# **SOLAR** PRO. Akon providing solar power to africa

#### Does Akon have solar power in Africa?

Akon's investments include solar power in Africa. In 2014, Akon and co-founders Samba Bathily and Thione Niang launched Akon Lighting Africa with a mission to "bring electricity to African villages by a clean and affordable solar energy solution," according to The Wall Street Journal.

What is Akon Lighting Africa 'Solar Academy'?

Last Summer, the Senegalese-American singer -- in partnership with political activist Thione Niang and entrepreneur Samba Bathily -- launched Akon Lighting Africa initiative's "Solar Academy" to provide an affordable source of electricity to 600 million Africans.

Will Akon give electricity to a million people in Africa?

Senegalese pop-star Akon, in partnership with Give1 Project and Africa Development Solutions Global Corporation, aims to give electricity to one million households in nine West and Central African countries by the end of 2014.

Why is Akon Lighting Africa a non-profit company?

Because of this, he established Akon Lighting Africa as a for-profit company, not a non-profit charity, and it's also why he created the Solektra Solar Academy so that Africans can learn about solar power to become self-sufficient and not require charitable donations.

What did Akon do for Africa?

In just one year, Akon's initiative was a smashing success by providing 14 African nations, including Guinea, Senegal, and Sierra Leone, with sustainable, solar-powered electricity via street lamps and solar panels.

What is Akon doing in Africa with Solektra?

Apart from providing solar lighting and other products, Akon is training workers in solar technology at a school he established in March, in Bamako, Mali. Solektra's African headquarters also are located in there. France's Sunna Design is providing some solar lighting products to Solektra, and also is collaborating on a factory in Mali.

Singer Akon aims to give solar power to Africa US R& B artist Akon is behind a push to bring solar power to sub-Saharan Africa, where two-thirds of people live without electricity.

Akon Lighting Africa has brought solar power to over 600 million Africans who don"t have electricity, and Akon"s "Solar Academy" has given African engineers and entrepreneurs the skills they needed to make it all happen.

The "Locked Up" hitmaker has been working on providing solar power to those living in rural areas, through his Akon Lighting Africa company, which he co-founded in 2013, and now he"s set to launch a Solar

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By providing electricity to Africans, Akon Lighting Africa is doing far more than just providing modern conveniences, they are presenting Africans ...

Akon has also pursued visionary projects like providing solar power to African villages and building a futuristic city in Senegal. With over 35 million records sold and a trailblazing impact, Akon has cemented himself as a versatile musical icon. ... The project brought solar power solutions to African countries, displaying Akon's desire to ...

Musician Akon has provided 14 African nations with solar-powered electricity through street lamps and solar panels as part of the "Akon Lighting Africa" project aimed at providing low-cost, renewable electricity to the ...

Akon, the platinum-selling rapper, is lighting up Africa with solar lighting and other products thanks to a reported \$1 billion credit line with Chinese manufacturers and a skill for celebrity ...

Akon, who spent part of his childhood living in Senegal without access to electricity, launched Akon Lighting Africa, an initiative to bring solar power to the continent, about a year ago.

Akon Lighting Africa says it targets areas that lack access to energy and so the village was chosen in part because it was off-grid. However, within six months of the installation of solar ...

Having achieved fame and fortune as a chart topping rap star in the US, Akon is now seeking to combine his profile with solar technology to broaden access to electricity by ...

Akon: By providing a qualified workforce in the sector of solar energy, this project will support the growth of the solar industry across the continent. We will give to our students a better ...

The Akon Lighting Africa project involves installing solar equipment in rural households in Senegal, Mali, Guinea Conakry, Gambia, Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Congo and the Ivory Coast. Originally from ...

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Akon Lighting Africa is a for-profit organization that provides education and training to African workers in installing and maintaining solar panels. A school has been created to teach young members of the community the power of solar and how to properly maintain the equipment needed to harness it. ... Sol-Up is committed to providing the ...

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Akon"s project aims to install solar equipment in households to improve energy sufficiency. He"s partnered with Give1 Project, ADS Global Corporation SA and public-private solar energy companies. He also met with ...

Akon to raise funds for African lighting initiative Reggae artist Gyptian, Nigerian singer Timaya and Major Lazer's Walshy Fire will also perform at the festival. Published: July 17, 2015 10:14 AM IST

The Senegalese-born Akon co-founded Akon Lighting Africa in 2014 with youth empowerment activist Thione Niang and Samba Batily, CEO of solar energy solutions company Solektra. Since then, the trio have been busy ...

Additionally, his involvement in various philanthropic efforts, such as providing solar power to Africa through his Akon Lighting Africa initiative, has elevated his status beyond just music. The music industry has known Akon for his collaborations with other major artists such as Eminem, Lady Gaga, and Snoop Dogg.

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