



Press Release

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The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference is approaching – the international conference and trade fair for self-sufficient and off-grid power supply will once again be held in Augsburg, Germany.

The international event for self-sufficient power supply OFF-GRID Expo + Conference (OEC) will be hosted on December 1 and 2, 2022. The trade fair and conference will take place live and on site. On the day before, visitors can participate in product training sessions at the TechDay – the conference will also be streamed live. The OEC is aimed at all players in the field of self-sufficient power supply – regardless of whether for industry, craftsmen, installers, dealers or project planners; for employees of an aid organization, a university or for public administration.

About 60 exhibitors, among others from the USA and also including the annually-attending, well-known names, make the OEC the industry meeting of the year. Among the premium partners are Steca - A KATEK Brand, which, thanks to its customized solutions for the effective use of solar radiation, has become the leading supplier of products for the solar electronics industry; Victron Energy BV, which is active in the field of energy supply and distribution in more than 60 countries, and Studer Innotec SA, which manufactures inverters, chargers, MPPT solar charge controllers and accessories for every type of batteries. Serge Remy, Head of Sales at Studer, will also attend the OEC:

“From its foundation in 1987 Studer Innotec has always worked for solar independence, starting with solar systems for Swiss chalets and rapidly supplying high end power electronics for battery-based solutions. Today, with its factory in the Swiss Alps, Studer Innotec exports 85% of its products all over the world. On top of a large range of inverters and MPPT solar charge controllers, our company has added a new product, launched in 2021: the hybrid inverter next3. This 3ph 15kVA inverter, with integrated MPPT 16kW, has been designed both off-grid and on-grid applications. Studer Innotec will be present at next Off-Grid Experts



Conference in Augsburg. The event is unique as far as off-grid is concerned and a great opportunity for all the actors to meet and share their experience and ideas about an ever-growing market.”

However, in addition to these and other industry giants, numerous significant new faces will be present, too: these include, for example, Africa GreenTec AG. Torsten Schreiber, Managing Director of Africa GreenTec AG, is already looking forward to the OEC:

“When I developed the Solartainer as a purely PV- and battery-based off-grid system for crisis regions in the Sahel back in 2014, my main goal was to replace diesel generators in Africa. Off-grid systems present a great opportunity for providing a self-determined future for 700 million people south of the Sahara. Against the backdrop of the fear of war and an additional blackout in an energy crisis in the global north, even people for whom a stable energy supply has been something they have taken for granted to date, are increasingly becoming aware of the value of decentralized and self-sufficient power and water supplies. We are looking forward to sharing our technology and experience with interested parties at the OFF-GRID Expo.”

The OEC also promotes young companies and provides a springboard into the heart of the industry: For example, the start-up Solarbakery GmbH is the first provider worldwide to offer fully-equipped, mobile and energy-autonomous container bakeries, and it will be celebrating its premiere in Augsburg! For the first time ever, the 100% PV-powered bakery will be in action at a trade fair in Augsburg.

An annual highlight: the conference – on site and streamed live.

The English-language OFF-GRID Conference will take place parallel to the exhibition and the interactive supporting program, with a matchmaking event (sponsored by UNIDO ITPO Germany), an Education Mile and an evening event.

Exciting topics are also on the agenda in 2022. Innovative cooling applications for food storage and healthcare will be discussed, as well as the enormous potential of decentralized renewable energies and e-mobility in the transport sector or energy storage solutions that ensure an uninterrupted energy supply. Other topics include innovative financing mechanisms, with the goal of catalyzing rural electrification with off-grid technologies, and the water-energy-nutrition nexus that is leading the way for global development.

Another highlight topic of this year's conference is women entrepreneurs as key players in off-grid renewable energy, supported by the German-African Business Association. Electrification



of rural communities opens up unprecedented opportunities for women, creating a range of social and economic benefits for them. Speakers at the conference will discuss this exciting potential for expanding female entrepreneurship in the off-grid renewable energy sector.

Who now can hardly wait to visit the OEC: Tickets can be purchased online via the ticket store since October 1, 2022. OEC 2022 will run on December 1 from 10:00 to 17:00 and December 2, 2022 from 09:00 to 16:00 at the Augsburg Exhibition Center.

About the OFF-GRID Expo + Conference:

OFF-GRID Expo + Conference, the largest international OFF-GRID-focused congress exhibition in Europe, targeting those interested in self-sufficient power, water and islanding solutions, also including commercial companies, aid organizations, installers, agriculture and forestry companies, mobility equipment providers, public administration, and universities. The high-caliber, English-language trade congress with a trade fair focuses on all the themes relating to off-grid solar, wind and hydropower systems and a self-sufficient power supply, which are particularly important in rural areas and in aid to developing regions. The unique mix of trade fair, conference and networking offers the off-grid community a framework for business initiation and knowledge transfer. The official conference partner of the event is the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE). Other partners include Phaesun, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO ITPO Germany) and the Africa Association of German Business. Further information is available at: www.off-grid-expo.com; up-to-date information is also provided by the newsletter, which you can subscribe to at www.off-grid-expo.com/contact/newsletter-registration.

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