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Overview

This paper explores the potential of hybridization of wind and solar power in North Africa, focusing on mitigating energy droughts and the impacts of the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO).

Is energy storage a game-changer for Africa's solar sector?

Energy storage is emerging as a game-changer for Africa's solar sector, with installed capacity experiencing an exponential rise in 2024. From a threefold increase in 2023, storage capacity soared tenfold in 2024, reaching 1,641 MWh.

Does Africa still have solar power?

While the spread of solar energy across Africa is encouraging, a significant concentration of capacity persists. In 2024, 78 per cent of all new installations were concentrated in just two countries — South Africa and Egypt.

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.

Is solar PV a focal energy resource for Africa?

Solar PV, which, as reported by our colleagues at PV Tech in their write-up of the AFSIA report, reached 19.2GW in 2024, increasing by 2.5GW on 2023 levels, is becoming the focal energy generation resource for Africa.



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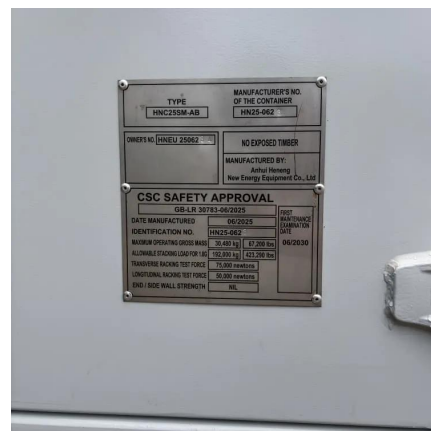
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