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Overview

The Ministry of Energy announced that by September 2025, GEI Power and YEO aim to have a 60MWp solar PV and 20MWh BESS project operational in Zambia. Will Zambia increase its solar power capacity by 2030?

The Zambian government has set a target to increase its installed solar and wind capacity to 600 MW by 2030. However, the current installed capacity for solar photovoltaics is only 90 MWp, indicating significant underutilisation of Zambia's potential in the renewable energy sector.

Can battery storage be used with solar photovoltaics in Zambia?

The Zambian regulation foresees customs duty and VAT exemptions for most equipment used in renewable energy or battery storage projects. Detailed information is provided in In this section, we discuss the opportunity of battery storage in combination with solar photovoltaics from a financial point of view.

How much does a solar battery cost in Zambia?

Africa Clean Energy Technical Assistance Facility. (2022). Customs Handbook for Solar PV Products in Zambia. Bloomberg New Energy Finance. (2022, December 6). Lithium-ion Battery Pack Prices Rise for First Time to an Average of \$151/kWh.

How much power does Zambia have in 2021?

Thus, the installed capacity in Zambia in 2021 is composed as follows: 2,705 MW in hydro-power (including 1,080 MW for the Kariba complex and 990 MW for Kafue Gorge), 330 MW in coal, 85 MW in diesel, 110 MW in heavy oil and 89 MW in solar. In total, about 84% of the installed capacity is renewable.

Why should German and European service providers invest in Zambia?

For German and European service providers active in the energy sector, Zambia presents significant potential for business development. There are clear needs across the solar energy and storage value chain, including project

development and financing, equipment manufacturing, system integration and contracting.

What will Zambia's energy demand look like in 2040?

The government anticipates that peak demand will be at 8,000 MW by 2030 and 10,000 MW by 2040 (from around 3,000 MW in 2022). It also projects that the demand will be largely driven by mining and agricultural consumers and not residential consumers as projected in the COSS (Government of Zambia, 2022).

4. Zambia's renewable energy landscape

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