

What are the main aspects of solar electrification in Kenya?

This review focuses on four major aspects of solar electrification in Kenya: (i) the opportunities available for solar electrification (ii) the main barriers encountered in solar electrification (iii) government policies governing solar energy and (iv) the future panorama of solar energy space.

Why are solar projects slowing down in Kenya?

According to Renewable Energy Network report, the major hurdle slowing down development of large-scale solar projects in Kenya is insufficient subsidy. The government of Kenya offers various tax exemptions in order to boost investment in the energy sector with an objective of reducing the cost of energy.

Does Kenya use solar power?

Solar electric power use in Kenya currently contributes less than 1% of the country's total electricity production despite the world's technological and scientific advances in the recent past, in addition to increased awareness of solar energy potential in environmental protection [30, p. 2966-2967].

Why is Kenya not able to adapt and develop solar energy?

As an illustration, the country is not able to adapt and develop solar energy mainly because of the high initial cost needed for solar energy system set up. The review reveals that the solar energy market in Kenya is relatively young, based on the grid-based electrification, but it is growing rapidly.

Why is solar a key resource in Kenya?

Providing adequate, accessible and cost effective supply of energy required development purposes, while at the same time protecting and conserving the environment to encourage the use of solar as a main resource in Kenya.

What are the opportunities in solar energy space in Kenya?

In summary, opportunities exist in solar energy space in Kenya ranging from the last mile connection programme, SHS for rural electrification, community solar charging points to various sectors such as agricultural sector and fishing industry. Grid extension through last mile connection plays a central role in rural electrification in Kenya.

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Kenya's abundant solar and wind energy resources position it well to lead in renewable-powered industrial processes. This shift is not only an environmental imperative but also a strategic move to attract eco-conscious global investors.

Despite these achievements, challenges such as data quality, interoperability, and regulatory constraints persist. Nonetheless, the success of AI in solar PV systems underscores its transformative potential in driving efficiency, reliability, and profitability.

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