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Solar power generation and energy storage applications in Mauritania



Overview

A \$289.5 million financing package from the African Development Bank and the Green Climate Fund will support two major projects that aim to develop solar power generation, transnational electricity interconnection and rural electrification in the country. How will Mauritania's new solar power project help agri-food industry?

The project will provide rural electrification for 40 localities in south-eastern Mauritania, through the installation of hybrid mini photovoltaic power plants and the construction of connecting lines. The project will also support value-creating activities, especially in the food cold chain and agri-food processing.

What is Mauritanian solar energy?

This 50 MW solar energy plant, funded by both the Mauritanian government and the Arabic Fund for Economic and Social Development with a \$53 million investment, is made up of 540 panels and a 33-kVA transformation station. The plant not only expands access to electricity in the country, but also promotes the use of clean, green energy.

Does Mauritania have a solar power plant?

In the last ten years, Mauritania has made several leaps in the field of developing the exploitation of solar energy, in cooperation with international partners such as the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Masdar Abu Dhabi. Sheikh Zayed Solar Power Plant, a 15 MW facility in Nouakchott, is the first utility-scale one in Mauritania.

How much electricity does Mauritania produce?

Mauritania produces over 5% of its electricity through solar energy, generating more than 75 megawatts of electricity annually. This is a testament to the government's commitment to utilizing renewable energy sources and reducing its carbon footprint.

How will Mauritania's wind power plant affect its energy mix?

The wind power plant in the northern town of Boulenouar will also significantly increase the share of the country's energy mix. The significant share of renewable energy in Mauritania's total energy portfolio is impressive, especially compared to other countries on the continent.

Is Mauritania ready for the largest green hydrogen production project in the world?

Driven by this momentum, the country has signed a memorandum of understanding for the implementation of the largest green hydrogen production project in the world, which Mauritania intends to develop in partnership with CWP Global, an Australian renewable energy development company led by an American founder and CEO.

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