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Large-scale energy storage projects in South Africa





Overview

What is the largest battery energy storage system in Africa?

Unveiled in 2023, thanks to \$195 million from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and \$220 million from AfDB, this flagship project represents the largest battery energy storage system (BESS) on the African continent.

Is Eskom launching a battery energy storage system in South Africa?

Friday, 10 November 2023: Eskom unveiled the first of its kind largest Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project not only in South Africa but in the African continent. Eskom officially opened the Hex BESS site at Worcester in the Western Cape yesterday.

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.

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?

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