

## **SolarInnovate Energy Solutions**

# Power generation of polycrystalline photovoltaic panels in Angola





#### **Overview**

What is the largest solar power plant in Angola?

With an installed capacity of 189 MW directed to over one million households, the Biópio photovoltaic power plant represents the largest solar power project in Angola, made up of nearly 510,000 solar panels.

What are the major photovoltaic projects in Angola?

The Quilemba Solar Power Park is another major photovoltaic project underway in Angola, backed by PPP among France's Total Eren (51%), Angola's Sonangol (30%) and local renewable developer Greentech (19%). Located in Lubango, the capital of Angola's Huíla Province, commercial operations of the 35 MW solar plant are expected by the end of 2023.

What makes Angola a good country for solar power?

Abundant sunshine, high solar radiation levels and a low electrification rate make Angola conducive to the development of solar photovoltaic power. The country's first solar power plants – located in Biópio and Baía Farta – were inaugurated in July 2022 and will supply electricity to 1.5 million households.

What is the solar potential for electricity production in Angola?

This page presents the solar potential for electricity production in Angola and the solar projects identified throughout the territory: Angola has a solar potential of 17,3 GW, distributed for over 368 projects, of which 120, or 3,436 MW, present conditions for grid connection by 2017.

Where is Angola's first solar PV plant located?

First Solar PV Plant Comes Online In July 2022, Angola inaugurated its first solar PV plants, developed by a consortium led by Portugal's MCA Group and the U.S.'s Sun Africa. The two plants- located in Biópio and Baía Farta – have a combined installed capacity of 285 MW and will supply electricity to 1.5 million households.



Why is the Angolan government supporting solar power projects?

The Angolan government is supporting the development of several new solar power projects, in an effort to accelerate the country's energy transition and reduce reliance on diesel- and coal-fired power generation.



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