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New solar system installed in Senegal



Overview

Senegal has begun commercial operations at a new solar energy facility that combines photovoltaic power with lithium-ion battery storage, the first of its kind in West Africa, as the country of over 18 million people moves to strengthen its electricity grid. Is a solar energy project in Senegal the biggest in West Africa?

Work on a solar energy and battery storage project in Senegal, touted to be the biggest in West Africa once it goes live, is set to begin next month after an EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) contract for its development was recently signed. The Kolda project will encompass a 60MWp PV solar plant coupled with a 90MWh storage system.

When will a solar power plant be built in Senegal?

“This agreement paves the way for the construction to begin in May 2025, with the deployment of a 60MWp photovoltaic plant coupled with a 90MWh storage system.” Voltalia is to supply the PV infrastructure for the solar power plant, which will operate on Senegal’s national grid managed by SENELEC.

How can solar power plants benefit Senegal?

The project estimates that more than 400 jobs in the towns benefit from the existence of the new solar power plants in Senegal. Because Senegal mainly relies on imported oil for electricity, solar power plants offer a more reliable and sustainable green energy source that costs less.

Is ten Merina a solar power project in Senegal?

This is Meridiam’s second solar power project in Senegal, delivering an additional reliable supply of low-cost and low-carbon electricity. Overall, Ten Merina is a significant contributor to Senegal’s installed solar PV capacity and is providing clean and affordable power to more than 200,000 Senegalese people.

Is Senegal achieving universal energy access?

With a national electricity access rate of 84%, Senegal is making progress towards universal energy access, yet more than 30% of rural communities remain disconnected from the grid.

Does Senegal have a stable electricity supply?

In January the World Bank, in a feature on the transformative impact of a stable electricity supply since the beginning of 2025 in Ndarong Serere – a village located 100km from Senegal's capital city Dakar – said the country's commitment to universal electricity access is supported by innovative financing and strategic partnerships.

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