

UDC-HOPE2020 SOLAR-WIND HYBRID POWER STATION INAUGURATED IN ETHIOPIA

The Renewable Energy Project that was undertaken by the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) and Hope2020 (local NGO) in Ethiopia has come to fruition and was inaugurated on July 24, 2008. The power station is located in Farsi Senkele, near the town of Ambo and 70 miles from the capital, Addis Ababa. The President of Ethiopia, Girma Wolde-Giorgis; the Minister of Energy, Alemayehu Tegenu; and the ambassadors of the United States, Germany, and Austria were in attendance. Dean Ben Latigo of UDC's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences also attended the event.

The project consists of a Solar/Wind Hybrid Power Station that powers a submersible pump in order to provide potable water to a rural community of about 2,000 people. The project is supported by BP Solar and a private anonymous donor from Northern Virginia. <http://cere.udc.edu/>

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