

Nauru component of solar energy system

Does Nauru need solar power?

“Now Nauru's power generation mainly relies on diesel. That's expensive and would pollute the environment,” said John Scott, who has been working for the project since 2022. “There is a lot of sunshine here and it's good for solar power. I believe electricity supply here will be much better when the project is completed,” Scott told Xinhua.

How does Nauru get its energy?

Nauru predominantly sources its energy through diesel power generators. About 5% of its current energy demand is sourced from renewable energy, of which all is from solar power photovoltaic (PV) installations. A 500-kW ground-mounted solar installation was commissioned in 2016, and a number of residences have rooftop solar PV installations.

How will Nauru's solar power system work?

The system will be fully integrated and automated with the existing diesel generation (17.9 MW installed capacity currently manually operated) to optimize solar energy use, to enable optimal BESS charging/discharging and to provide optimal shut off of the diesel engines. This will reduce Nauru's over reliance on diesel for power generation.

How will ADB support the Nauru solar power development project?

ADB also provided GoN support to prepare a Feasibility Study for the recommended Nauru Solar Power Development Project which will comprise of a 6 megawatt PV plant coupled with a 5 megawatt /2.5 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system coupled with a SCADA installation.

Who will implement solar project in Nauru?

The executing agency will be the Department of Finance and Sustainable Development. The implementing agency for solar component of project will be the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC). NUC will establish a project management unit within their existing organisational structure to implement the project.

Who owns Nauru electricity?

The Nauru electrical network is owned and operated by Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC), a state-owned enterprise, established under the Nauru Utilities Corporation Act of 2011. NUC is responsible for energy generation and energy distribution, and water supply. Nauru predominantly sources its energy through diesel power generators.

The project will reduce Nauru's dependence on diesel, bringing down the costs in electricity generation, improving local power supply and increase the share of renewable energy generation. Most importantly, it will significantly add to Nauru's environmental protection efforts, thereby achieving its sustainable development goals.

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Nauru receives very high levels of solar irradiation (GHI) of 5.9 kWh/m²/day and specific yield 4.7 kWh/kWp/day indicating a very strong technical feasibility for solar in the country.⁹ The Nauru Solar Power Development Project of capacity 2,500 ...

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Key renewable energy projects include the installation of a solar power plant and a battery energy storage system, supported by international funding and partnerships. Transitioning to renewable energy is expected to reduce electricity costs, improve energy security, and provide environmental benefits for Nauru.

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