

Will a new solar plant increase energy demand in the Gambia?

Energy demand in The Gambia has increased by 5.5% per year in recent years and today's connection of the new 23 MWp solar plant to the national energy grid will significantly increase Gambia's current generation capacity of 98 MW and enable electrification of rural areas. A strong commitment

What are the benefits of solar power in the Gambia?

Clean Energy: Produces 23MW of clean solar power, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to environmental protection. Energy Security: Increases energy independence and strengthens the stability and reliability of The Gambia's power grid.

How many PV systems will be installed in Gambia?

Gambia's Sustainable Energy Services Company is launching a tender to install 1,100 PV systems, ranging from 2 kW to 240 kW in size, on 1,000 schools and 99 health facilities.

What is the energy system in Gambia?

The Gambian electricity network mainly consists of minigrids that the government hopes to improve by transforming into hybrid minigrids, integrated with renewable energy generation capacity. With an electricity access rate of just 35%, Gambia introduced the Renewable Energy Act to promote clean energy in 2013.

Why should the Gambia invest in a solar plant?

Further to this, as a clean energy source and a major vehicle for climate change mitigation, the solar plant will contribute to the realisation of The Gambia's Nationally Determined Contributions". Mr. Nani Juwara, Managing Director at National Water and Electricity Company (NAWEC) "The significance of this solar plant cannot be overemphasized.

How much solar power does Gambia have in 2022?

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Gambia only had 2 MW of installed PV capacity at the end of 2022. Gambian utility Nawec recently started building a 23 MW solar project in Jambur, in Gambia's West Coast Region.

For this reason, the new solar power plant "unequivocally demonstrates the country's determination to reduce its carbon footprint and green its energy system. Moreover, as a source of clean energy and a major vector ...

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Figure 6 - Typical monthly solar PV generation (in kWh) for a typical 1 kW PV system in Wakefield Solar panels generate electricity during the day. They generate more electricity ...

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The Gambia Electricity Restoration and Modernization Project, one of the many energy projects currently being implemented by NAWEC, aims to improve electricity generation capacity and transmission system efficiency to ...

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