

Does Nauru need solar power?

“Now Nauru's power generation mainly relies on diesel. That's expensive and would pollute the environment,” said John Scott, who has been working for the project since 2022. “There is a lot of sunshine here and it's good for solar power. I believe electricity supply here will be much better when the project is completed,” Scott told Xinhua.

Who will implement solar project in Nauru?

The executing agency will be the Department of Finance and Sustainable Development. The implementing agency for solar component of project will be the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC). NUC will establish a project management unit within their existing organisational structure to implement the project.

How will ADB support the Nauru solar power development project?

ADB also provided GoN support to prepare a Feasibility Study for the recommended Nauru Solar Power Development Project which will comprise of a 6 megawatt PV plant coupled with a 5 megawatt /2.5 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system coupled with a SCADA installation.

What is the impact of Nauru energy project?

The project impact is a reliable, affordable, secure, and sustainable energy supply to meet the socio-economic development needs of Nauru. The outcome of the project will be that NUC, the state-owned power and water utility, will supply reliable and cleaner electricity.

How will Nauru's solar power system work?

The system will be fully integrated and automated with the existing diesel generation (17.9 MW installed capacity currently manually operated) to optimize solar energy use, to enable optimal BESS charging/discharging and to provide optimal shut off of the diesel engines. This will reduce Nauru's over reliance on diesel for power generation.

What is a Nauru power expansion plan?

The electrical network comprises 11kV, 3.3KV and LV overhead lines. Asian Development Bank (ADB) provided Government of Nauru (GoN) a transactional technical assistance TRTA to prepare a Nauru power expansion plan. The plan identified that a PV array and battery energy storage system should be constructed.

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SMARTEN is a 4-year project funded by GEF to enable the increased applications of renewable energy (RE) and energy efficiency (EE) technologies for supporting development in Nauru in accordance with the country's energy roadmap targets. This project is expected to reduce 1.049 Mil Metric Tons of CO₂ over its lifetime. What are SMARTEN's goals?

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In 2019, ADB and the Government of Nauru had signed a USD 22 Mn grant for solar projects with an objective to deliver reliable, affordable, secure and sustainable solar energy.¹⁶ Pacific Environment Community (PEC) has invested an amount of USD 4 Mn to install a solar power generation system in Nauru.
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