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# South Africa Mobile Energy Storage Site Wind Power 125kWh



## Overview

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How do virtual power plants work in South Africa?

Using AI energy management systems, these renewable energy plants dispatch solar, wind and battery energy on demand. Increasingly in use in South Africa, Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) are a network of different power sources such as wind, solar and battery energy storage systems working together, sometimes at different locations.

What is battery energy storage in South Africa?

In South Africa, Battery Energy Storage is a key aspect of the first-of-its-kind hybrid project, Oya. Straddling the Western and Northern Cape Provinces, the hybrid facility will offer 86MW wind and 155MW Solar PV dispatchable power, coupled with 92MW/ 242 MWh battery energy storage.

Are large energy storage projects coming to South Africa?

It's great to see more large energy storage projects coming online in South Africa. Just 2 months ago, Eskom unveiled another large battery storage project. Eskom's Hex site is specifically designed to store 100MWh of energy, enough to power a town such as Mossel Bay or Howick for about five hours.

Does Scatec have a solar-plus-storage site in South Africa?

Scatec's Kenhardt solar-plus-storage site in South Africa (above), which went online at the end of 2023. Image: Scatec. Africa's energy storage market has seen a boom since 2017, having risen from just 31MWh to 1,600MWh in 2024, according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.

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).

Does South Africa have a battery storage tender programme?

South Africa is aiming to procure utility-scale battery storage with two tender programmes: its Battery Storage IPP Procurement Programme as well as hybrid battery storage and variable renewables projects through its Risk Mitigation IPP Procurement Programme.

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