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New independent energy storage project in China and Africa



Overview

Peak-shaving through energy storage is advancing on multiple fronts: a 200 MW electrochemical independent energy storage system was completed in 2024, while the 1.4 GW Tashkurgan pumped hydro project progresses, alongside pilot grid-forming energy storage projects—boosting system regulation capacity by 30%. How much energy storage does China have in 2023?

By the end of 2023, China had completed and put into operation a cumulative installed capacity of new type energy storage projects reaching 31.4GW / 66.9GWh, with an average storage duration of 2.1 hours. The newly added installed capacity in 2023 was approximately 22.6GW / 48.7GWh, which is three times that for 2022 (7.3GW / 15.9GWh).

How has energy storage changed in 2022?

This has resulted in an increase in energy storage levels in recent years. In 2022, the continent had around 50MWh of energy storage capacity installed. Since then, energy storage capacity tripled in 2023 and then experienced another 10-fold increase in 2024. Image: AFSIA Solar.

What are the most popular solar-plus-storage developments in Africa?

As noted by AFSIA Solar, one of the most notable solar-plus-storage developments in Africa is Norway-based independent power producer (IPP) Scatec's 225MW/1,140MWh Kenhardt project in South Africa. The site started operation in late 2023 (pictured above).

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.

What is the 14th five-year plan for energy storage?

The “14th Five-Year Plan” has specified development goals for energy storage also on the provincial level. During the “14th FYP” period, 25 provinces and cities plan to complete 77.65 GW new type storage installation. That scale is more than twice the “14th FYP” target (30 GW) set by the NEA.

How can energy storage help fill the short-term supply gap?

The report notes this initiative, which is described as a means to fill the short-term supply gap, alleviate the electricity supply constraints, and reduce the extensive utilisation of diesel-based peaking electrical generators. Several initiatives and drivers for energy storage have also been introduced to African countries.

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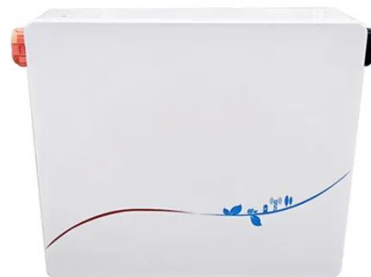


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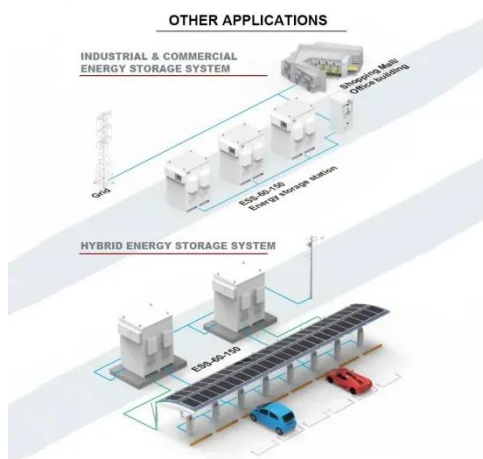
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