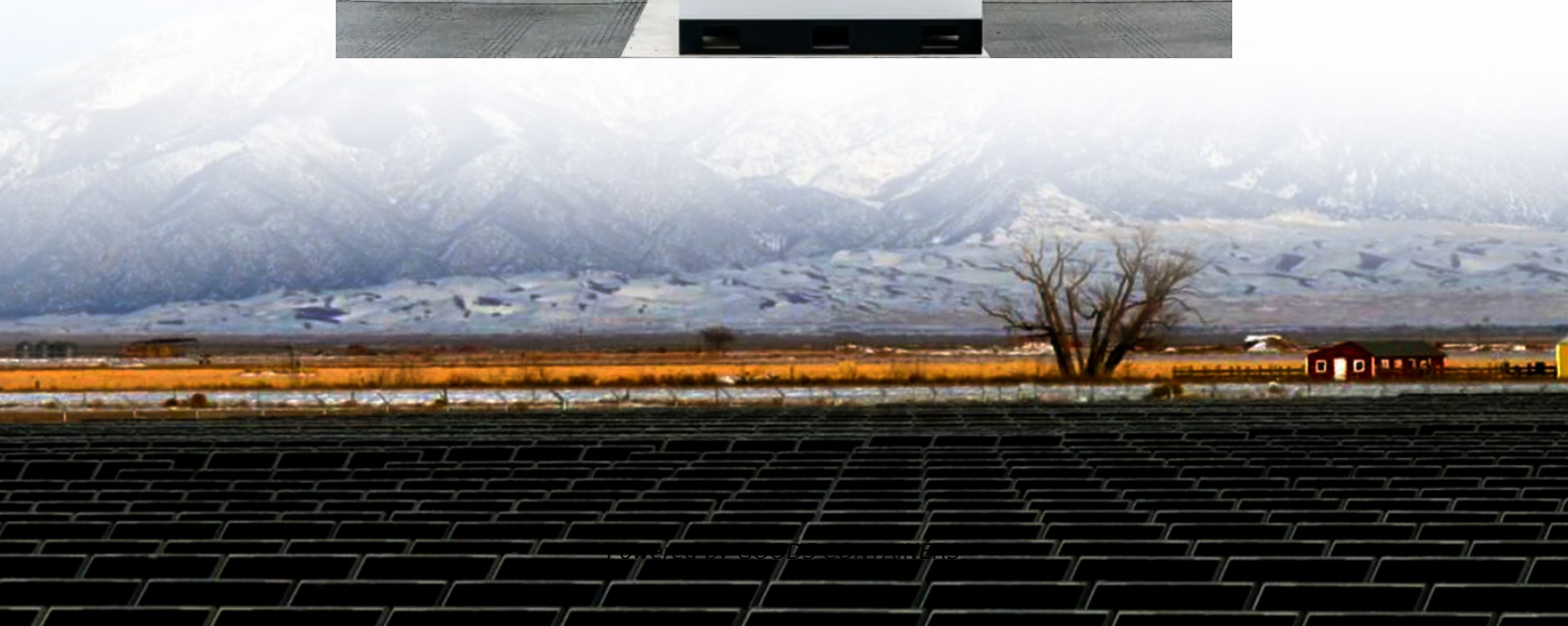


# Latest Vatican solar energy storage policy





## Overview

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Will Pope Francis install a solar plant in the Vatican?

Pope Francis on the popemobile at the end of the weekly general audience on June 26, 2024 at St Peter's square in The Vatican. Image Credit: AFP VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis has ordered the Vatican to install a solar plant that will provide electricity to the entire city state, as the pontiff does his bit to tackle climate change.

Does Vatican City have solar power?

Yes. Vatican City has joined Albania, Bhutan, Nepal, Paraguay, Iceland, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo to become one of just eight countries in the world to generate 100% of its electricity from renewable sources. Several church organizations around the world are making the move to solar.

Why does the Vatican have a solar system?

The Vatican's solar shift is a culmination of a political and spiritual mission years in the making. In 2024, the late Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter ordering the construction of an agrivoltaic solar plant to supply the Vatican with energy from Santa Maria di Galeria. On the same site, the new solar infrastructure now stands.

Why did Acea install a solar energy system in Vatican City?

This project was carried out by ACEA, an Italian utility company, which installed systems to meet all of the Vatican's energy demands. What makes this significant is not the size, but that Vatican City is only 0.49km<sup>2</sup>, and there was no loud campaign, no press tour, just action set in stone and implemented.



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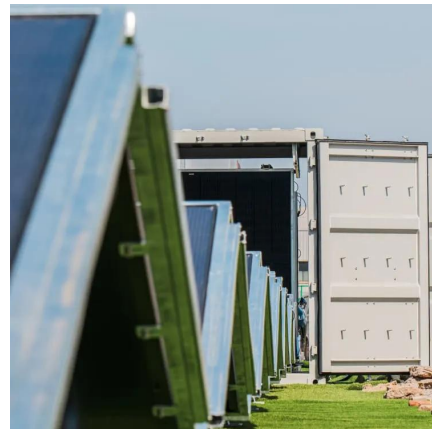
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