

# Rwanda abandons US\$35m biodiesel pilot project

According to a recent article by Johnson Kanamugire on The East African, the Rwandan government is abandoning a US\$35m biodiesel pilot project.



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It is reported that US\$35 million was initially invested in setting up the pilot plant for biofuel mass production, a diesel station, and a bus, but the government has realised that the project isn't viable.

NIRDA director-general Joseph Mungarurire cites difficulty in finding raw materials and the high cost of production as having acted as constraints.

Initial studies had suggested that the project would help the country gradually reduce its heavy reliance on imported fossil fuel and thus avoid the effects of price fluctuations.

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