

# **Solar power generation system in South Africa**





## Overview

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Does South Africa need a solar power system?

In terms of the electricity system in general, South Africa needs a mix of technologies, including but not limited to solar PV.” Moleshe said the variability or intermittency of renewable energy solutions means that there is a need for flexible capacity that is available during periods of cloud cover.

How much solar power will South Africa have by 2039?

Image: South African government via Flickr. South Africa plans to add 28.7GW of new solar PV generation capacity by 2039, en route to generating more than half of its domestic electricity with renewable sources by 2042.

How do solar PV plants work in South Africa?

Most wind and around a quarter of the solar PV plants in South Africa have been installed through the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPP), with the rest typically connected to the existing distribution grid and behind the customer's utility meter.

Is solar PV a key component of South Africa's future electricity supply?

Frank Spencer, the spokesperson for Sapvia, said the association sees the solar PV industry in South Africa as the most important component of future electricity supply. “Solar PV is already being deployed at all scales in South Africa, from small home rooftop systems to large solar farms spanning many hundreds of hectares.



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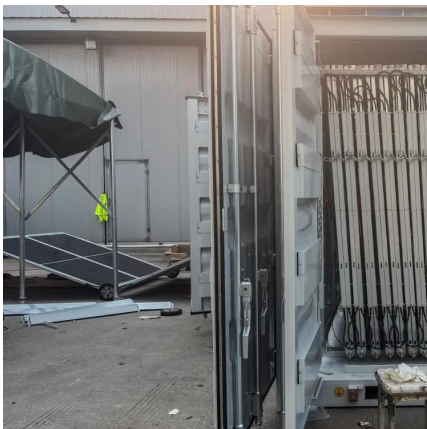
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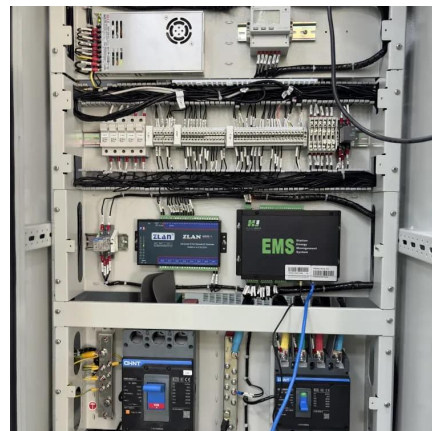
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