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South Sudan allows third-party communication base stations to complement wind and solar power



Overview

How does South Sudan produce energy?

Most of the country's current energy production comes from generators that burn imported diesel, a costly method both economically and environmentally. According to the World Bank, only 8.4% of the population had reliable access to power and electricity in 2022, leaving the door wide open to produce much-needed renewable energy in South Sudan.

Can solar power improve South Sudan's Energy Infrastructure?

Future Implications: Integrating solar and storage solutions could stabilize South Sudan's energy infrastructure, creating a model for renewable energy adoption in other energy-deprived regions. South Sudan launches solar-BESS project to expand grid access, replacing diesel generators and boosting energy for underserved regions.

What is a solar power plant in South Sudan?

Image: The recently launched 20MW solar energy plant in South Sudan.
Credit: Ezra Group A public-private partnership in South Sudan has launched the country's first major solar power plant and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the capital Juba, where it is expected to provide electricity to thousands of homes.

Why is South Sudan struggling to provide electricity to its citizens?

According to a 2024 sciencedirect.com report, South Sudan struggles to provide its citizens access to electricity despite having abundant energy resources, particularly fossil fuels.

Could solar energy be South Sudan's most affordable energy transition path?

Nhial Tiitmamer , a researcher on energy and environmental issues in South Sudan and a current policy analyst for SUDD Institute, concludes that solar energy has the greatest potential to be South Sudan's immediate and most

affordable energy transition path towards a sustainable energy transition and even job creation.

What is the grid-based electricity situation in South Sudan?

At present, the grid-based electricity situation in South Sudan is characterized by routine power outages and lack of efficiency in the distribution system . In fact, in 2020, 580 GWh or nearly 100 % of electricity was produced from oil and gas, and just 1 GWh from renewable sources .

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