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Overview

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?

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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.

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 push 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 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 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 can energy storage help fill the short-term supply gap?

The report notes this initiative, which is described as a means to fill the short-term supply gap, alleviate the electricity supply constraints, and reduce the extensive utilisation of diesel-based peaking electrical generators. Several initiatives and drivers for energy storage have also been introduced to African countries.

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