

East Africa s New Solar Photovoltaic Panels





Overview

Uganda's first grid-connected solar facility and East Africa's largest will provide clean, low-carbon and sustainable electricity to 40,000 homes, schools and businesses in the country. Will China build a 50 MW photovoltaic power plant in East Africa?

This project carried out in the close cooperation between China and Kenya will build a 50-MW photovoltaic power plant in the East Africa region, and the largest one ever.

Is East Africa a good place for solar energy?

East Africa stands out as home to some of the most promising zones for solar photovoltaic energy, particularly in Ethiopia, Uganda, and Tanzania, and for wind energy, particularly in Kenya.

Is solar power the solution to Africa's energy crisis?

Solar power is increasingly seen as the solution. Last year Africa installed a record amount of photovoltaic (PV) capacity (though this still made up just 1% of the total added worldwide), notes the African Solar Industry Association (AFSIA), a trade group.

Is Africa on the verge of a solar breakthrough?

The Africa Market Outlook for Solar PV 2025-2028 reveals the continent is on the verge of a solar breakthrough – but is held back by high capital costs and insufficient financing. Africa is home to 60% of the best solar resources globally, yet only 3% of its electricity generation was met with solar PV in 2023.

Why is Africa stalling its solar expansion?

Africa's solar expansion is being held back by capital costs that are 3 to 7 times higher than in developed countries. While clean energy investment doubled to \$40 billion in 2024, Africa still accounts for just 3% of global energy



investment—far from the \$200 billion per year needed to achieve energy access and climate goals.



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