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Overview

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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.

Africa holds vast solar potential, with 60% of the world's best solar resources, yet solar PV currently accounts for only 3% of the continent's electricity generation. As global efforts intensify to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030, Africa's role in achieving this target is more critical.

South Africa, home to 46% of the continent's new solar installations in 2024, per the Global Solar Council, is a leader in Africa's ascent towards the utilization of renewable energy resources, followed closely by Egypt at 29%. (Getty Images) With a number of notable (and sizeable) solar projects.

Africa is often considered and referred as the "Sun continent" or the continent where the Sun's influence is the greatest. [2] According to the "World Sunshine Map", Africa receives many more hours of bright sunshine during the course of the year than any other continent of the Earth: [3] and many.



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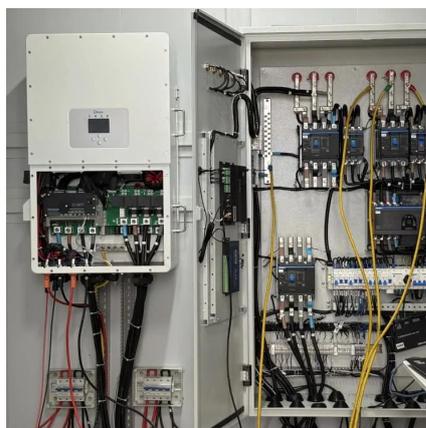
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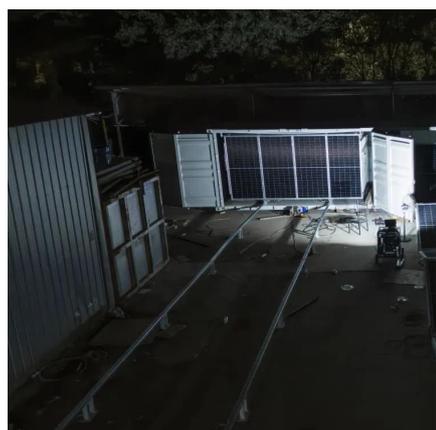
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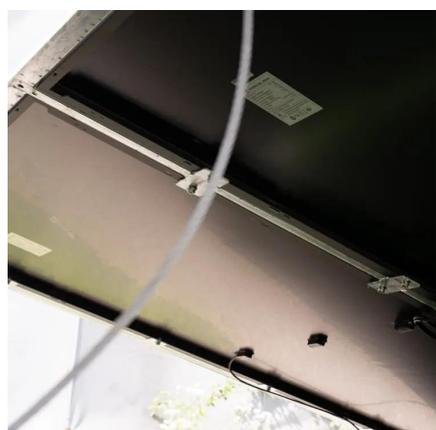
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