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### **AI and blockchain make smart grids more useful to renewables**

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain will drive smart grids closer to providing and monitoring renewable energy solutions, according to a new report from GlobalData, Energy Monitor's parent company. The Thematic Research: Smart Grid in Power report identifies technological trends and assesses benefits and threats to smart grids.

### **The UK's Western Power Distribution is piloting private LTE for its**

Western Power Distribution (WPD) is testing 4.9G/LTE and future 5G to support operation of its smart grid including SCADA, voice, video and data services. Nokia last week announced that it has provided a private 4.9G/LTE wireless network to Western Power Distribution (WPD) in the UK.



### **Smart Power Grid Technologies , IEEE Climate Change**

Smart grids provide more reliable power, improving the overall energy service. Prosumers, using smart meters and communication systems, now engage in power trading, capitalizing on green energy production. This accelerates return on investment and offers profit potential within regulatory guidelines. Demand response programs further showcase

## Off-Grid Electricity Development in Africa: Uncertainties ...

Western Sahara. The Africa South region consists of all the remaining countries on the continent. 7 As of 2019, the East Africa power pool, established in 2005, is not interconnected with the remaining pools. A map of the power pools is available from the Global Energy Network Institute.



## Revealed: the power companies leading the way in smart grid

Iberdrola, for example, has advertised for 1,311 new smart grid jobs from October 2020 to September 2021; has completed four deals related to smart grid with other companies; and mentioned smart grid in company filings 16 times.

## Integrated electrical, thermal and gas grids: The smart

Smart electricity grids in which adaptable electrical loads, like those of heat pumps and electric vehicles (EVs), can be met by linking up with intermittent renewables like wind and solar power. Smart thermal grids connect the power and heating industries. By doing so, the energy system may make use of thermal storage to increase its



## New Research Center in Benguerir to Develop Smart Grids in ...



A smart grid is an electricity network that uses several energy operations and measures, such as smart meters, smart appliances, and renewable energy resources to ensure an economically efficient

## How "energy-hungry AI" is straining grids and

AI's insatiable energy demand will continue to grow. In particular, the report highlights AI's "massive" energy requirements. It notes that a single AI search query requires 10 times the energy of a Google search, and points out that the International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates that the energy use from data centres responsible for powering AI will double by 2026.



## [The drive towards smart grids](#)

The EU introduced a strategic energy technology plan in 2006 for the development of a smart electricity system over the following 30 years. If the EU is to meet its 2020 targets of increasing energy efficiency by 20%, increasing its share of renewable energy by 20% and reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 20%, it must modernise and liberalise ...

## Snapshot: the market for smart grid rollout in Asia-Pacific

Rocketing demands for power across the Asia-Pacific has fuelled a growing market for smart grid technology. Energy providers in countries

like China, Japan and India have raised the need to introduce efficient ways to generate electricity, but a cautious approach left the region lagging behind the US and Europe. Using market data this snapshot explores the ...



### [Oman to unify electricity grids](#)

Over the last decade, various new digital and smart technologies have been integrated, with countries aggressively promoting the modernization of grids, enhancing the grids' capability to meet present and future requirements. As part of the effort, batteries are being deployed for a wide range of uses.

## Harvesting Solar Power in the Sahara , African Sahara

The Sahara Desert, spanning over 9.2 million square kilometers across North Africa, is the world's largest hot desert. Its vast expanse and abundant sunlight make it an ideal location for solar power generation. The region's solar potential could provide clean, sustainable energy for local consumption and meet growing energy demands in neighboring countries and beyond.



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## Making Smart Grids Smarter with Machine Learning

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## Power Planning for a Smart Integrated African Super-Grid

power grids [4]. A smart integrated African super grid is Sub-Saharan Africa consume about 180kWh per capita annual [7, 8]. Consequently, this study presents the existing African power countries and mainly depends on coal for power generation. The Western African power pool (WAPP), whose H.Q. is located in Lagos, Nigeria, comprises



## Revolutionizing the Power Grid: How AI is Transforming Grid ...

The power grid, once a straightforward system, is undergoing a revolutionary transformation fueled by artificial intelligence. Recently, the US Department of Energy awarded \$3 billion in grants for "smart grid" projects, marking a significant investment in AI-related initiatives.

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## Digitalising grids: Accenture utilities lead on EU DSOs' digital

Speaking to Power Technology, Accenture's EMEA utilities lead Andrea Falciai elaborates on the key findings of the report and how DSOs can move forward with digitalisation.. Current state of DSOs' digital maturity: not a straightforward picture . The study assessed digital maturity through four capabilities reflecting the end-to-end DSO value chain: build, the DSO's ...



## [Smart grid adoption in the Middle East](#)

The power network in the Middle East is desperately crying out for expansion to meet rapidly growing demand from all quarters. Gulf oil producers and other countries in the Middle East and North Africa must pump almost \$250bn into the power sector to expand and meet the demand from businesses and households, according to estimates by the Saudi ...

## In Scramble for Clean Energy, Europe Is Turning to ...

Western Sahara Resource Watch, a Brussels-

based NGO allied to the independence movement, estimates that by the end of the decade occupied Western Sahara could be supplying half of all Morocco's wind ...



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### Opportunities for Sensors in Power Generation and Smart Grids

Sensors ensure resilience in the power grid and increase the reliability of power systems. Sensors allow two-way power flow to meet peak power demands, efficiently use power, and reduce power wastage. Sensors play a vital role in both power generation and transmission to form smart grids. Sensors enable intelligence, efficiency, and safety



### [Western Sahara Resource Watch](#)

The work relates to the construction of Morocco's so-called Aftissat wind farm. ABB confirmed to the association Terre des hommes on 11 June 2018 that the power station was indeed intended for the Aftissat wind farm in Boujdour, Western Sahara. See also NZZ. ABB's power grids sector

was taken over by Hitachi in 2020.



## Huawei White Paper Highlights Role of Intelligent Communication

A white paper released by Huawei and IDC emphasizes the importance of intelligent communication technologies in developing sustainable, carbon-neutral energy grids. The paper, presented at the Huawei Sub-Saharan Africa Electric Power Summit, explores the potential of smart power grids to manage electricity demands and enhance consumer control ...



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