

Should Papua New Guinea implement broader power sector reforms?

Strong political will and strengthening of institutional arrangements are urgent. The small island economy of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is facing severe electricity shortages and is therefore turning to implementing broader power sector reforms as a vehicle to attract private capital and investments in electricity generation.

Will Marape privatize Papua New Guinea's energy and economic sectors?

At the 2024 Investment Conference in Sydney, Australia, Prime Minister James Marape unveiled a transformative decision set to impact Papua New Guinea's energy and economic sectors. Speaking before an audience of investors and industry leaders, Marape announced plans to partially privatize PNG Power, the country's national power authority.

How to attract private investment in the power sector in PNG?

Therefore, we recommend, in the case of PNG that the power sector devotes its resources in creating and establishing appropriate regulatory institutions evolving the power sector to attract private investments in the power sector while establishment of wholesale electricity markets can wait.

How many IPPs are there in Papua New Guinea?

There are only seven IPPs operating in the PNG economy with a combined installed capacity of 257.3 MW since the enactment of the Electricity Industry Policy (EIP) of 2011 which seeks to bring more private sector investment into the energy industry (Government of Papua New Guinea, 2011).

Is electricity a problem for small businesses in PNG?

In a 2015 World Bank survey, 11.5% of small businesses (with five to nineteen employees) reported that electricity was their main obstacle out of the 4.2% of all firms surveyed in PNG (World Bank, 2015).

What are the challenges facing Papua New Guinea?

PNG Power Limited (PPL), the state-owned power utility that manages the majority of Papua New Guinea's generation, transmission, and distribution, has been marred by challenges, such as the Board's susceptibility to political influence, poor asset management, inability to adequately control costs, and high turnover of management personnel.

However, the State-owned vertically integrated power utility including Papua New Guinea (PNG) is often riddled with multifaceted problems ranging from financial constraints, aging infrastructure to poor leadership and mismanagement.

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