

Djibouti Energy Storage Battery Plant





Overview

Scheduled for commissioning later this year, the \$35 million project—equipped with an additional 5 megawatt-hours of battery storage—is a cornerstone of Djibouti's ambitious plan to reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels and transition toward sustainable energy sources. What is Djibouti's new solar project?

The project will be the first solar Independent Power Project (IPP) in Djibouti and will be located in Grand Bara, south of Djibouti City. The solar project is being fully developed by AMEA Power under a Build-Own-Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model and will generate 55 GWh of clean energy per year, enough to reach more than 66,500 people.

Why is Djibouti constructing a solar farm?

Djibouti's \$390 million solar farm is under construction in southern Djibouti as a result of a public-private partnership between Djibouti's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and Green Enesys, a German renewable energy firm. Construction began in 2018 after \$50 million in funding was secured by the World Bank and other financiers.

What is the source of Djibouti's energy?

Approximately 65 percent of Djibouti's electricity comes from external sources. The remaining energy comes from its own geothermal, solar, wind, and biomass sources. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), this reliance on imported energy can lead to price volatility that can hinder economic development plans.

Who signed the Djibouti Solar Power Project (IPP)?

The signing was witnessed by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, H.E. Yonis Ali Guedi. The project will be the first solar Independent Power Project (IPP) in Djibouti and will be located in Grand Bara, south of Djibouti City.



Who will take over the Djibouti electricity project?

The Sovereign Fund of Djibouti (FSD) will be joining the project before financial close as a minority shareholder. The offtaker for the project will be Electricité de Djibouti. As part of its strategic plan, the Government of Djibouti aims to reduce CO2 emissions by around 40% by 2030.

Did AMEA power sign a power purchase agreement with Electricité de Djibouti?

AMEA Power announced the signing of the power purchase agreement (PPA) with Electricité de Djibouti (EDD) today (29 August). The signing ceremony, pictured above, was witnessed by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Djibouti, which is on the East Coast of Africa.



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