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# **South Africa solar Energy Storage**



## Overview

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How much energy storage capacity does South Africa have?

South Africa had 1,604.6kW of capacity in 2022 and this is expected to rise to 3,519.9kW by 2030. Listed below are the five largest energy storage projects by capacity in South Africa, according to GlobalData's power database. GlobalData uses proprietary data and analytics to provide a complete picture of the global energy storage segment.

Does Scatec have a solar-plus-storage site in South Africa?

Scatec's Kenhardt solar-plus-storage site in South Africa (above), which went online at the end of 2023. Image: Scatec. Africa's energy storage market has seen a boom since 2017, having risen from just 31MWh to 1,600MWh in 2024, according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.

Can solar power and energy storage improve Africa's Energy Security?

The session highlighted the critical role of solar power and energy storage in enhancing energy security and supporting Africa's energy transition toward sustainability. Driving Innovation in Energy Storage.

Where are solar projects located in South Africa?

In December 2023, Saudi Arabia's ACWA Power signed a 20-year PPA with Eskom for a 442 MW solar facility with 1,200 MWh of battery storage, also located in Northern Cape province. In June 2023, Scatec ASA reached financial close on three more solar projects in South Africa, with a total capacity of 273 MW, all located in Western Cape province.

What are the most popular solar-plus-storage developments in Africa?

As noted by AFSIA Solar, one of the most notable solar-plus-storage developments in Africa is Norway-based independent power producer (IPP) Scatec's 225MW/1,140MWh Kenhardt project in South Africa. The site started operation in late 2023 (pictured above).

Does Scatec ASA have a battery storage facility in South Africa?

Norwegian PV developer Scatec ASA has switched on a hybrid solar and battery storage facility in the Northern Cape province of South Africa. A 540 MW solar and 225 MW/1,140 MWh battery storage hybrid project has commenced operations in South Africa.

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