

## SolarInnovate Energy Solutions

# Ethiopia photovoltaic container



## Overview

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Is solar photovoltaic water pumping system feasible in Ethiopia?

**Study site** In this research, the feasibility of solar photovoltaic water pumping system was studied selecting one potential site from three administrative regions of Ethiopia. The regions selected are Amhara, Oromia and Tigray regions.

How big is Ethiopia's photovoltaic potential?

The remaining ~300 GW are more evenly distributed across Ethiopia (1,000 TWh per annum for a capacity factor of 0.4). This potential is still much bigger than that from hydropower. Predicted by Swanson's law, the levelized costs for photovoltaics have plunged to levels just above that of hydropower and wind power.

Should Ethiopia invest in photovoltaics?

Predicted by Swanson's law, the levelized costs for photovoltaics have plunged to levels just above that of hydropower and wind power. Ethiopia aims to diversify its electricity generation capabilities by investing into an energy mix, of which photovoltaics will be a part.

Does Ethiopia have solar power?

According to the researches, Ethiopia is blessed with an abundance of sunlight, receiving an average of 5.5 to 6.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day throughout the year. This vast solar potential, coupled with declining costs of solar technology, provides a significant opportunity for the country to harness clean energy.

Can solar power transform Ethiopia's energy landscape?

Among these, solar energy emerges as a beacon of hope, poised to transform Ethiopia's energy landscape and drive socioeconomic development. Significantly, the country has relied heavily on hydropower, which accounts for more than 90% of its electricity generation.

Why is Ethiopia investing 300 million USD in solar energy?

She mentioned that the country's focus is on the solar energy sector, where Ethiopia is investing 300 million USD in a project aimed at generating 300 megawatts of solar energy. It does not only support the country's renewable energy goals but also contributes to reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainability, she said.

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