

Germany's GRIPS Energy inaugurates solar plant in Senegal

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GRIPS Energy, the German renewable energy company and its subsidiary in Dakar GRIPS Energy Sénégal SUARL announced the commissioning of the first photovoltaic solar plant in Senegal. The 604 kW ground-mounted photovoltaic solar plant is an important step in SCL's journey to reducing carbon footprint whilst simultaneously reducing electricity costs.

"We are very proud and happy to have taken this exciting first step towards our transition to renewable energies together with GRIPS," says Hamedine BA, SCL's technical officer for the solar plant at the Diama agricultural farm. "Project implementation went smoothly, and we can already see the reduction in our electricity bill. We are even thinking of expanding the plant with an energy storage system," BA continues.

Amadou SAM, director of GRIPS Energy Senegal, confirms, "Our approach of a close-knit partnership with our customer SCL and our Senegalese installation partner, in tight collaboration with the engineering experts from our German headquarters, has clearly demonstrated its value. We will of course remain SCL's long-term partner and ensure full performance, service and maintenance throughout the lifetime of the solar plant."

In line with the company's full-service offer, a one-stop-shop approach, GRIPS has overseen every detail of the project: from the initial feasibility study and customised plant design to installation. Now that the plant is operational, GRIPS ensures top performance as well as routine plant maintenance through its local partner. "We are pleased to expand our business activities in West African countries with our first solar project in Senegal, says Timon Herzog, Managing Director of GRIPS Energy.