

Should Angola invest in energy storage solutions?

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What is Angola's energy mix?

Angola's current installed capacity is estimated at 5.7 GW but only 70 percent is in use. The country's current energy mix consists of 61.8 percent hydropower, 37.6 percent other fossil fuels and 0.6 percent hybrid (solar/fossil fuel).

Can Angola deploy pumped-storage hydroelectricity & hydrogen solutions?

Fernando Prioste, CEO of COBA Group, talks to The Energy Year about Angola's potential for deploying pumped-storage hydroelectricity and hydrogen solutions as it develops a robust energy industry and the central role of COBA Group in the country's power arena.

Can a gas grid be used in Angola?

This is not possible in Angola as there is no gas grid, but the hydrogen obtained from renewable energies can be shipped overseas or converted into ammonium. In turn, this chemical compound can be used as an energy storage component that could be exported or used for the fertiliser industry.

Will Angola become a hydrogen producer?

There's a possibility that Angola will become a hydrogen producer using the excess of power during non-peak consumption periods, considering the future capacities of solar and wind projects. With its experience in the energy sector, COBA will be able to help the national authorities with this challenge.

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The AfDB program, Power Africa's first major project in Angola, will connect Angola's three regional power grids into a national power grid for the first time through a 343-kilometer transmission line and bring low-cost hydropower from the northern Kwanza River basin to southern provinces.

An under-construction manganese-to-silica processing plant in Angola is due to start operations in 2025. The \$250 million project is being developed through a joint partnership between Angolan company MN kKitota, Chinese firm ST New Materials Lda and fuel supplier Kwanza-Norte Fuel Facilities.

The focus will be on developing the Quiluma and Maboqueiro gas fields, which include constructing offshore platforms and an onshore gas processing plant in Soyo, Zaire province. This infrastructure is expected to not only drive energy production but also enhance Angola's technical capabilities in natural gas extraction.

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