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# **Djibouti's new solar panels**



## Overview

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AMEA Power has signed a solar PPA with Electricité de Djibouti. (Photo Credit: AMEA Power) Dubai-based renewable energy company AMEA Power has secured a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Government of Djibouti for a 25 MW PV plant with battery storage. It says this will be the 1st.

Djibouti, now set to commission a new wind farm, and with a recently signed PPA for a solar power plant, is making strides towards its clean energy and energy independence goals. Amea Power to deploy 25MW solar plant Dubai-based clean energy company, AMEA Power, late last month announced that it. Why is Djibouti constructing a solar farm?

Djibouti's \$390 million solar farm is under construction in southern Djibouti as a result of a public-private partnership between Djibouti's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and Green Enesys, a German renewable energy firm. Construction began in 2018 after \$50 million in funding was secured by the World Bank and other financiers.

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.

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."

Does Djibouti have a monopoly on electricity?

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). "This site has the best wind energy potential in Africa, alongside Tangiers in Morocco," says François Maze, its CEO.

Does Djibouti have geothermal energy?

Because of its geographical position, at the meeting point of three major rifts – the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden and the East African Rift – Djibouti also has a rich resource buried in its subsoil: Geothermal energy. President Ismaïl Omar Guelleh has been quick to make this a priority.

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