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Hydrogène de France (HDF Energy) has entered into a partnership with the government of Kinshasa, a city-province and capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in Africa, for construction and operation of a photovoltaic (PV) solar power plant that would be used to produce green hydrogen. Officials said it's the first such solar/hydrogen project planned in Central Africa, following on a similar



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agreement reached in November 2022 to build a hydrogen plant powered by renewable energy in Namibia in southwestern Africa.

HDF Energy, an independent power producer, in January announced it had begun a feasibility study for the Kinshasa installation. Flavien Nkui Misuru, a commissioner-general in Kinshasa's government, said regional authorities welcomed the project because it would support the area's electricity supply and bring more economic opportunities with its hydrogen production. Misuru said the government would plan more similar projects should the HDF effort prove successful.

The DRC government in 2020 moved forward with a 600-MW solar photovoltaic plant, called Kinshasa Solar City, in Menkao, a district located in the municipality of Maluku in Kinshasa. That project was led by Sun Plus, a subsidiary of The Sandi Group (TSG), a global provider of infrastructure improvement and modernization services. The solar farm feeds into the power grid operated by National Electricity Co. (Snel), the state-owned utility. The Solar City project was designed to incorporate other smaller PV solar installations, with eventual cumulative capacity of about 1,000 MW.

HDF Energy is based in Bordeaux, France. The company develops and operates high-capacity, large-scale hydrogen-to-power infrastructure, to provide firm or on-demand electricity from renewable resources such as wind and solar (what it calls Renewstable plants), combined with high-power "MultiMegawatt" fuel cell systems (Figure 1). Officials said the solar/hydrogen power plant would be located in the southern part of Kinshasa.

The population of Kinshasa is estimated at more than 17 million, spread over a vast area. It is one of 26 provinces in the DRC, and the third-largest metropolitan area in Africa after Cairo, Egypt, and Lagos, Nigeria. Officials have said the region is prone to load-shedding to help balance the electricity supply with demand, a situation noted by Misuru in his comments about needing more power generation projects.

HDF has installed or is building its renewable, large-scale power plants in several countries. The group in November of last year formed a partnership with the U.S. International Development Finance Corp. to facilitate construction of power plants in Indonesia, along with PT Nusantara Power, a division of state-owned electric utility PT PLN Persero. HDF said it has a pipeline of 22 renewable hydrogen energy projects, representing an investment of \$1.5 billion, being built in Indonesia.

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