CEDRO SENDS REPRESENTATIVES TO SPAIN  
November 2, 2015

A forestry management plan has been developed for the two biomass projects: Aandket and Bikassine. Representatives from each of the selected forests and representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture will be travelling to Barcelona, Spain, to attend a capacity building workshop in forestry inventory, sustainable harvesting, and management. The workshop will include on-ground visits to various forest types. This study complements the biomass briquetting machines currently under implementation in these respective villages.

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AN ADDITIONAL PV-DIESEL HYBRID SITE HAS BEEN SIGNED ON

The EU-funded UNDP-CEDRO project will implement yet another PV – diesel system at the Bechtel Engineering Building of the American University of Beirut (AUB). Data collection, through energy meters connected to the building’s main distribution boards, is ongoing. This data will allow the identification of the base loads and the characteristics of the electricity delivered to the building such as harmonics, fluctuations, etc... The PV system will also be used for research and teaching purposes for AUB faculty and students.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY (RE) GRID CODE STUDY KICKS OFF

Integrating renewable energy into the national grid requires special considerations so that frequency, voltage, and other parameters are safeguarded to operating norms. The EU-funded CEDRO project, in partnership with the GEF funded UNDP-DREG project, have launched the RE grid interconnection code study. Both local and international consultants are involved in this initiative, in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Water, the LCEC, and EDL. The RE Grid Code is expected to be published by mid-2016.

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INDUSTRIES AND JOBS

A national assessment of the Lebanese industrial sector has been completed. The study gives an overview of the current RE landscape in Lebanon, in terms of RE manufacturing, jobs, and existing educations programs. More importantly, the report sheds light on the current potential of the sector to produce renewable energy equipment, namely solar water heaters, solar PV panels and their related balance of plant components, and increase the employment potential from locally manufactured and/or assembled RESources.

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Morocco is on the way of providing half of its electricity needs from renewables by 2020.