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Africa's new energy storage manufacturers



Overview

From BYD to BlueNova, explore the best lithium-ion and clean energy storage suppliers powering Africa's grid revolution in 2025. What is the future of energy storage in South Africa?

This is according to a new report by the World Bank which says that over the next five years SA is expected to show rapid growth in energy storage demand. The rise in demand will come from the transformation of the energy system to include more renewables and developing demand in the electric vehicle (EV) sector.

What are the most popular solar-plus-storage developments in Africa?

As noted by AFSIA Solar, one of the most notable solar-plus-storage developments in Africa is Norway-based independent power producer (IPP) Scatec's 225MW/1,140MWh Kenhardt project in South Africa. The site started operation in late 2023 (pictured above).

What is the average size of storage projects in Africa?

The average size of these projects sits at ~0.26GWh, a large increase from the projects currently operational. This largely reflects the direction in which the storage market is moving more generally, with larger cell sizes allowing system sizes to increase. Have you read?

What does the future hold for storage in Africa?

Why is BTM energy storage important in Africa?

BTM energy storage is becoming increasingly important in the African market as grid instability and falling cell prices pushes consumers towards installing storage. In South Africa, Eskom, the country's main electricity utility, registered 69 days of load shedding in 2024, leading to widespread power shortages.

What is the largest solar project in South Africa?

The largest of these projects is the Northern Cape Province, South Africa, solar and storage project with a 1.14GWh capacity. This is far bigger than the other operational projects that have a relatively small average capacity of ~18MWh. Outside South Africa the operational projects are dotted around the continent, from Mozambique to Cote d'Ivoire.

How has energy storage changed in 2022?

This has resulted in an increase in energy storage levels in recent years. In 2022, the continent had around 50MWh of energy storage capacity installed. Since then, energy storage capacity tripled in 2023 and then experienced another 10-fold increase in 2024. Image: AFSIA Solar.

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