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Overview

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Updated 1st July 2025 - The Red Sands Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), set to be Africa's largest of its kind, has officially reached commercial close. Developed by GlobeEq, which is 30% owned by Norfund, in partnership with African Rainbow Energy, the 153 MW/612 MWh project was signed off in.

South Africa is transitioning toward a low carbon economy. The government has adopted the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 (IRP) and intends to add more than 20,000 MW of wind and solar energy generation capacity, with their share in the country's energy mix growing from the current 3% to 24% by 2030.

Global energy storage capacity was estimated to have reached 36,735MW by the end of 2022 and is forecasted to grow to 353,880MW by 2030. South Africa had 2MW of capacity in 2022 and this is expected to rise to 4MW by 2030. Listed below are the five largest energy storage projects by capacity in.

In Africa, the number of operational and planned energy storage projects has increased in recent years, driven by the growing affordability of renewable energy across the continent and the continued decline in battery prices. What is currently operational?

South Africa has the largest operational.

According to the report, Scatec, a Norwegian renewable energy company, has unveiled the Kenhardt solar farm in the Northern Cape, boasting a capacity of 540 MW. This project, featuring 225 MW of battery storage and a total storage capacity of 1.1 GWh, ranks among the largest hybrid power.

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