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Will a 5 MW solar installation make Maldives a popular destination?

Now, one of the first sights for any of the 1.7 million tourists visiting the Maldives will be that of the 5 MW solar installation on the highway linking the airport island to Male and its satellite town of Hulhumale.

What is Arise Maldives?

Under the Accelerating Renewable Energy Integration and Sustainable Energy (ARISE) project, supported by the World Bank, Maldives is seeking contractors for installation of 40 MWh capacity Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), across 18 electricity grids representing 19 islands/cities.

How much does a solar project cost in Maldives?

In 2022, 63 investors expressed interest in the third 11 MW solar project in the remote islands of Maldives, and a record low price of 9.8 US cents was received. This is one of the lowest tariffs for any small island developing state (SIDS).

Should investors invest in sustainable solar projects in the Maldives?

In 2014, the first 1.5 MW solar project under ASPIRE only had four investors' bids, and resulted in a high power purchase price (PPA) of 21 US cents per unit of electricity, indicating a lack of interest from investors in investing in sustainable projects in the Maldives.

How can the Maldives achieve "carbon neutrality" by 2030?

While ASPIRE project addresses the need to increase PV generation in Maldives through private sector investment, Maldives envisions an ambitious goal of "carbon neutrality by 2030" along with an immediate target for 2023 to increase the share of renewable energy by 20% compared to 2018 levels.

When will the Aspire project start in the Maldives?

The inauguration of the 5 MW solar project on December 7, 2022 under the ASPIRE project has been a game changer in the energy transition journey of the Maldives.



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