

Solar Energy Storage in Africa





Overview

Is energy storage a game-changer for Africa's solar sector?

Energy storage is emerging as a game-changer for Africa's solar sector, with installed capacity experiencing an exponential rise in 2024. From a threefold increase in 2023, storage capacity soared tenfold in 2024, reaching 1,641 MWh.

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.

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).

Does Africa still have solar power?

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