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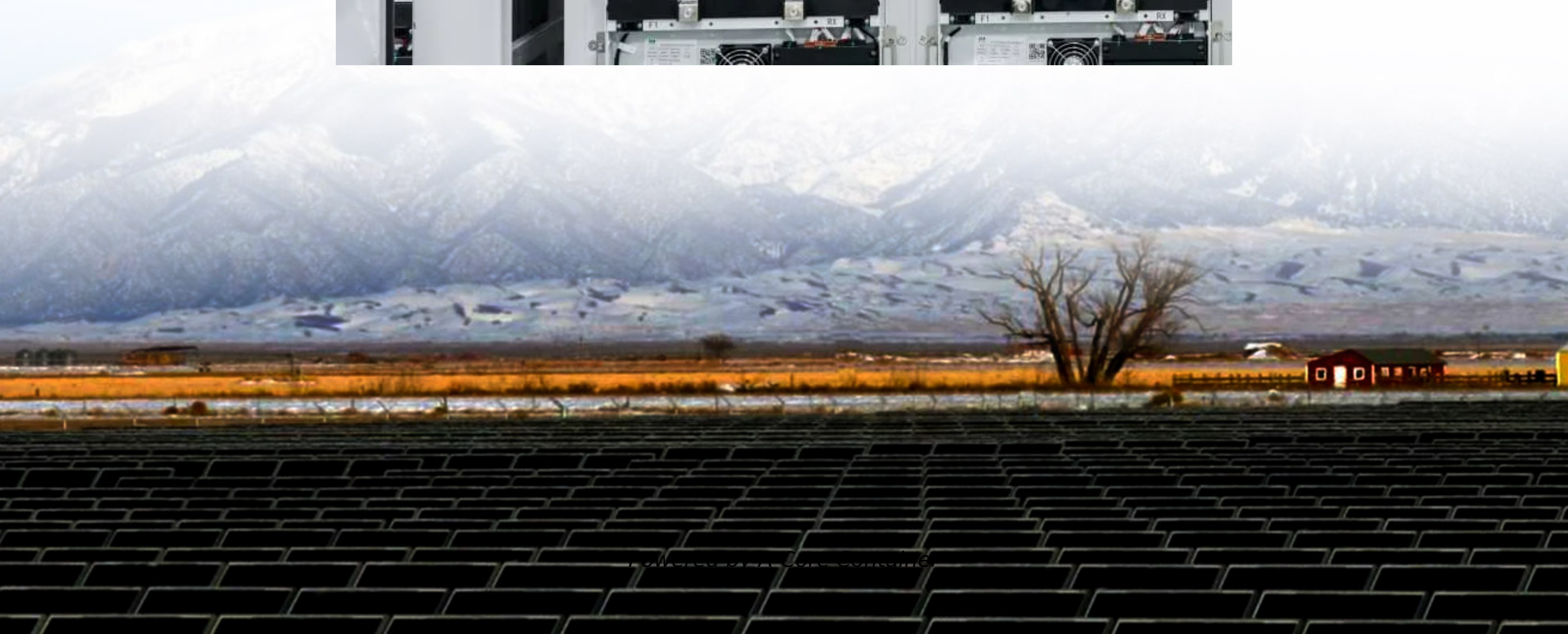

Overview

Is solar power suitable for use in Afghanistan?

Solar power can be a perfect solution for the energy shortage in Afghanistan, as it is theoretically, practically, and economically suitable for the country according to this paper, with a main focus on PV power technology.

How much solar energy does Afghanistan generate per m2?

Afghanistan's Direct Normal Irradiation (DNI) ranges from 3.38 to 7 kWh per m2 and, Global Horizontal Irradiance or GHI is estimated at 4.0 to 6.0 kWh per m2 per day. This suggests that every 10 m2 of the country’s territory can generate 1 kW of solar energy specifically through solar PV technology.

Which country has the highest solar power potential in Afghanistan?

The southern and western provinces of Afghanistan, including Helmand, Kandahar, Herat, Farah, and Nimroz, have the highest solar power potential in the country, with an overall capacity of 142.568 MW or 64% of the total potential. The distribution of solar resources in Afghanistan indicates that these provinces have the capacity for installing PV technology.

Why is energy important for Afghanistan?

Energy is important for the socio-economic development of Afghanistan, as it is a least developed country that relies on traditional fossil fuels and electricity imports to meet its energy requirements.

How much electricity does Afghanistan have?

Roughly, 89% of electricity in Afghanistan is consumed by households. For instance, in the capital Kabul, 95 % of the population usually has access to electricity, while in Zabol province the access rate is only 37%.

Is the cost of PV technology reasonable in Afghanistan?

The cost of PV technology and services in Afghanistan is reasonable, but the lack of capital investment in big PV projects has hindered its development in the country. (D. Gencer)

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