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Commercial energy storage installations in West Africa



Overview

Who is constructing the energy storage unit?

The project is being fully developed by Africa REN while construction of the storage unit will be carried out by engineering company Eiffage Energie Systèmes RMT.

Does Scatec have a solar-plus-storage site in South Africa?

Scatec's Kenhardt solar-plus-storage site in South Africa (above), which went online at the end of 2023. Image: Scatec. Africa's energy storage market has seen a boom since 2017, having risen from just 31MWh to 1,600MWh in 2024, according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.

How will West Africa benefit from a solar power plant?

Furthermore, the project will include the construction of small solar photovoltaic plants, injecting 16 MW of solar energy into the grid while mitigating approximately 26,000 tons of CO2 emissions per year. The \$34.8 million battery-storage project serves as the first of its kind in West Africa.

What are the most popular solar-plus-storage developments in Africa?

As noted by AFSIA Solar, one of the most notable solar-plus-storage developments in Africa is Norway-based independent power producer (IPP) Scatec's 225MW/1,140MWh Kenhardt project in South Africa. The site started operation in late 2023 (pictured above).

Is solar PV a focal energy resource for Africa?

Solar PV, which, as reported by our colleagues at PV Tech in their write-up of the AFSIA report, reached 19.2GW in 2024, increasing by 2.5GW on 2023 levels, is becoming the focal energy generation resource for Africa.

How much money is being spent on Africa's new infrastructure project?

The \$34.8 million project is funded by Dutch development bank FMO and the Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund (EAIF) through investment management company Ninety One and is expected to start operations in 12 months.

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