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Senegal's latest Energy Policy Review outlines progress in renewable energy, highlighting challenges and emphasising the inclusive governance needed for sustainable economic growth.

Israeli energy firm Navitas plans to take a final investment decision this year on whether to move ahead with an oil-for-peatlands restoration concept in the Falkland Islands.

The UK is set to exceed its GHG emissions target for the period 2033-2037 by 37%, a conference in London heard Tuesday.

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Scheduled for completion in 2026, the Kolda solar farm project stands out as the largest photovoltaic plant with BESS project in West Africa. This ambitious project will set a benchmark for the region by combining large-scale solar energy production with cutting-edge battery storage technology. The photovoltaic systems will have an annual capacity of 60 MW and will provide green electricity to an estimated 235,000 people.

The 72 MWh battery storage will help to safeguard the supply of power for up to three hours during evening peak times and increase the stability of the power grid. The critical technology supports the integration of more renewable energy capacity into the power supply, helping Senegal to achieve its ambition of reaching 40% renewable energy capacity by 2030.

Tidiane Doucoure, Director, Emerging Market Alternative Credit at Ninety One Group, the Fund Manager of The Emerging Africa & Asia Infrastructure Fund (EAAIF), a Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) company, said: "We are delighted to back Axian Energy and drive forward the uptake of renewable energy generation and critical battery storage solutions in Senegal and the wider region. Investment in BESS technology will be crucial for assuring the continent's transition to low carbon economies by supporting additional renewable energy capacity on the grid. This transaction is an important step towards that objective, and we are proud to lead the investment drive, reinforcing our mandate to invest in transformative infrastructure projects in Africa and Asia."

DEG Management Board member Monika Beck said: "This financing allows us to play an important role in helping to electrify rural areas in Senegal. The project is a prime example of the transformation from generating energy from fossil fuels towards cleaner, more sustainable and more reliable energy. A stable power grid is decisive for the region's development, creating jobs and paving the way for investments."



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