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## Tanzania New Energy for Photovoltaic Site







#### **Overview**

Tanzania has entered into an agreement to construct the country's first-ever solar photovoltaic power station to feed into the national electricity grid. Where is solar power used in Tanzania?

The regions of Lindi, Njombe, Mtwara, Katavi, and Ruvuma lead in the use of solar power electricity in Tanzania. Despite the increasing market for solar energy applications, there are fewer signs that the government is expecting to include solar PV in the national electricity mix in any substantial way in the future.

Will Tanzania's first solar power station feed into the national electricity grid?

Tanzania has entered into an agreement to construct the country's first-ever solar photovoltaic power station to feed into the national electricity grid. The contract was signed on 29th May 29 2023, in Dodoma by the Tanzania Electricity Corporation (TANESCO), in the presence of the Minister of Energy, Hon. January Makamba.

Is solar energy a good investment in Tanzania?

The findings showed that Tanzania has experienced moderate growth in solar power due to energy sector deregulation, a strong feed-in-tariff (FIT) policy and the efforts of the Tanzania Solar Energy Association and NGOs but fully adopting solar energy technology benefits households while also saving time and energy.

Where is Tanzania's first solar power plant located?

Tanzania signed an agreement for the first solar power production plant, amounting to 50 MW in the Kishapu district of the Shinyanga region.

How much does solar energy cost in Tanzania?

The estimated cost for the first phase is TZS 109 billion, the works are expected to start in June 2023 and be completed within 12 months. During the



event, the Minister of Energy acknowledged that this marks the first introduction of solar electricity into the national grid of Tanzania.

What is the Shinyanga solar project?

The project is part of a larger initiative of installing 150 MW of solar energy in the Kishapu district of the Shinyanga region. The first phase will involve constructing a 50 MW solar photovoltaic power plant, alongside a new power station with a 33 kilovolts/220 voltage capacity.



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