

Many projects and initiatives have been launched in Burundi's developing solar industry to use the nation's solar potential. One project worth mentioning is the 7.5 MW solar plant built by Gigawatt Global in Mubuga, which supplies ...

Burundi's on-grid solar market is in its nascent stages, with around 9 MW of installed solar PV capacity as of 2023. The government is actively promoting solar energy through initiatives like the National Electrification Strategy, aiming to increase access to electricity, particularly in rural areas.

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The multinational effort was Burundi's first substantial energy generation project in over three decades, and the 7.5-megawatt solar field is the country's first utility-scale solar power station.

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"Burundi is positioned to lead the region in solar energy development thanks to 2,000 hours of yearly sunshine, the intensity of the solar radiation, and untapped solar potential," said Chacha...

With a capacity of 7.5 MWp, the Mubuga solar power plant provides up to 10% of Burundi's electricity, according to Gigawatt Global. The Dutch IPP also estimates that the plant is capable of supplying 87,600 Burundians. It also represents the largest international private investment in Burundi's electricity sector in nearly 30 years.

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