

Are Cape Verde communities using a solar and wind-based micro-grid?

At least three communities in Cape Verde are already using a solar and wind-based micro-grid. A microgrid is a local electricity grid. It includes electricity generation, distribution to customers, and, in some cases, energy storage.

Does Cape Verde have a wind farm?

It has wind resources like Morocco, the solar potential of the Sahel, geothermal resources like Kenya, and marine energy comparable to many coastal countries. Cape Verde's northeasterly trade winds are considered excellent for wind power production. A wind farm typically requires wind speeds of at least 6.4 m/s at 50m above ground.

What is the energy sector in Cape Verde?

Cape Verde energy sector is strongly characterized by consumption of fossil fuels (derived oil-primary imported oil), biomass (wood) and use of renewable energy particularly wind and solar power.

Does Cape Verde have geothermal energy?

In addition, as a volcanic archipelago Cape Verde has potential for geothermal energy- which uses heat from the earth. Both geothermal and ocean thermal energy conversion electricity generation have the advantage of running all the time. This provides baseload power, meeting the minimum level of power demand all day.

Does Cape Verde have solar power?

Like many African countries, Cape Verde's tropical location has good potential for solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity. One study suggests that the solar PV capacity potential is more than double the currently installed electrical generating capacity. Most of the potential development is on the densely populated island of Santiago.

Will Cape Verde get 100% of its electricity by 2025?

As part of its "sustainable energy for all" agenda, it has pledged to obtain 100% of its electricity from renewable resources by 2025. Cape Verde is made up of 10 islands, nine of which are inhabited, that lie about 600km west of Senegal.

A tender has now been published by the Cape Verdean government for the installation and commissioning of four new solar power farms. This project was originally presented in Praia on March 28, 2022. These will provide nearly 3.5 megawatts by June 2025.

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Onshore wind: Potential wind power density (W/m^2) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

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In 2017, 464 GWh of energy was produced in the Cape Verde archipelago, 82.2% through the diesel technology, 16.4% from wind power and 1.4% from solar sources, which shows an underutilization of the renewable potential estimated at 257.6 MW and 314.5 MW for wind and solar photovoltaic respectively [6].

Currently, renewables in Cape Verde reach 24% of the energy produced: 20% wind and 4% solar. However, the perspective is the solar energy to have more weight in the future. By 2025, renewables are expected to reach 30% of the energy produced in Cape Verde and 50% by 2030.

In this paper a wind generator connected with low voltage distribution system has been simulated in PSCAD/EMTDC software to observe the different grid parameters such as voltage, active and ...

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