



# Go to Africa to develop solar power





## Overview

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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). At present, she works with Energy in Africa, where she covers electricity, power, and renewable energy trends across the continent. Every day, we handpick the biggest stories, skip the noise, and bring you a fun digest you can trust. 5 GW of new solar PV capacity in. In 2024, 21 African countries generated at least 5% of their electricity from solar, with 7 countries surpassing the 10% mark. The global solar energy market achieved a historic milestone in 2024, adding an estimated 503 gigawatts (GW) of new capacity, bringing the total installed capacity to over 2. A new report from Power Shift Africa and the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology Sydney shows how it can be done and why it needs to be a global priority. The report, African Energy Leadership: The Case for 100% Renewable Energy, lays out a scenario which would see. Africa is undergoing a major change in the way it produces and uses energy, with clean power now emerging as a stronger driver of growth than fossil fuels. New market data shows that private sector investment in clean energy across the continent has more than doubled in just five years, rising from. New Global Solar Council report shows solar deployment spreading across more African countries, increasingly driven by distributed systems and rising demand for reliability — while financing gaps threaten to slow momentum. The Global Solar Council projects.



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At the same time, solar growth is no longer limited to a handful of countries. In 2025, ten African nations crossed the 100 MW annual installation mark, double the number seen a year earlier. This reflects a ...

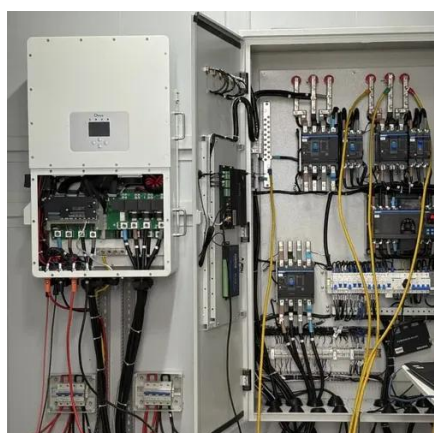


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Africa's solar energy market continues to grow significantly. In 2025, the continent added more than 5,000 MW solar power capacity. In this article, we breakdown countries leading this drive.

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## stopping it?

A new report from Power Shift Africa and the Institute for Sustainable Futures at the University of Technology Sydney shows how it can be done and why it needs to be a global priority.



## From ambition to action: How Africa is harnessing solar energy - ...

As solar technology continues to evolve and costs decline, Africa's journey toward a brighter, solar-powered future is poised to accelerate, illuminating millions of lives across the continent.

## Inside a New Plan to Bring Electricity to 300 Million in Africa

Some \$35 billion is aimed at building small solar sites in rural areas and other improvements. The World Bank chief called the project "foundational to everything."





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