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# **Energy storage battery selection in North Africa**





#### **Overview**

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.

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).

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.

Do batteries generate electricity?

Batteries do not generate electricity; their value lies in: as a range of ancillary services that can enhance system stability throughout the electricity supply chain. The study says current projections foresee the global energy storage market growing to 358GW (1,028GWh) by 2030, more than 20 times its size in



2020.

How long do lithium-ion batteries last?

It further says that lithium-ion batteries are currently dominating the global market, delivering up to eight hours of storage and showing minimal degradation over 10 years. "But other technology options are emerging fast that could cater more cost-effectively for evolving system requirements.



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