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# FOREWORD

I am very pleased to share with you AFSIA's 1st Annual Solar Outlook for solar energy in Africa. The solar industry in Africa is truly booming thanks to new and more flexible technologies brought to market, but also thanks to drastic cost reductions of both solar panels and storage solutions. These new and improved technologies now make it possible to enjoy electricity reliably and affordably where it previously simply was not possible. And solar also offers a significant improvement in locations where the grid is present but is erratic or too expensive.

We are entering a decade of wonderful prospects for solar in Africa, a decade in which solar professionals are in a position to achieve universal electrification targets across the continent, thereby impacting the living conditions of 600 million people, and boost the continental economy by providing better and cheaper electricity to the companies and industries that have been asking for it for so long. This decade has already started and it promises to be a wonderful journey for the African solar industry.

Solar is no longer the energy of tomorrow, it is the energy of today!



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