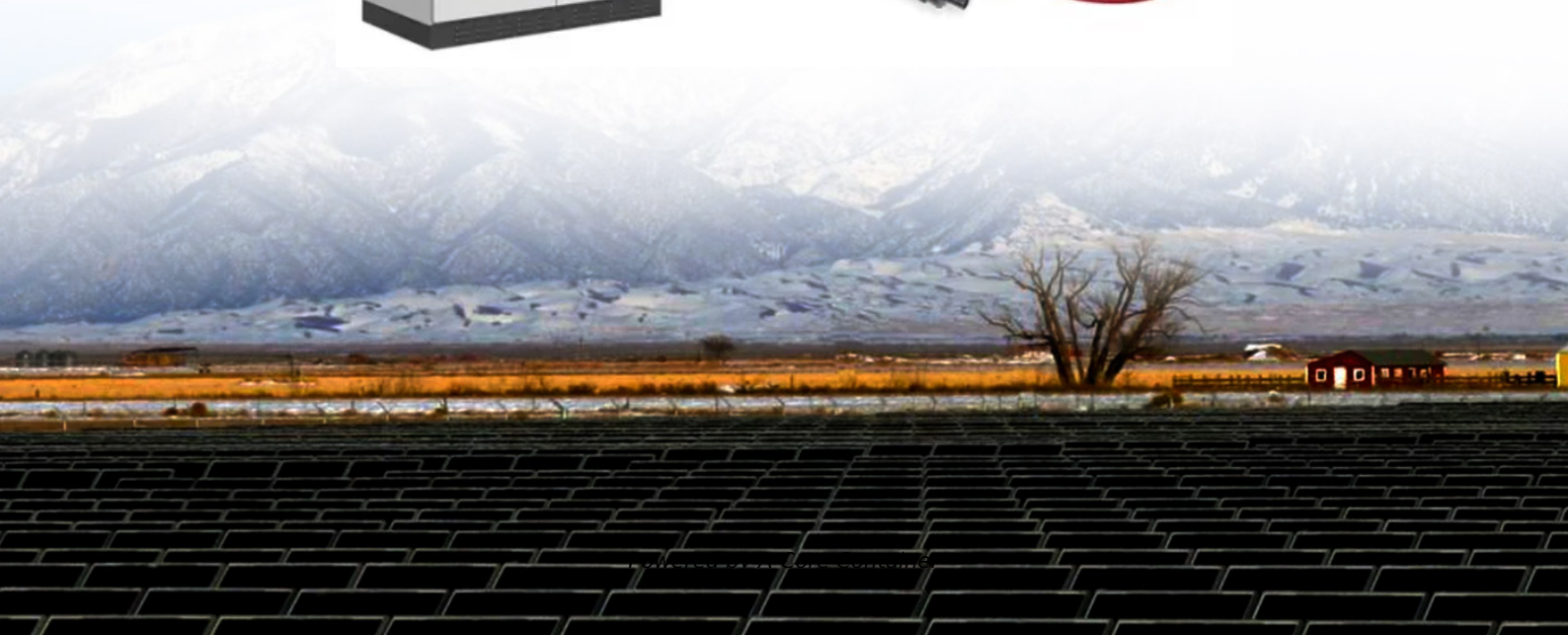


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Overview

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 225MW/1,140MWh Kenhardt project in South Africa. The site started operation in late 2023 (pictured above).

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 31MWh to 1,600MWh in 2024, according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.

Is solar energy a viable option in Africa?

The high number of sunny hours each season make solar energy an obvious choice to explore for the area (Fig. 2) [7, 8], and it is a particularly attractive option for North-eastern and Southern Africa, where annual solar radiation ranges from 2400 to 2800 kWh/m² [3, 4, 9]. African governments have set ambitious targets for PV installation.

What are Africa's goals for solar energy?

African governments have set ambitious targets for PV installation. Nigeria aims to install 30,000 MW of PV by 2030, most of this as off-grid systems. Ghana aims to install 30,000 solar home systems by 2020 and invest \$230 million into solar energy projects, including mini-grids and stand-alone solar PV systems.

How many solar home systems will Ghana install in 2020?

Ghana aims to install 30,000 solar home systems by 2020 and invest \$230 million into solar energy projects, including mini-grids and stand-alone solar PV systems. Other countries have similarly ambitious targets. The Africa

Renewable Energy Initiative has a 30 GW target for installed capacity, and solar PV will be a major component of this [10].

Is solar PV a focal energy resource for Africa?

Solar PV, which, as reported by our colleagues at PV Tech in their write-up of the AFSIA report, reached 19.2GW in 2024, increasing by 2.5GW on 2023 levels, is becoming the focal energy generation resource for Africa.

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