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Africa must fully exploit energy resources: DoE

Africa is well endowed with energy resources that, when fully exploited, can sustainably maintain energy provision on the continent, says Nelisiwe Magubane, Department of Energy (DoE) Director General. Magubane's speech was read at the Hydropower Africa conference on Monday as she could not attend.



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She said that hydro and solar power had multiple benefits, including many socio economic benefits, as they were a secure energy supply source.

But these energy sources, she noted, were not fully exploited on the continent. Only 7% of hydropower potential had been exploited in Africa, she said. Only a few countries on the continent, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and Mozambique, had hydropower projects.

Magubane said that renewable energy such as solar and hydro would also help with ensuring African countries were transformed into low-carbon economies.

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