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Overview

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Think tank finds evidence of “take-off” for solar in Africa, with import growth is spread across the continent. Ember analysis notes import surge has potential to markedly increase electricity generating capacity in some countries. Algeria imported 1.2 GW of solar from China in year to June 2025.

There has been a major pick-up in solar panel imports into Africa over the last 12 months – a shift that is likely to impact almost every country on the continent. This report presents Ember’s analysis of Africa’s imports of solar panels from China. The Chinese solar panel export data gives.

According to the Africa Solar Industry Association (AFSIA) in 2024, the continent added 2.5 GW of new capacity, taking the total installed solar to 19.2 GWp. Yet, even with this growth, the divide between Africa and the rest of the world is still widening. For decades, solar power has played a

Solar panel imports into Africa rose by a record 60 per cent in the 12 months to June 2025 according to a new analysis of China’s solar panel exports, indicating a steady demand for clean energy in the world's least connected region. The data by international energy think tank Ember, show that.

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