



# Eritrea photovoltaic power stations

Does Eritrea have solar power?

Eritrea's weather, characterized by long sunny days throughout the year, makes it suitable for harnessing solar power. Data from the wind and solar monitoring stations installed in many parts of Eritrea show that the country has a great potential, around 6 kwh/m<sup>2</sup> of solar energy.

Where is Eritrea's first solar plant?

The government of Eritrea has received a \$49.92 million grant from the African Development Bank to fund a 30 MW photovoltaic plant in the town of Dekemhare, 40 km southeast of the capital Asmara. It will be the country's first large-scale solar plant.

Who is responsible for electricity supply in Eritrea?

The Government of Eritrea is the beneficiary of the grant, and the Ministry of Energy and Mines is responsible for its implementation. Eritrea experiences inadequate, unreliable, expensive and polluting electricity supply. The available capacity is 35 MW for a peak demand of about 70 MW.

The AfDB has awarded a contract to China Energy Engineering Group for the construction of a 30 MW solar PV plant near Dekemhare, Eritrea. The project includes solar power generation, battery storage, and new transmission infrastructure.

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In this context, the project is in line with the objectives of the Eritrea National Energy Policy 2018 (draft) which underpins Eritrea's vision 2030 and aims to (i) increase the electrification rate across the country and supply 20% of electric power demand through renewable energy sources by

The project consists of the power generation phase, which includes the design, construction, supply and installation of a 30 MW grid-connected solar photovoltaic power plant with a 15 MW/30 MWh battery energy storage system, a 33/66 kV substation and a 66 kV transmission line connected to the existing transmission line between East Asmara and ...

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As a China-aided project and the first ground-based photovoltaic power station in Eritrea, the project is an independent grid-connected large-scale photovoltaic power station with a design capacity of 2.1114 MW and an area of approximately 32,000 square meters, with 7,820 polysilicon photovoltaic modules installed at 270 watts.

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