity of 43.5 MW, with an average annual energy output of 281.9 GWh. The project will operate for about 6,480 hours annually and features an innovative dam design that captured the attention of the visiting engineers.

The visitors expressed their gratitude to both the Women in Engineering chapter and the Government of Rwanda for continually promoting gender diversity in technology and innovation. By exposing women to such impactful projects, Rwanda continues to bridge the gender gap in traditionally male-dominated sectors like engineering and infrastructure.

The group, which included civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineers, were enthusiastic about the opportunity to witness the advanced technology being used in the construction of the dam. They engaged in productive discussions with the on-site contractors, who welcomed them warmly, sharing valuable insights into the project’s technical aspects. The visit offered the engineers a deeper understanding of how they could apply some of these modern techniques in their own professional endeavors.

The Women in Engineering chapter remains committed to inspiring more women to pursue careers in engineering, aiming to further enhance gender representation in Rwanda’s infrastructure development. The visit to Nyabarongo II serves as an excellent platform for learning, networking, and motivating the next generation of female engineers.

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MORE THAN 26,000 HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY IN NYAMASHEKE TO BE ELECTRIFIED IN 2024/2025 FISCAL YEAR



In Nyamasheke District, Western Province, more than twenty-five thousand five hundred fifty eight (26,558) households that do not have electricity are going to be connected to the grid in order to speed up development in the district and provide electricity to all.

Casigwa Landfried; The manager of REG branch in Nyamasheke District, says that plan to electrify the 26,558 households, almost all the households in the district will have electricity.

Casigwa went on to say that the households that will receive electricity are located in all the 15 sectors of Nyamasheke district, and they expect that by June 2025, the process of electrifying 25,558 households will be completed.

He continues to say that the work to electrify those households has started and REG is being assisted by two foreign companies, one of which is an Indian company called MBH Power Ltd and the other is a Tunisian company called STEG.

REG Manager in Nyamasheke says that the work has reached far and there are more than 600 homes that have already been connected to the grid in this project, in other places they are erecting transformers and electrical lines..

Currently, more than 46,500 households of a percentage of 74.5% have electricity in Nyamasheke, including 48.2% that have electricity from on-grid and 26.3% have electricity from off-grid mainly solar home systems.