

Media Announcement

ANKA Madagascar Wins AFSIA's African Solar Company of the Year

In November 2020 the African Solar Industry Association (AFSIA), in partnership with the African Energy Forum (AEF), announced its 2020 Solar Awards. As part of the Digital African Energy Festival, the award ceremony sought to recognize and celebrate exceptional talent and achievements in the African solar market. With over 130 entries from all over Africa, 15 awards were given, with ANKA Madagascar awarded “African Solar Company of the Year” for their work in securing 5MWp worth of mini grids across Madagascar and for their innovative AgriGrid model. ANKA received a technical assistance grant from the AlphaMundi Foundation to support their AgriGrid model, including a target value chain assessment, market, regulatory and community governance analyses, business model and data room development.



AFSIA's award recognized ANKA for securing a pipeline of rural electrification projects of more than 5MWp, efforts to deliver 620kWp in the South of the country (the largest solar rural electrification project in Madagascar), and for their development of their AgriGrid project, which was supported by the AlphaMundi Foundation and also the Enaccess Foundation, Steinbeis Impact Consulting, Vahatra, and Amanhã Ventures.

“This award is a recognition of our efforts in the area of access to electricity, particularly in rural areas. It confirms that we are on the right track and that we must continue to move forward. Such recognition from the sector and our peers is very important to us, especially since we are a small company growing. It shows that results and initiatives matter; it's how we can move the industry forward.”

– Camille ANDRE-BATAILLE, CEO & Partner

[About the AlphaMundi Foundation](#)

The AlphaMundi Foundation is a Washington, DC based nonprofit with a mission to catalyze and scale investment in social enterprises that seek to improve the lives of the poor. The Foundation pursues this mission vis-à-vis three primary activities: (1) providing targeted pre- and post-investment technical assistance to social enterprises with a business model central to one or more of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); (2) supporting impact measurement and management efforts of social enterprises; and (3) furthering the field of impact investing through knowledge sharing, best practice dissemination and public advocacy, with an emphasis on gender lens investing.

[About ANKA Madagascar](#)

ANKA Madagascar is a female-founded leading developer and operator of smart, solar PV-based mini grids in Madagascar since 2014, with a portfolio of more than 5MWp PV mini-grid capacity.

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ANKA specializes in providing clean electricity to rural island areas and is working to catalyze rural wealth by empowering local businesses and by developing a multidimensional AgriGrid model, operating at the nexus of energy and agriculture.