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## Overview

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Can res integration improve energy security in Zimbabwe?

By harnessing Zimbabwe's abundant renewable resources, such as hydroelectric, solar, and wind power, an opportunity exists to enhance energy security, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and promote sustainable industrial growth. This paper delves into the potential of RES integration in the Zimbabwean industry.

What is "renewable energy" in Zimbabwe?

The NREP defines "renewable energy" as referring to "small hydro (equal to or less than 30MW), solar, wind, geothermal, biofuels and biomass and other such clean energy sources approved by the Ministry responsible for Energy in Zimbabwe".

What is Zimbabwe's energy policy?

Overcoming implementation challenges and attracting investment are crucial for a sustainable energy future in Zimbabwe. To address this, the government has implemented various policies, with a recent focus on renewable energy sources. Table 2 summarises key aspects of Zimbabwe's energy policy land-

What is solar photovoltaic (PV) in Zimbabwe?

The growing adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems is a notable trend in the renewable energy market in the Zimbabwean industry. Industries leverage solar energy to power their operations, reduce reliance on the national grid, and mitigate the impacts of frequent power outages.

Who is responsible for the energy sector in Zimbabwe?

The MOEPD has overall responsibility for the energy sector in Zimbabwe. It is responsible for policy formulation and implementation, an oversight role over the government-owned utilities (ZETDC and ZPC), ZRA jointly with Zambia and the activities of ZERA. It is also responsible for regional and international

cooperation on renewable energy issues.

Which energy sources are most important in Zimbabwe in 2021?

In 2021, hydropower constituted 70% of the overall electricity production but with one of the least energy intensities. As can be seen from Figure 1, Zimbabwe is actively giving higher importance to renewable energy sources to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and lessen dependence on imported fossil fuels.

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