

Off-grid solar power generation in Africa



Overview

Africa recorded its strongest year of solar energy deployment in 2025, with South Africa and Nigeria emerging as the continent's top drivers of new capacity, policy reforms and private-sector investment, according to a new report by the Global Solar Council (GSC). Africa added approximately 4. Ten countries accounted for roughly 90% of all new capacity added during the year. These additions occurred amid ongoing electricity supply challenges. When African Heads of State, government representatives, private sector leaders, development partners, and civil society participants gathered in Tanzania for the Mission 300 Africa Energy Summit, they did so against the backdrop of a continent that has seen off-grid solar solutions revolutionize. Africa's solar power installations have increased sharply, driven by utility-scale projects and privately financed rooftop and commercial systems. A solar microgrid run by Husk Power Systems serves Kiguna village in Nasarawa state, Nigeria, Septem (Photo: Megan Rowling). Installations of. Africa recorded its highest-ever solar capacity additions in 2025, with a 54% year-on-year increase, led by South Africa and Nigeria. The Global Solar Council projects. Off-grid solar systems offer independent electricity solutions that do not require a connection to the national grid. They offer a clean, affordable, and sustainable way to generate electricity for homes.

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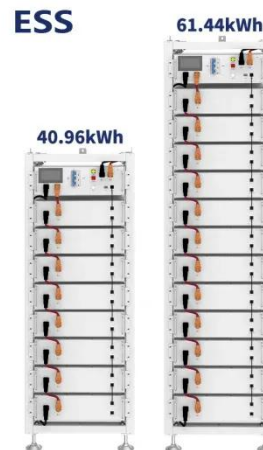
The continent's abundant sunshine offers a vast reservoir of clean energy. While infrastructure lags behind, home solar systems are taking electricity into rural areas.

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