

### **SolarInnovate Energy Solutions**

# **East African Energy Storage Battery Company**







#### **Overview**

Are East Africa's battery manufacturers a Chinese onslaught?

Battery manufacturers in East Africa want their governments to protect them and consumers from what they are calling a Chinese onslaught. This follows the collapse of East Africa's biggest battery maker, Kenya-based Associated Battery Manufacturers (ABM), attributed by industry players to cheap imports from China.

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).

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ingenuity and environmental responsibility.

Is solar PV a focal energy resource for Africa?

Solar PV, which, as reported by our colleagues at PV Tech in their write-up of the AFSIA report, reached 19.2GW in 2024, increasing by 2.5GW on 2023 levels, is becoming the focal energy generation resource for Africa.



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