

## Institutional Profile

The National Water and Energy Directorate (DNHE) is Mali's primary governmental institution for implementing national energy policy, regulating the energy sector and the planning of large energy and water projects. It oversees various projects such as the National Program for the Promotion of Butane Gas, the Special Energy Program (PSE) and the Domestic Energy Project, and supervises the operations of a number of entities, included some of those listed in the following table (regional or national research and development organizations are listed in the [organizations](#) section).

### Government Energy Organisations

Organisation	Activity
National Water and Energy directorate (DNHE), (National Energy Directorate, energy board within the DNHE)	Implementation and regulation of national energy policy and planning of energy/water projects
Energy Mali (EDM) – national electricity company	Production of electricity and its distribution, support for development of new energy generation projects
National Center for Solar and Renewable Energies (CNESOLER)	R&D and promotion of RE
National Advisory Committee for Improved Stoves (CNCFA)	
National Directorate for Rivers and Forests (DNEF), part of the Ministry of Rural Development and the Environment	Controls exploitation of forest resources, including the production of wood-fuel and charcoal
National directorate of Agriculture (DNA), part of the Ministry of Rural Development and the Environment	Biogas research and production
Planned: creation of a National Energy Committee (CNE)	Facilitate knowledge exchange between global experts and Malian interests

After a stagnant period in Mali's efforts to integrate renewable energy technologies into the energy sector, the government has undertaken a series of reforms to create a more favorable climate for growth. In February 1999, Mali established the **National Energy Directorate**, an energy board within the DNHE that is designed to strengthen coherence and rationality of national energy policy. Other reforms or government-run initiatives that have or are taking place are:

- the extension of the existing electrical grid to new rural and semi-urban sectors close to the interconnected subregion and as well as an intensification of the distribution of electricity in districts already reached. In 2000, EDM plans to have 95,000 subscribers on the grid and in 2005, 143,000;

- the implementation of training and human resource programs for the electric sector. To this end, the government created the **Temporary Management Delegation** and the **National Energy Committee (CNE)** that help inform government officials about modern energy issues to facilitate knowledge exchange between global experts and Malian interests;
- the creation of "solar villages" with a particular emphasis on environmentally-friendly management practices;
- encouraging private enterprises to take the lead on renewable energy commercialization issues such as distribution, installation, and maintenance of systems (see [Business Environment](#)).

### ***Decentralization:***

Within the Departments of Health, Education, Rural and Environmental Development, and the Interior, power is being transferred to local levels. [Village associations](#) can therefore now play an increased role in rural energy service provision. Whereas their participation is currently rather limited, they could be particularly useful in providing technical and commercial assistance, as well as in managing credit financing schemes on the ground. '[Associations de ressortissants](#)' (loose organizations of former residents of rural areas who have migrated to urban centers or abroad) are well positioned to take part in rural development programmes, serving as a bridge between private or public energy service or technology providers and the rural populations. Some, NGO's are already active in the renewable energy field, these often having the capacity for information dissemination and assistance with financing and credit; the Committee for the Coordination of NGO's ([CAA-ONG](#)) has been instrumental in implementing over 100 renewable energy projects.