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North Africa 60 000 kilowatt energy storage project



Overview

Who owns the Red Sands battery energy storage system?

Updated 1st July 2025 – The Red Sands Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), set to be Africa’s largest of its kind, has officially reached commercial close. Developed by Globeleq, which is 30% owned by Norfund, in partnership with African Rainbow Energy, the 153 MW/612 MWh project was signed off in June 2025 in Cape Town.

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.

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).

Why is the Red Sands battery storage project important?

“The Red Sands battery storage project’s successful commercial close highlights the importance of international cooperation and public-private partnerships in tackling energy security and promoting a sustainable energy future. Both in terms of energy security, affordability and climate concerns, this project is a milestone.

Who owns 153 MW & 612 MWh in South Africa?

Developed by Globeleq, which is 30% owned by Norfund, in partnership with African Rainbow Energy, the 153 MW/612 MWh project was signed off in June 2025 in Cape Town. It will be located in South Africa’s Northern Cape Province

and occupies a five-hectare site.

Where does North Africa Invest in renewables?

So far, most of the investments are concentrated in Morocco and Egypt. Contrary to the global trend in the period of 2013-2020 which shows private sector financing as the primary source of funding for renewables development, North Africa sees public finance play a far more important role.

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