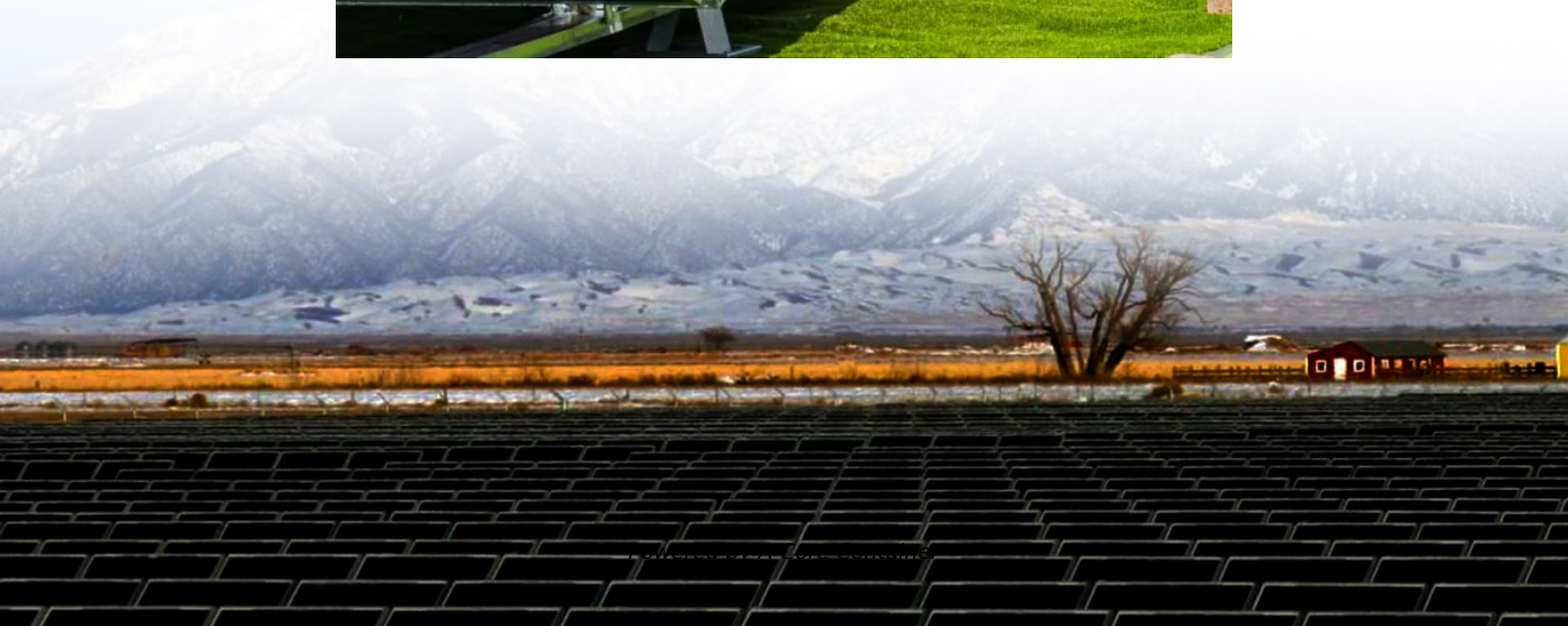


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Overview

How can Kuwait keep pace with rising demand for electricity?

Keeping pace with rising demand for electricity will be critical to Kuwait's economic development, and reforms, such as opening up the power generation sector to independent power producers and independent water and power producers, are key to increasing the currently low share of private company involvement in the sector.

What type of energy is used in Kuwait?

Renewable energy here is the sum of hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, modern biomass and wave and tidal energy. Traditional biomass – the burning of charcoal, crop waste, and other organic matter – is not included. This can be an important energy source in lower-income settings. Kuwait: How much of the country's energy comes from nuclear power?

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Does Kuwait import electricity?

Since it commenced trading, Kuwait has imported slightly more electricity than it has exported, but overall trade has generally been unchanged, at around 550 GWh for both imports and exports.¹² Kuwait imports power in an emergency and only for a few hours at a time.

How many power plants are there in Kuwait?

In 2018, Kuwait had an installed electric generation capacity of 18.8 gigawatts (GW), with nine power plants. Steam generation accounted for nearly half of total capacity, with combined-cycle steam and gas plants making up another 40%. Open-cycle gas-fired generation accounted for some 8% in 2018.

Does Kuwait use oil to generate electricity?

Kuwait relies on oil and natural gas to generate electricity, with oil accounting

for 64% of the generating capacity in 2015. Given Kuwait's dependence on oil-export revenues, there are significant financial incentives to move away from burning oil for domestic power use.

Does Kuwait use natural gas?

Kuwait relies almost exclusively on oil products and natural gas for electricity generation and its substantial desalination production. The country plans to increase the share of gas-fired power plants in the future, but as gas production is underdeveloped, it is currently a net importer of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

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