



# Tuvalu sm energy battery

What is the Tuvalu solar power project?

The Government of Tuvalu worked with the e8 group to develop the Tuvalu Solar Power Project, which is a 40 kW grid-connected solar system that is intended to provide about 5% of Funafuti's peak demand, and 3% of the Tuvalu Electricity Corporation's annual household consumption.

Where does Tuvalu electricity come from?

Tuvalu's power has come from electricity generation facilities that use imported diesel brought in by ships. The Tuvalu Electricity Corporation (TEC) on the main island of Funafuti operates the large power station (2000 kW).

How can Tuvalu improve its energy security?

to enhance Tuvalu's energy security by reducing its dependence on imported fuel for power generation and by improving the efficiency and sustainability of its electricity system.

How much does it cost to install solar panels in Tuvalu?

Due to Tuvalu's limited land area, the solar panels will run along the landing strip at Tuvalu's airport alongside the soccer field. The contract price for the solar PV facility was about \$5 million, with the remaining funding provided by IDA.

What is a floating solar PV system in Tuvalu?

From solar rooftops and the Off-grid solar-powered Capacitive Deionisation (CDI) systems to the pioneering floating solar PV with 100kW. innovative solutions like floating solar panels (a first for the PICs) and raised solar installations are being embraced in Tuvalu as the Pacific grapples with addressing the challenge of limited land space.

Does Tuvalu have a 'SIDS DOCK' initiative?

The highly volatile cost of fuel has proven very costly to the utility, and the government and the SIDS DOCK initiative certainly is embraced," said Avafoa Irata, CEO of Tuvalu's Ministry of Transport, Energy, and Tourism.

ADB and the Government of Tuvalu commissioned 500 kilowatt on-grid solar rooftops in Funafuti and a 2 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system that will provide clean and reliable electricity supply to the country's capital and help achieve the government's ambitious renewable energy targets.

Advances in battery technology, such as the development of lithium-ion batteries, have made energy storage more feasible and cost-effective for small island nations like Tuvalu. In addition to the environmental benefits of transitioning to renewable energy sources, there are also significant economic advantages for Tuvalu.



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Tuvalu, an island nation midway between Hawaii and Australia, has commissioned a new solar-plus-storage project with the ADB, featuring a 500 kW, on-grid solar rooftop array and a 2 MWh BESS in the capital, Funafuti. "The project is under the Pacific Renewable Energy Investment Facility and has ... \$6 million support," stated the ADB.

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Renewable energy in Tuvalu is a growing sector of the country's energy supply. Tuvalu has committed to sourcing 100% of its electricity from renewable energy. This is considered possible because of the small size of the population of Tuvalu and its abundant solar energy resources due to its tropical location.

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Tuvalu have officially launched a 500 kilowatt solar rooftop system in Funafuti, along with a 2 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system (BESS). This project will provide clean and reliable electricity to Tuvalu's capital and help the country meet its renewable energy goals.

Tuvalu stands as a beacon of resilience in the face of climate and economic vulnerabilities and despite its status as one of the smallest atoll nations, Tuvalu is taking significant strides to lead the region in sustainable energy endeavours.

Located between Hawaii and Australia, the 500 kW on-grid solar rooftop project and a 2 MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) installed by Tuvalu Electricity Corporation in the capital, Funafuti, were recently commissioned by the Philippines-headquartered Asian Development Bank (ADB).

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