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Is energy storage a game-changer for Africa's solar sector?

Energy storage is emerging as a game-changer for Africa's solar sector, with installed capacity experiencing an exponential rise in 2024. From a threefold increase in 2023, storage capacity soared tenfold in 2024, reaching 1,641 MWh.

Does Africa still have solar power?

While the spread of solar energy across Africa is encouraging, a significant concentration of capacity persists. In 2024, 78 per cent of all new installations were concentrated in just two countries -- South Africa and Egypt.

Does Scatec have a solar-plus-storage site in South Africa?

Scatec's Kenhardt solar-plus-storage site in South Africa (above), which went online at the end of 2023. Image: Scatec. Africa's energy storage market has seen a boom since 2017, having risen from just 31 MWh to 1,600 MWh in 2024, according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.

What are the most popular solar-plus-storage developments in Africa?

As noted by AFSIA Solar, one of the most notable solar-plus-storage developments in Africa is Norway-based independent power producer (IPP) Scatec's 225 MW/1,140 MWh Kenhardt project in South Africa. The site started operation in late 2023 (pictured above).

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South Africa and notably Morocco have the strongest pipeline capacity followed by Egypt. Strong potential lies in the BTM Africa market ...

The African Development Bank estimates that \$100 billion annually is needed for the continent's energy transition, with solar poised to capture a significant share.

The report noted that JA Solar, a global leader in the PV industry, recently launched its first shipment of energy storage systems to ...

The Africa Solar Industry Association's 2025 market outlook has recorded a 2.5GW increase in PV installations in 2024.

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