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		Rural Electrification Authority has partnered with the Ministry of Energy and Japan International Cooperation Agency to establish rural electrification business models using renewable energy. The project targets public facilities and rural industries and will involve establishing renewable energy business model such as community solar system electricity generation. It aim to promote use of electricity for productive use.
<b>Business Daily</b>	<b>Pg 15</b>	<b>Stop funding Gibe dam, it will hurt livelihood in masses</b>

		<p>The \$1.7 billion Gibe 3 Dam project to be constructed on the Omo River, some 300km southwest of capital Addis Ababa, is the largest project to ever be implemented in Ethiopia. Once complete, it will stand at 240 metres high to become the tallest dam in Africa and hold a 211km<sup>2</sup> reservoir. Construction began in 2006 and the first power production was scheduled for 2011 while the dam would be complete in 2012. Ethiopia hopes to produce 1,870MW more than double the country's current installed capacity and make \$400 million from power export to Kenya, Sudan and Djibouti.</p>
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