

Is Western Sahara supplying half of Morocco's wind and solar energy?

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How many wind farms are in occupied Western Sahara?

Two of these farms, of a combined 400 MW, will be in occupied Western Sahara: the 300MW Boujdour wind farm and the 100 MW Tiskrad Wind Farm. The Tiskrad Wind Farm is still in permitting stage. The Boujdour farm was completed in July 2023. To implement the Boujdour wind farm, NEGPM created a joint venture with ONEE.

Is ABB building a wind farm in Western Sahara?

Swedish-Swiss company ABB was selected to build the first hybrid substation for a wind farm in Western Sahara. The company declared on 7 July 2017 its operation, but without specifying its location. Find the original press release here. The work relates to the construction of Morocco's so-called Aftissat wind farm.

Does Volkswagen sell trucks in Western Sahara?

Volkswagen's subsidiary in Sweden, Scania, is offering services for trucks in occupied Western Sahara. WSRW wrote Scania on 14.06.2023 and 12.07.2023. Scania failed to answer most questions in the correspondence.

Is the environmental impact assessment addressing legal issues in Western Sahara?

It was also clear in September 2023 that the Environmental Impact Assessment - which claims to be addressing legal aspects, totally ignores that the operation is in Western Sahara at all, and speaking uncritically about the future arrival of new immigrants - obviously from Morocco - as consequence of the project.

Is Kosmos drilling in Western Sahara?

Kosmos in 2014-2015 undertook the first ever oil drilling in Western Sahara waters since the occupation of the territory in 1975. Western Sahara Resource Watch in 2014 wrote a report about Kosmos Energy's upcoming drilling operation.

The first round of land allocations in Morocco's green hydrogen investment process may soon be completed and is likely to include substantial areas in the contested territory of Western Sahara. African Energy has identified projects requiring the installation of at least 72GW of wind and solar generation, and more are likely to follow.

WSRW has contacted all the named companies, seeking confirmation to the claims in Moroccan media, and asking the firms how they understand the legal aspects of a project that will transport energy generated in occupied Western Sahara to the economic heartland of the occupying state, Morocco.



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“Morocco to Double West Sahara Green Power Output for World Cup”, 16 October 2024 The government has set a 2027 deadline to build 1.4 gigawatts of new wind and solar capacity in the region... The projects are likely to cost about 21 billion dirhams (\$2.1 billion) and will be led by local and foreign private investors, according to the official

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The expansion of renewable energy infrastructure in Morocco's southern provinces is part of a broader strategy to meet the increasing electricity demand across the country in preparation for the...

Western Sahara is very sunny and surprisingly windy - a natural renewable energy powerhouse. Morocco has exploited these resources by building three large wind farms (five more are planned)...

The initial stages of another renewable energy project has been launched in the disputed Western Sahara region, which is under the control of Morocco. The Janassim project recently launched its measuring campaign of solar and wind energy potential.

The controversies, volume and value of OCP's exports of phosphate rock from Western Sahara, is covered in the annual reports from Western Sahara Resource Watch called P for Plunder. Through the operation of the mine in Western Sahara, OCP is a key source of illegal income for the Moroccan government in the territory that it occupies.



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