

Solar power prospects in Africa

Why is solar energy important in Africa?

Solar energy is the form of renewable energy that has the most significant potential in Africa due to a variety of reasons. The potential of solar energy in Africa represents 40% of the total global potential for solar power. However, the solar power market in Africa faces significant obstacles that make project implementation more challenging.

What is the potential of solar energy in Africa?

The potential of solar energy is enormous all over Africa; due to a variety of factors such as the proximity to the equator and the frequent dry bright days (IRENA "The solar revolution in Africa", 2017). However, solar potential tends to stand out in North and South Africa. Fig. 1 below shows PV solar power potential across Africa.

How much solar energy will South Africa have in 2030?

In addition, the total energy outline plan in 2030 for South Africa is 74,798 MW including 7958 MW for solar energy which is about 11% of the total energy. Considering the challenges that might face solar energy, PV cells will not work efficiently in unsuitable weather conditions.

Are solar energy and solar PV a problem in Africa?

Despite the apparent huge potential of solar energy and solar PV in Africa, there are still significant challenges to the widespread adoption of the technologies which are not at all linked to a scarcity of resources (Dagnachew et al., 2020). Financial, human resource, environmental, and technology challenges are all prevalent.

Does Africa have a solar power system?

Electricity is the backbone of Africa's new energy systems, powered increasingly by renewables. Africa is home to 60% of the best solar resources globally, yet only 1% of installed solar PV capacity. Solar PV - already the cheapest source of power in many parts of Africa - outcompetes all sources continent-wide by 2030.

Why is solar energy a challenge in Africa?

There is also a challenge due to the depreciation in African currencies on the ground that most of the solar energy projects components are usually paid for in hard currencies and most power purchase agreement is signed in dollars.

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