

# **BESS Uninterruptible Power Supply in Africa**





## Overview

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Is Bess a viable power system for Africa?

The African Continental Power System Masterplan (CMP) study into BESS says that considering Africa's rapidly growing power requirements and the already planned contributions from variable renewable energy (VRE), these commitments do not fully reflect the potential for BESS on the continent.

Are battery energy storage systems developing in Africa?

Confirmed development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) across Africa is still small compared to global projections, says a study. The confirmed development of Battery Energy Storage Systems across Africa is still small compared to global projections – less than 0.5% of the global BESS capacity of 358GW by 2030.

What is Bess & how does it work?

It considers the potential contribution from BESS to the power system, as well as opportunities, barriers or challenges and recommendations to achieve an optimal contribution to the continental power system. BESS is another form of energy storage, similar to the more familiar pumped storage hydropower.

Does Bess work in Africa?

Experience in the African context is even more limited with very few grid-scale BESS projects that are operational. As an emerging technology it is expected that technical performance will continue to mature and improve. Already, rapid and significant improvements have been seen across most performances metrics.



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What does Africa's BESS landscape look like?

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BESS market's potential in Africa needs a targeted approach

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The African Continental Power Systems Masterplan

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