

# Africa solar project supporting energy storage

Lower cost  
larger system

20Kwh

30Kwh



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## Overview

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Senegal claimed a first last week for West Africa, with a first co-located solar plus storage project commissioned by Africa REN, with 20MW of solar PV and a 10MW/20MWh BESS, connected to national grid operator Senelec, costing around \$47 million. A snapshot of the battery energy storage landscape reveals contrasts, with a handful of nations leading a significant buildout of utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) while others are just beginning to embrace the potential as storage prices continue to fall. As solar power scales across the continent, rapidly falling storage costs and major technological advances are transforming how energy is deployed, financed and relied upon. Recent. The West African nation, where over 60% of the population have access to electricity—one of the highest in the sub region—aims to achieve universal energy access by 2030. Senegal has begun commercial operations at a new solar energy facility that combines photovoltaic power with lithium-ion battery. Africa's renewable energy expansion is accelerating, led by solar deployment across East, West and Southern Africa. 5 GW of new solar PV capacity in 2025, representing a 54% increase from 2024, according to the Global Solar Council. These additions occurred amid ongoing electricity supply challenges.

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