

Solar projects in Ethiopia

Does Ethiopia have solar energy?

Ethiopia aims to diversify its electricity generation capabilities by investing into an energy mix, of which photovoltaics will be a part. There are excellent conditions to use solar energy in Ethiopia, in particular in Tigray Region and on the eastern and western rims of the Ethiopian Highlands (roughly 2% of Ethiopia's area).

What are the major energy projects in Ethiopia?

In the energy sector, Ethiopia's major projects include the Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (6000MW), Gilgel-gibe III (1,870MW), and Genale Dawa III (254MW) hydropower projects. Additionally, there are the Adama and Ashegoda wind power projects.

Is there a private investment in solar power plants in Ethiopia?

However, there was no private investment in solar power plants in Ethiopia. Mainly the Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCo) has been a state-owned and vertically integrated monopoly that controls the market from generation to selling of electricity throughout the country.

Does Ethiopia have a solar power contract?

Since 2018, Ethiopia held two tenders to procure 1,000MW of electricity. The first tender for two solar photovoltaic (PV) projects led to a power purchase agreement (PPA) in 2019 with Saudi Arabian company ACWA Power and one of the cheapest tariff rates in sub-Saharan Africa, at US\$2.526 cents/kWh over 25 years.

Is Ethiopia planning a solar power plant near Addis Ababa?

Ethiopia's state-owned electric power company is planning to develop a 100 MW Solar PV power plant near the town of Metahara, 200 km east of the capital Addis Ababa. The project is supported by Power Africa, a U.S. Government-led partnership to promote new generation and increase access to electricity in Africa.

Are solar PV Grid-connected power plants possible in Ethiopia?

As far as the author's knowledge is concerned, only a recent state-sponsored pre-feasibility study on solar energy potential of Ethiopia suggested four sites for solar PV grid-connected power plants.

The solar PV sector in Ethiopia has drawn both domestic and foreign players. Many solar projects across the country are actively being worked on by businesses from nations including China, the United States, and ...

feasibility study was taken up earlier under which 400 MW of ground-mounted and 10 MW Floating solar projects will be developed. In addition, ISA is working with Ethiopia's Ministry of ...

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