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# Cote d Ivoire builds energy solar site

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## Overview

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Côte d'Ivoire has taken a bold leap toward energy sovereignty with the launch of the Kong Solaire Photovoltaic Project, a large-scale solar power plant in the Tchologo region. Why should Côte d'Ivoire invest in a solar power plant?

The solar power plant is regarded as a model project for the expansion of solar energy in Côte d'Ivoire. It is an important contribution to the fight against climate change and a decisive step towards increasing the share of renewable energies in the country's electricity supply to 45% by 2030.

Where is the first solar power plant in Côte d'Ivoire?

In Boundiali in the north of Côte d'Ivoire, the country's first solar power plant has now been inaugurated by Ivorian Prime Minister Beugré Mambé and German Parliamentary State Secretary Bärbel Kofler. The power plant has already been providing up to 37 megawatts of power since June 2023.

How many solar plants will Côte d'Ivoire build?

The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire is planning to build 12 photovoltaic solar plants with a combined capacity of 678 MW in different parts of the country by 2030. Likewise, the government plans to reach 1,686 MW by 2040.

When will a solar power plant open in Côte d'Ivoire?

In the northern region of the Côte d'Ivoire, the first phase of a solar power facility has been officially opened. The Boundiali solar power plant's financing was initially revealed in 2018, and details of its commissioning were made public in December 2022.

How much solar energy is produced in Côte d'Ivoire?

Most recently, under the World Bank Group's Scaling Solar Initiative, IFC is supporting the development of two public-private partnerships to generate 60 MW of solar energy. Today, private operators in Côte d'Ivoire are currently responsible for 70% of energy production and 100% of its distribution.

Why did KfW build a solar power plant in Côte d'Ivoire?

"We also endeavoured to create employment for the local population," emphasises KfW Project Manager Clara Winkler-Tomety. During the construction phase, 75% of the workers came from the region. The new solar power plant in Côte d'Ivoire is helping to achieve the goals of German development cooperation in the expansion of renewable energies.

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