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Outdoor energy storage power supply production in North Africa



Overview

Why should Africa Invest in energy storage?

If Africa is to sustain its growth in renewable energy and create benefits for its population, implementing storage solutions becomes an imperative. Robust investment in storage will help to integrate different forms of energy into the grid seamlessly, thus promoting stable and uninterrupted power supply.

Should North Africa export clean electricity to Europe?

North Africa has enormous renewable energy potential, particularly in solar and wind power, whose surplus could be easily exported to Europe. Clean electricity from North Africa would be an important medium-term option to help diversify Europe's energy mix and reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels in the long term.

Why does North Africa need a backup power system?

The industry needs hardware, software and international standards – and on top of all this, there is an increasing requirement for power to come from renewable sources. North Africa is witnessing a rising number of refinery green- and brownfield projects, which will warrant an increase in backup power requirements.

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).

How can interconnections reduce the cost of electricity generation in North Africa?

All of these can help the region decrease the cost of electricity generation by increasing the share of renewables in the electricity mix. Interconnections would also bring flexibility that will complement the more diverse power systems in North Africa with a higher share of renewable energy.

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