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# Nicaragua Building solar Power Generation



## Overview

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Will China build a solar power plant in Nicaragua?

The Chinese state-owned company China Communications Construction Company Limited (CCCC) will build a photovoltaic solar power plant with a capacity of 67.3 megawatts in Nicaragua, the government of the Central American country announced on Monday.

How much energy does Nicaragua use?

According to the International Energy Agency, Nicaragua supplies around 60% of its total energy from renewable sources, including wind, solar and geothermal, with biomass – an often contested renewable – accounting for the largest share, at roughly 40% of total supply.

Does Nicaragua have geothermal power?

The Maribios Range is part of the Pacific “Ring of Fire” and contains several active volcanoes. The government estimates Nicaragua’s geothermal potential to be 2,000 megawatts. Nicaragua’s National Electric Transmission Company (Enatrel) seeks to transform the country’s energy mix by focusing on renewable energy with its 2022-2037 expansion plan.

What is Nicaragua's energy supply?

“This gives us a guarantee that the project will be carried out in the best way and will ensure its best performance.” Around 60% of Nicaragua’s total energy supply is drawn from renewable sources, with biomass (41.8%) accounting for the largest share of generation as of 2022. The remaining 40% is supplied by oil imports.

Why are energy costs a problem in Nicaragua?

A 2015 study by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said Nicaragua’s energy costs suppress the competitiveness of its industries and the wellbeing of its citizens: higher rates

limit access to essential services, increase production costs and hold back economic growth.

How many solar panels will the San Isidro plant have?

According to the government, the San Isidro plant will comprise 112,000 solar panels. On the condition of anonymity, sources tell Dialogue Earth that a similar area of land will be used for the El Hato plant.

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