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# **Solar energy storage project construction in Kazakhstan**



## Overview

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What is Kazakhstan's largest solar project?

Kazakhstan's largest solar project – a 100 MW field in Saran, Karaganda Province – was opened last year by a German company, also with EBRD backing. Russian engineers doubled capacity at the EBRD-backed Burnoye plant in Zhambyl in 2018.

Is Kazakhstan a good place to invest in solar power?

Kazakhstan has remarkable solar potential with a very well-designed auction system, a clear renewable capacity addition schedule, and a solid decarbonisation target. The country is now also including storage systems as part of its public procurement strategy in a move that will ease further integration of renewables into the grid.

How efficient is solar energy in Kazakhstan?

The potential of solar energy in Kazakhstan is estimated at 2.5 billion kWh per year, which corresponds to an area of about 10 km<sup>2</sup> of solar cells with a total efficiency of 16%. The average efficiency of modern solar panels varies in the range of 15-25%. Solar energy can be widely used in two-thirds of the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Does China invest in New energy projects in Kazakhstan?

Nan Yi, chairman of the Chinese energy company, revealed that since 2015, the company has been investing in new energy projects in Kazakhstan, including photovoltaic and wind energy stations.

Can solar power drive Kazakhstan's decarbonisation?

The focus now is on leveraging solar's comparative advantages to drive forward Kazakhstan's decarbonisation and harness its significant solar resources. This report builds on the first edition of solar investment opportunities in Kazakhstan.

## What is China-Kazakhstan Green Energy Cooperation?

The Kapshagay photovoltaic power station, one of the largest single solar power projects in the Central Asian country, is a part of the China-Kazakhstan green energy cooperation initiative, jointly invested in and constructed by the Chinese company Universal Energy and Kazakh counterparts.

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