



# Eritrea solar panels on-site energy export

Does Eritrea have solar power?

Eritrea's weather, characterized by long sunny days throughout the year, makes it suitable for harnessing solar power. Data from the wind and solar monitoring stations installed in many parts of Eritrea show that the country has a great potential, around 6 kwh/m<sup>2</sup> of solar energy.

What are the benefits of solar energy in Eritrea?

The government of Eritrea has been making efforts to promote the use of alternative sources of energy, especially solar energy, to mitigate the problems associated with the use of fossil fuel. A major benefit of solar energy is that it does not pollute the environment and saves money in the long run even if its installation cost is quite high.

Where is Eritrea's first solar plant?

The government of Eritrea has received a \$49.92 million grant from the African Development Bank to fund a 30 MW photovoltaic plant in the town of Dekemhare, 40 km southeast of the capital Asmara. It will be the country's first large-scale solar plant.

What is Eritrea's main source of energy?

Eritrea's major source of energy is petroleum, which drains the foreign currency reserves of the country and is globally a major cause of pollution. The government of Eritrea has been making efforts to promote the use of alternative sources of energy, especially solar energy, to mitigate the problems associated with the use of fossil fuel.

Why is energy transition important in Eritrea?

Consequently, Eritrea's energy transition should be informed by multidimensional pathways that respond to diverse realities and are critical to sustaining implementation and adaptability. The world is at the tipping point for bolder steps and immediate aggressive actions.

Can Eritrea reverse climatic trends?

Despite these challenges, Eritrea's accession to the global environment and energy conventions are among the country's attempts to reverse the worsening climatic trends.

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