

What's going on with Ecuador's first large-scale solar power project?

QUITO, March 3 (Reuters) - Ecuador's government on Friday signed a deal with Spanish company Solarpack for the construction and operation of the country's first large-scale solar power project, with an estimated investment of nearly \$145 million.

Will El Aromo be Ecuador's first solar power plant?

Due to its scale and location El Aromo remains a bellwether project for Ecuador's solar future. While Solarpack already has 15 solar generation projects in Spain, Chile, Peru, and India, El Aromo will be the company's first power plant in Ecuador.

Does Ecuador have a solar energy policy?

He notes that Ecuador currently has only one energy policy related to photovoltaic solar energy: a net-metering policy introduced in October 2018 to promote distributed generation and to allow residential, commercial, and industrial operators to consume power generated using their own solar equipment.

Could solar power change Ecuador's energy mix?

That would have the potential to radically alter Ecuador's energy mix. Ecuador's Master Plan for Electricity (PME) 2018-2027 outlines energy initiatives led by the Ministry of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources (MERNNR). Despite some setbacks due to Covid-19, governmental support for new solar projects increased during 2020.

How much energy does Ecuador use?

The most recent government figures from 2018 show total capacity from all energy sources in Ecuador was 8677MW, drawing primarily from hydropower (58.4 percent), fossil fuels (39.1 percent), biomass (1.7 percent), and solar, wind, and biogas, which are less than 1 percent each. But forecasts anticipate change of a greater magnitude.

Why is energy so important in Ecuador?

The recent history of energy in Ecuador is dominated by oil—its central role in the country's export economy as well as its devastating environmental impacts in Amazon regions, suffered by Indigenous groups in particular.

Creating a just energy transition in Ecuador—promoting solar and wind generation, reducing dependence on oil, and providing employment for those whose livelihoods are disrupted by such changes—will require policy ...

the fund provides capital for solar energy projects in emerging economies, including, but not limited to, inventory, construction, and structured asset finance loans for solar lighting, phone charging, micro-grids, and commercial solar projects.

"As of 2019, with an installed capacity of 26.7 MW solar PV formed a negligible portion of Ecuador's capacity mix," comments Somik Das, Senior Power Analyst at GlobalData. "Going ahead, GlobalData notes that ...

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It will need some \$2.2 billion in private funds to develop renewable energy projects over the next decade, according to the government. The Solarpack project, to be located in the El Aromo area of coastal Manabi province, will have capacity of 200 megawatts.

The government of Ecuador has signed an agreement with Solarpack, a Spanish company, to build and operate the country's first large-scale solar power project, as reported by Reuters on March 3. The project, which is estimated to cost almost USD145m, will be located in the El Aromo area of Manabi province and have a capacity of 200 megawatts (MW).

Promotion of solar, wind and biomass projects. ... The Noboa Law creates the National Energy Efficiency Fund. The resources to finance this fund will come from: ... as well as commercial transportation in continental Ecuador, must only ...

Ecuador has fiscal incentives to promote the development of all sizes of solar projects. For instance, panel imports are exempt from import and sales tax, as well as income tax deductions. Opportunities ahead. ...

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by changing the country's energy matrix, through investment in renewable energy environmentally-friendly projects such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, wind, biomass and tidal plants. The Yasuni Fund, through the Memorandum of Agreement, signed on 3 ...

Ecuador's Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM) has allocated 120 MW of PV capacity in its latest 500 MW

renewable energy auction, which was launched in December 2021. It originally preselected...

A consortium of renewable energy developers led by Canadian firms Solexica Energy Corp., JCM Capital, and Radical Energy Inc. has signed a 20-year concession agreement with CONELEC (Consejo Nacional de Electricidad) to purchase electricity generated by solar power plants in the Republic of Ecuador. Power from the plants, a combined generation of 62.5-megawatt-peak ...

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