

Djibouti's first energy storage power station



Overview

Summary: Discover how Djibouti City's first independent energy storage power station is transforming East Africa's energy landscape. Learn about its technology, environmental impact, and why solar-compatible storage solutions like those from EK SOLAR are critical for regional development. Why did Djibouti open up electricity production to independent operators?

For the government, the aim was to open up electricity production to independent operators so as to achieve energy independence as soon as possible. It should be noted that the state-owned company Électricité de Djibouti retains a monopoly on the transmission and distribution of electricity. The project was developed by Red Sea Power (RSP).

What is Djibouti's new solar project?

The project will be the first solar Independent Power Project (IPP) in Djibouti and will be located in Grand Bara, south of Djibouti City. The solar project is being fully developed by AMEA Power under a Build-Own-Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model and will generate 55 GWh of clean energy per year, enough to reach more than 66,500 people.

Will Djibouti be the first country to produce 100% green energy?

In its bid to become the first country on the continent to produce 100% green energy by 2035, Djibouti can also draw on other ambitious projects. These include the solar power project in the Grand Bara desert, for which work began in 2020.

Does Djibouti have a monopoly on electricity?

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Who will take over the Djibouti electricity project?

The Sovereign Fund of Djibouti (FSD) will be joining the project before financial close as a minority shareholder. The offtaker for the project will be Electricité de Djibouti. As part of its strategic plan, the Government of Djibouti aims to reduce CO2 emissions by around 40% by 2030.

Will Djibouti be self-sufficient in energy production in 2035?

In December 2023, the Republic of Djibouti signed up to the African Green Hydrogen Alliance. The country's formidable prospects in terms of renewable energy means that Slim Feriani can look to the future with confidence. "The objective for 2035 is to be self-sufficient in energy production," he says. "We should get there before then."

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