



Press information

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The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference 2023 consolidates its position as the only European platform for self-sufficient, off-grid and renewable power supply systems

The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference 2023 again this year offered practical solutions for a sustainable power supply in rural areas, and was once again a highlight event at the end of the year. Over 40 exhibitors and approx. 600 participants from 21 countries braved the difficult travel conditions due to weather and traffic to attend the two days of the trade fair and conference to exchange ideas about solutions, innovations and services that provide a power supply without a grid connection.

The fifth edition of the OFF-GRID Expo + Conference (OEC) took place at Messe Augsburg from December 7 to 8, and represented the industry highlight at the end of the year for numerous exhibitors, speakers and visitors. The congress trade event once again offered participants innovative solutions, practical product training, optimal networking and intensive exchange of ideas, including numerous discussion platforms on how to put these concepts into practice.

The OEC addressed the power supply to previously underdeveloped areas in Africa and Southeast Asia, which is one of the most urgent challenges of our time. This was emphasized by the keynote speaker, Prof. Dr. Stefan Liebing, the former, long-standing chair of the Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft e.V. (German-African Business Association) at the opening of the congress trade event. Renewable power sources and decentralized energy supply solutions can satisfy local supply needs and thus help drive economic development, support educational institutions, improve healthcare and raise the quality of life of populations.

“The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference 2023 has once again demonstrated that it is an essential



forum for the highly specialized off-grid sector. The congress trade event offered valuable insights, inspiring discussions and numerous interactive opportunities for networking and collaboration,” said CEO, Lorenz A. Rau. “This is precisely our role as a trade fair: to offer a platform for exchanges. And we are delighted that the OEC enables us to provide a platform for this important topic of a sustainable power supply.”

“The OEC 23 Conference was once again the centerpiece of the event. The first-class presentations on topics such as green hydrogen, small wind turbines, integrated solar cooking, female entrepreneurship, energy storage and the productive use of renewable energies enabled us to inspire participants and encourage intensive discussions,” said Deepak Mohapatra from the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE), the industry partner of the OEC. The close cooperation with the ARE and the Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft e.V. underlined the global importance of the OEC and also consolidated international partnerships. In addition to the proven format, this year visitors could also enjoy numerous innovations such as Hall 1 as a new venue and the second stage, the ‘Innovation Stage’.

About the OFF-GRID Expo + Conference:

The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference is the largest international conference and exhibition in Europe that focuses on the off-grid power supply sector, and is aimed at those interested in self-sufficient power and water supply and standalone solutions. The high-caliber, English-language expert congress with a trade fair focuses on all the themes relating to off-grid solar, wind and hydro power systems and a self-sufficient power supply, which are particularly important in rural areas and an aid to developing regions. The unique combination of trade fair, conference and networking offers the off-grid community a framework in which to initiate business transactions and knowledge transfer. The official industry partner of the event is the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE). For more information, please visit: www.off-grid-expo.de; the latest info is also available in the newsletter - you can subscribe here: www.off-grid-expo.de/kontakt/newsletter-anmeldung.

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