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Overview

Could China's solar panels help meet Africa's energy needs?

From Algeria on the Mediterranean coast to landlocked Zambia in the south, countries across Africa have been importing significantly more solar panels from China this year than in the past, which analysts say could be the start of a massive effort to help meet the continent's power demands with renewable energy instead of fossil fuels.

Is there a solar industry in Africa?

The problem is that there's almost no local solar manufacturing industry in Africa, says Elena Kiryakova, a research fellow at the ODI Global think tank who studies China's climate investment in Africa.

Where are solar panels coming from in Africa?

In North Africa, countries like Algeria and Egypt are building massive utility-scale solar power plants that require large numbers of panels. But in Sub-Saharan Africa, the panels are being imported by more rural communities in places that traditionally haven't been connected to the grid at all.

Are Chinese solar companies supplying Africa's solar demand?

Since Chinese solar companies have significant price advantages over manufacturers in other countries, they are always the go-to option for supplying Africa's solar demand. There are two types of demand driving the solar boom in African countries, Echard says.



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