



# Electricity and solar Mauritania

Why should Mauritania invest in wind & solar energy?

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Does Mauritania have solar?

TOUJOUNINE - Solar Averaging seven days of rain a year, Mauritania's climate is ideal for solar and the country's first major development in the sector did not disappoint in this regard with 54,000 panels supporting 50 MW production capacity at Toujounine, on the northern outskirts of the nation's capital.

How many solar panels does Mauritania produce a year?

The facility is responsible for 10% of Mauritania's grid capacity. It generates 25,409 megawatt-hours of renewable electricity per year and displaces approximately 21,225 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. The plant's almost 30,000 solar panels, manufactured by Masdar PV, provide electricity to more than 10,000 houses in Nouakchott.

What is the electricity sector like in Mauritania?

The electricity sector in Mauritania is characterised by a fragmented electricity network, low electricity access rates, and an imbalance between supply and demand.

Is Mauritania leading West Africa's green energy transition?

As Mauritania leads in west Africa's green energy transition, significant investment is being made in hydrogen, solar and wind energy developments.

Who owns Mauritania's electricity plant?

Completed in 2017, the \$53 million plant is run by the national electricity company, Sociéte Mauritanienne d'Electricité (Somelec), and has seen ongoing works since its inauguration by (then) President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, removing an estimated 57,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum and supplying 10% of Mauritania's net energy production.

solar and wind energy, in the pursuit of sustainable development, energy access, energy security and low-carbon economic growth and prosperity. ISBN 978-92-9260-248-2 Citation: IRENA (2021), Utility-scale solar and wind areas: Mauritania, International Renewable Energy Agency, Abu Dhabi. Acknowledgements

The findings of this study indicate that a significant portion of Mauritania's land area is highly suitable for solar PV and wind development, with a maximum development potential of approximately 457.9 gigawatts (GW) and 47 GW for solar PV and wind projects, respectively.

Danish renewable energy developer GreenGo Energy Group on Monday unveiled plans for a huge green

energy project in Mauritania that will involve 60 GW/190 TWh of hybrid solar and wind generation and 35 GW of ...

Mauritania has received the finance to implement two energy projects that encompass solar power generation, transnational electricity interconnection and rural electrification. Comprising loans and grants, the \$289.5 million in financing aims to implement the 225kV Mauritania-Mali electricity interconnection and associated solar power plants ...

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**Project General Description.** The Multinational - Desert to Power Initiative - 225 kV Mauritania-Mali Power Interconnection and Related Solar Power Plants Development Project (PIEMM) is adopted by the Republic of Mali and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in the context where the electricity sub-sectors in both countries faces significant challenges, including (i) a ...

Mauritania's journey towards low-carbon electricity generation has been sporadic, with minimal progress primarily in wind and solar sectors. From 2000 to the early 2010s, the country made no notable strides in hydroelectric power, marking a static era.

Currently, Mauritania generates most of its electricity from thermal power plants using Heavy Fuel Oil (75%) with the remainder coming from Light Fuel Oil, hydropower, solar and wind, in that order. Based on 2013 data, Mauritania's national electrification rate reached 28%, (2% in rural areas, 47% in urban areas)

Poised to harness the Sahel region's immense solar potential, the 225 kV Mauritania-Mali Electricity Interconnection and Solar Power Plant Development represents a strategic opportunity to support technological innovation, improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while guaranteeing universal access to electricity in North-West ...

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"The rapid deployment of clean energy expertise internationally is essential for tackling the climate crisis and Mauritania has enormous potential for low-cost, zero-emissions electricity production with its world-class wind and solar resources," said Deputy Secretary Turk in his remarks at the MOU signing at COP28.

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The PIEMM will boost solar energy production and provide access to electricity for more than two million people in Mauritania and Mali, while also enhancing regional integration and trade. The project is financed by a \$272 million loan from the African Development Fund, the concessional window of the AfDB, and a \$1.5 million grant from the GCF.

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This 50 MW solar energy plant, funded by both the Mauritanian government and the Arabic Fund for Economic and Social Development with a \$53 million investment, is made up of 540 panels and a 33-kVA transformation station. The plant not only expands access to electricity in the country, but also promotes the use of clean, green energy. ...

In 2019, Mauritania's energy mix was dominated by oil products (65%) and biofuels and waste (32%). In 2020, 43% of the population had access to clean cooking which is the highest share in West Africa. In 2020, 47% of the population had access to electricity. For electricity access, the country targets universal access in urban areas and ...

Go to Top. Solar Energy. Since 2013, OFID, IBD, ISFD and the Government of Mauritania funds have co-financed a project of rural electrification by solar energy. This project is delegated to Agency for the Promotion of Universal Access to Basic Services (APAUS) and will allow building a solar power plant in Aftout El Chargui area (Gorgol Wilaya) aims to:

The Mauritanian government and CWP Global signed a pact in May this year to build the 30GW wind and solar power-to-x hub in the northern part of Mauritania, which is expected to be the world's biggest renewable energy project.

Solar PV: Solar resource potential has been divided into seven classes, each representing a range of annual PV output per unit of capacity (kWh/kWp/yr). The bar chart shows the proportion of a country's land area in each of these classes and the global distribution of land area across the classes (for comparison).

The Mauritanian economy ministry and the African Development Bank (AfDB) sealed a financing agreement of USD 289.5 million (EUR 267.5 million). The initiative is designed to energize rural communities, establish a cross-border electricity connection between Mauritania and Mali, and tap into solar capabilities.

The Sheikh Zayed Solar Power Plant. The Sheikh Zayed Solar Power Plant in Nouakchott, the capital of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, is a 15-megawatt solar installation. It is one of Africa's largest solar power facilities and the country's first utility-scale facility. The facility is responsible for 10% of Mauritania's grid capacity.

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By harnessing solar power instead of non-renewable energy sources, Mauritania can potentially experience improved air and water quality, leading to longer life expectancies and enhanced overall health. Ongoing success is evident, as a 2022 research paper validates the plant's performance across various weather conditions. Looking to the Future

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A new study shows that solar may help reduce water pumping costs in a desert oasis of Mauritania by more than 300%, while also considerably reducing water losses. The researchers claim that PV water pumping may also help prevent the desertification of these areas.

