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Is solar energy a good source of energy in Cambodia?

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Why is solar development important in Cambodia?

Solar development will increase investment in modernising the existing energy infrastructure. Plus, off-grid solar and micro-grids will help electrify rural regions that often face the largest energy access issues. Finally, Cambodia's energy prices are some of the highest in the ASEAN.

What are Cambodia's goals for solar energy?

With these opportunities in mind, the government has set ambitious targets for expanding solar energy in Cambodia, aiming to inject 2 GW of solar energy into the grid by 2030. This goal is supported by a range of policies designed to facilitate the growth of the solar sector, including incentives for investment and development.

Will Cambodia increase its solar energy investment in 2020?

The Cambodian government has said it will increase its investments in solar energy by 12% by year-end 2020 and by 20% over the next three years, up from less than 1% at present. "So, in 2020, we will have about 15 percent from solar energy, and we will continue to further increase that number," energy ministry director-general Vitor Jona said.

How much does solar energy cost in Cambodia?

One of the promising traits of solar energy in Cambodia is its cost. The average electricity price for solar power is around USD 0.03 per kW, significantly lower than that of coal, which is USD 7.7 per kW.

Why are Cambodians investing in solar energy?

Cambodian households and businesses are also increasingly investing in behind-the-meter (BTM) solar energy systems as they're much easier and faster to deploy and costs are lower than utility grid rates, market analysts highlight. Photovoltaic electricity potential in Cambodia. &#169; 2017 The World Bank, Solar resource data: Solargis.

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Cambodia is a small nation with a big history. Situated in Southeast Asia bordering Thailand and Vietnam, Cambodia was once home to the mighty Khmer empire of Angkor, whose legendary temples, a touchstone of national identity, attract millions of visitors every year.

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The economic and environmental benefits of solar energy have been recognized in Cambodia since the government pushed for the first utility-scale solar power plant near the country's eastern border in October 2017.

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Solar power capacity has been on a sharp ascent in Cambodia recently, increasing at a 10% annual rate from less than 1% of national generation capacity, however. Some 400-MW of solar-fueled power capacity is now connected to the national grid, ...

Despite a challenging start due to Covid-19, "SWITCH to solar" managed to make some solid achievements during the first year, having identified specific areas with the most potential for scaling up solar energy consumption and production within the fisheries and agriculture sector.

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