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The event, organised by GOGLA, The World Bank Group's Lighting Global Program and co-hosted by the Republic of Rwanda, provides a platform for the off-grid solar sector to exchange, networking and showcase related products and services. The aim of the event is to accelerate the development of the global off-grid solar market contributing to achieving universal energy access by 2030.

Merja Laakso, Head of Programme, Southern Africa from BGFA's Project Implementation Partner REEEP, will participate at the event as speaker presenting an overview on the status of the off-grid solar sector market in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Liberia under the BGFA programme. Tuesday 18 October at 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM (GMT+2) D2: Country Presentation & DRC Wednesday 29 October at 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM (GMT+2) D4: Country Presentation - Liberia

Read more about the event on: [offgridsolarforum](https://offgridsolarforum.com)

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GOGLA Executive Director Koen Peters and Minister of Infrastructure, Rwanda Dr. Ernest Nsabimana open the expo at the Global Off-Grid Solar Forum & Expo in Kigali

In October 2022, the off-grid solar industry came together after a period of over two years at the 7th edition of the Global Off-Grid Solar Forum & Expo in Kigali. This industry flagship event series is jointly organised by GOGLA and World Bank ESMAP; this edition was co-hosted by the government of Rwanda.

With over 1000 attendees from across the globe, at least 65 exhibitors from across the sector, and around 90 government officials, the event was a reflection of the sector's growth and ongoing recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was officially opened by the Minister of Infrastructure, Dr. Ernest Nsabimana.

Here are 5 key takeaways from three days of discussions, learning, and networking:

2. More transparency on company performance: Data on company performance is now available to the industry. For the industry as a whole, they do not yet paint a comfortable picture. There is, however, a wide variation among companies, as well as promising examples of companies turning a bad portfolio into a strong



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one. Customer service quality is key and directly interlinked with portfolio health. The industry will need to go further down the path of more transparency, more benchmarking, and more learning to continue to improve performance – building on robust, detailed data.

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