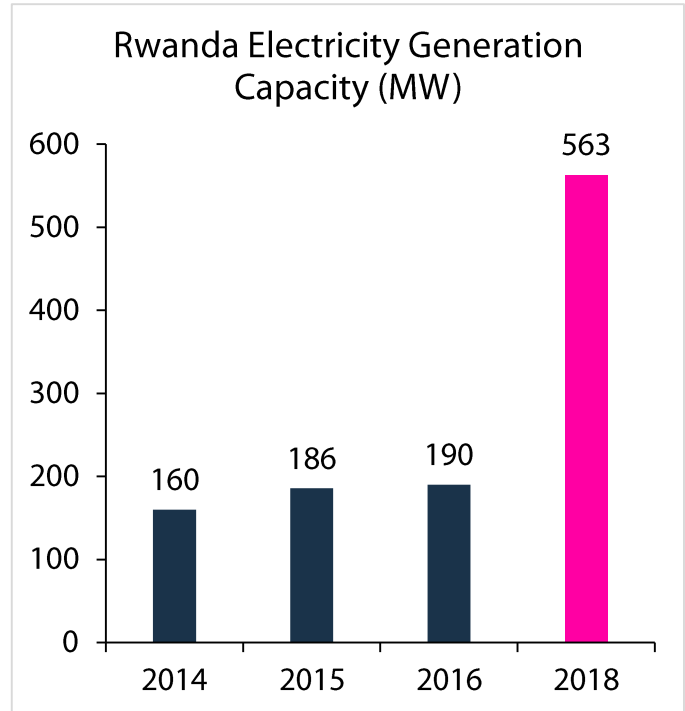


Rwanda to increase its electricity generation capacity by over 250% between 2014 and 2018

The Rwandan government is set to increase electricity access to at least 70% of the households in the country by 2018. According to the 2014-2018 Rwandan Ministry of Infrastructure’s Energy Sector Strategic Plan, to achieve this ambitious goal, the Rwandan government plans to boost electricity generation to 563 MW by 2018 up from installed electricity generation capacity of about 160 MW in 2014, of which approximately 60% came from hydrological resources and 40% from diesel-powered generators.



According to the World Bank, Rwanda is among the highest performing nations in terms of the time required to secure an electricity connection in the world. This measure stood at 34 days in 2016, making it faster to get an electricity connection in Rwanda than India (46 days), South Africa (84), Kenya (97) and China (143). The time required to get electricity is the number of days required to obtain a permanent electricity connection. It captures the median duration that the electricity utility and experts indicate is necessary in practice to complete a procedure.

