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Mozambique Solar Transformation



Overview

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Mozambique has a potential solar energy yield estimated between 1,785 and 2,206 kWh/m²/year, resulting in a solar energy potential of 23,000 GWh/year. In August 2019, the first grid-ready solar power station, the 40 megawatts Mocuba Solar Power Station, in Mocuba District, Zambezia Province, achieved commercial commissioning.

Can Mozambique take full advantage of its solar potential?

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Will Mozambique achieve universal energy access by 2030?

By 2030, the Government of Mozambique hope to transform this landscape, and achieve universal energy access by the end of the decade. This would require capacity to more than double to almost 6,500 MW. Solar is undeniably the most intuitive renewable technology when it comes to off-grid energy solutions.

Does Mozambican have a solar vision?

However, the Mozambican government have a vision for the country, based on clean electrification for all. The southern African nation possesses serious solar wealth, with 23 TW of its 23,026 GW estimated renewable potential attributed to solar.

What is the market for off-grid solar in Mozambique?

The total estimated addressable market for off-grid solar is currently 173 MW, and is expected to grow in line with the growth of the aforementioned sectors. Recent energy policy reforms are also changing the game for off-grid renewables in Mozambique.

Who is building a solar power plant in Mozambique?

The Spanish group TSK has won the contract to build the Cuamba solar power plant in the Niassa province of Mozambique.

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