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Jamaica s latest policy on new energy storage



Overview

The Government is accelerating investments in solar, hydro, wind, and pumped storage while also preparing the country to adopt emerging technologies, including small modular nuclear reactors. Why is energy storage important in Jamaica?

Jamaica is committed to reducing its dependence on imported fossil fuels. The country's National Energy Policy sets an ambitious target: 50% of electricity from renewable sources by 2037. Energy storage plays a critical role in achieving this target. Key policy support includes:

How can battery energy storage help Jamaica?

Battery energy storage systems (BESS) are now emerging as a cornerstone technology to address these challenges—helping Jamaica stabilize its grid, unlock more renewable energy, and reduce electricity costs for both consumers and businesses. The country's electricity cost can reach as high as \$0.32 per kilowatt-hour, far above global averages.

Will Jamaica generate 50% of its electricity by 2030?

Jamaica has set an ambitious aim of generating 50% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030, reflecting its commitment to sustainable energy and climate resilience.

Will JPS build a solar power plant in Jamaica?

Power utility Jamaica Public Service Company, JPS, is investing US\$300 million to construct Jamaica's largest solar power plant and a battery storage facility, starting this month. The renewable energy facility will replace JPS's aged Hunts Bay.

Why should a company invest in battery storage in Jamaica?

By integrating battery storage with rooftop solar systems or hybrid microgrids, Jamaican companies can maximize renewable use while gaining financial

savings and branding advantages. Beyond the city centers, many Jamaican communities live in remote or coastal areas with limited access to stable electricity.

Why is Jamaica struggling with energy security and economic resilience?

Jamaica's energy sector has long been dominated by a reliance on imported fossil fuels, which has posed significant challenges to its energy security and economic resilience. The country has faced volatility in global oil prices, leading to substantial foreign exchange expenditures and economic instability

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