

Ethiopia General Energy Storage Power Supply



Overview

Why is energy important in Ethiopia?

Energy is one of the most significant sectors for Ethiopia's economic growth and development and is expected to increase significantly in the medium run. Ethiopia has abundant renewable energy resources and has the potential to generate over 60,000 megawatts (MW) of electric power from hydroelectric, wind, solar, and geothermal sources.

How much energy does Ethiopia have?

Ethiopia has abundant renewable energy resources and has the potential to generate over 60,000 megawatts (MW) of electric power from hydroelectric, wind, solar, and geothermal sources. Additionally, in 2022 the GOE certified the presence of seven trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves in the Ogaden Basin.

Who owns power plants in Ethiopia?

Currently, all operational power plants in Ethiopia are under the state-owned EEP. Future investments in hydro, wind, solar, and geothermal projects is planned to have private ownership, with EEP acting as the primary electricity purchaser. Solar PV IPP auctions were announced in February 2025, with a total capacity of 225 MW in Gad and Weransso.

How does low-cost expansion of power generation capacity in Ethiopia affect investment?

Least-cost expansion of power generation capacity in Ethiopia results in investment in hydro, solar, and wind power, as can be seen in Figure 6.3.

How will EVs affect Ethiopia's energy sector?

The growing adoption of EVs will affect Ethiopia's energy sector, particularly in terms of electricity demand and infrastructure development. A stable and sufficient power supply, combined with a well-planned and accessible charging

network, is essential to ensuring a smooth transition.

How important is electricity access to Economic development in Ethiopia?

Expanding electricity access is fundamental to economic development. While the current distribution grid covers only 25% of Ethiopia's land area, 68% of the population resides less than 5 km from the grid. This highlights the potential to triple the number of household connections within the footprint of the existing grid.

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