

Will Burundi bring solar power to COP26 Gitega?

7.5 MW utility-scale power plant increases East African country's generation capacity by more than 10% on the eve of COP26 Gitega, Burundi - 25 October 2021: A multinational effort to bring solar power to Burundi has been realized with the commercial operation of the country's first-ever solar field.

Does Burundi have solar power?

Burundi has natural conditions favourable to the sustainable use of water and solar energy or wind power. The solar potential of Burundi is very interesting. The average annual power received is around 2000 kWh / m<sup>2</sup>; per year, equivalent to the best European regions (southern Mediterranean).

Why is Burundi launching a solar PV plant?

The pioneering 7.5 MW solar PV plant has increased Burundi's generation capacity by over 10%, and is the country's first substantial energy generation project to go online in over three decades, supplying clean power to tens of thousands of homes and businesses - just before the start of COP26. ( Video)

Where is a solar power station located in Burundi?

The power station is located in the settlement of Mubuga, in the Gitega Province of Burundi, approximately 15.2 kilometres (9 mi), northeast of the city of Gitega, the political capital of that country. This power station is the first grid-connected solar project developed by an IPP in Burundi.

What does Burundi's solar plant announcement mean for the energy sector?

According to Geoff Sinclair, Managing Director of Camco Clean Energy, which manages REPP: "Once built, the solar plant will add nearly 15% to Burundi's generation capacity using clean energy." (This passage directly answers the question about the impact on the energy sector.)

Will Burundi's first grid-connected solar farm light up the country's energy system?

UK Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, Greg Hands, said: "Today's launch of Burundi's first grid-connected solar farm will light up the nation's energy system. It will strengthen the national grid supply and propel forward a promising future for the country in clean, green energy."

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London, 23 January 2020: Gigawatt Global's 7.5MW solar plant in Burundi is to become the first grid-connected project supported by the Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP) to begin full construction. The project is also the first grid-connected solar development by an independent power producer (IPP) in Burundi.

With a capacity of 7.5 MWp, the Mubuga solar power plant provides up to 10% of Burundi's electricity, according to Gigawatt Global. The Dutch IPP also estimates that the plant is capable of supplying 87,600 Burundians. It also represents the largest international private investment in Burundi's electricity sector in nearly 30 years.

The Mubuga Solar Power Station is a grid-connected 7.5 MW solar power plant in Burundi. The power station was constructed between January 2020 and October 2021, by Gigawatt Global Coöperatief, the Netherlands-based multinational independent power producer (IPP), through its local subsidiary Gigawatt Global Burundi SA.

On March 2023, the Ministry of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines (MINHEM) of the Republic of Burundi launched the Solar Energy Project in Rural Communities also called SOLEIL-NYAKIRIZA financed by the World Bank, with the aim of increasing the rate of access to electricity and to efficient and clean cooking solutions.

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