

# New Energy Storage Planning in East Africa

What is the future of energy storage in South Africa?

This is according to a new report by the World Bank which says that over the next five years SA is expected to show rapid growth in energy storage demand. The rise in demand will come from the transformation of the energy system to include more renewables and developing demand in the electric vehicle (EV) sector...

Why do we need energy storage solutions?

This discrepancy complicates the alignment of supply with demand, and periods of low sunlight hinder consistent access to power for households and businesses. Effective energy storage solutions bridge this gap between supply and demand.

What is the energy storage capacity of the Ingula PSS?

Straddling the border of South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal and Free State provinces, the Ingula PSS has an energy storage capacity of 21 GWh, or 15.8 electricity generating hours.

What is a battery energy storage system?

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) have emerged as a pivotal solution, storing excess solar energy generated during the day for use at night or during periods of high demand. Storage batteries can also be integrated with existing grid power to stabilise use between peak and off-peak usage.

How does Eskom's solar project work?

With electricity conveyed from the plant to Eskom's Paulpuits Transmission Substation, located 5km from the plant site, via a 132 kV overhead transmission line, the solar project is capable of serving up to 80,000 households in the province while offsetting approximately 315,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

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