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Power and Electricity supply has been identified by many experts as one of the key areas that must be addressed to foster African development. The lingering shortage of power generated and distributed has adverse effects on the business climate in the region. This episode will review the state of power/electricity generation and distribution in many sub-Saharan countries. We will also review recent developments in the energy sector in many countries and the impact of such developments on the business climate. Furthermore, we will identify potential investment opportunities and future plans to

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