

Are solar power plants a reality in Cameroon?

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Why is photovoltaic power generation important in Cameroon?

Photovoltaic power generation has become an important pillar of the energy development strategies of all countries. Cameroon is committed to attaining 25% of energy production from renewable energy sources, with solar energy contributing up to 6% of total energy production in the country by 2035 (Power Africa, 2019).

Does Cameroon have solar energy?

Cameroon is located in Central Africa and, similar to other countries in this region, it has enormous solar energy resources from which electricity could be generated. The average solar radiation potential in the country ranges from 4.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day in the southern region to about 5.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/h in the northern regions (Abanda, 2012).

What is Cameroon's long-term plan for the electricity sector?

According to Cameroon's long-term plan for the electricity sector (PDSE), the consumption rate of electric power per unit GDP is expected to reach 37% and the total energy production capacity will increase to 3000 MW by 2020 (MINEE, 2015).

Where is solar energy stored in Cameroon?

Cameroon is located in the center of the Central African tropics. It is an ideal place to capture and store solar radiation. About 10 trillion kWh of solar energy reaches the surface of Cameroon every year (Hermann et al., 2014). If 0.02% of this is converted into electric energy, it can make up the power supply gap.

How to promote electricity usage in Cameroon?

At the same time, the GoC has launched a campaign to promote electricity usage among local industries. According to Cameroon's 2014 Least Cost Power Sector Expansion Development Plan (Plan de Développement du Secteur de l'Électricité, PDSE), hydropower is the most effective option to accommodate demand for electricity.

Mean solar irradiance is approximately 5.8 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day in the northern regions, while it averages 4.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day in the southern regions of the Country. Solar power plants programs, which currently target grid-unconnected rural villages, are scheduled for a total installed PV capacity of 110 MW.

The Cameroon Country Priority Plan ("CPP") will be the reference document adopted by the Government of

Cameroon ("GoC") and the African Development Bank ("AfDB") to summarize the priority reforms and projects that will be presented during the fifth edition of the Africa Energy Market Place ("AEMP").

Ultimately, this energy project will help increase the rural electrification rate in Cameroon, which the Rural Electrification Agency (AER) estimates at just 20%. However, the ...

The main objective of the study reported in this paper is to contribute to efforts to understand these reasons. It does so by employing the strengths-challenges-opportunities-responses-effectiveness (SCORE) model [23] to evaluate factors influencing the performance of the Esaghem Village solar PV electrification project in Cameroon.

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Despite the high solar radiation intensity at its disposal, Cameroon has no explicit policy on harnessing solar energy for electrification purposes. However, a review of the government's electricity policy making, and particularly the institutional framework for this policy's dispensation provides some clue on its stance on solar radiation as a ...

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Renewable energy sources are classified in Cameroon as: solar PV, wind, biomass and small hydropower. Total electricity generation in 2019 was 7043 GWh. This constituted 74.7% from hydropower, 18.9% from

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