

Why is Burundi launching a solar PV plant?

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Does Burundi have solar power?

Burundi has natural conditions favourable to the sustainable use of water and solar energy or wind power. The solar potential of Burundi is very interesting. The average annual power received is around 2000 kWh / m²; per year, equivalent to the best European regions (southern Mediterranean).

Where is a solar power station located in Burundi?

The power station is located in the settlement of Mubuga, in the Gitega Province of Burundi, approximately 15.2 kilometres (9 mi), northeast of the city of Gitega, the political capital of that country. This power station is the first grid-connected solar project developed by an IPP in Burundi.

Will Burundi bring solar power to COP26 Gitega?

7.5 MW utility-scale power plant increases East African country's generation capacity by more than 10% on the eve of COP26 Gitega, Burundi - 25 October 2021: A multinational effort to bring solar power to Burundi has been realized with the commercial operation of the country's first-ever solar field.

Why is Burundi launching a power generation master plan?

The project aims to support the development of a power generation master plan expected to highlight the various renewable energy options for Burundi in the 'power generation segment', paving the way for strong private sector participation which is critical for meeting the massive challenges of the power sector in the country.

What does Burundi's solar plant announcement mean for the energy sector?

According to Geoff Sinclair, Managing Director of Camco Clean Energy, which manages REPP: "Once built, the solar plant will add nearly 15% to Burundi's generation capacity using clean energy." (This passage directly answers the question about the impact on the energy sector.)

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Burundi has officially inaugurated the country's first utility-scale solar field, as part of push to leverage renewable energy for improved access to electricity for homes and businesses. The grid-connected 7.5MW solar power plant, located in Mubuga, became operational in 2021.

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SummaryOverviewLocationFinancingBenefitsExpansionSee alsoExternal linksThis power station is the first grid-connected solar project developed by an IPP in Burundi. It is also the first major electricity generation investment in the country, in the past 30 years. The renewable energy infrastructure was on the books since 2016. Attempts were made to start construction in 2018, but the process aborted. In January 2020, construction started in earnest. Despite delays attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, the power installation was commercially c...

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