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#### Where is Eritrea's first solar plant?

The government of Eritrea has received a \$49.92 million grant from the African Development Bank to fund a 30 MW photovoltaic plant in the town of Dekemhare,40 km southeast of the capital Asmara. It will be the country's first large-scale solar plant.

#### Does Eritrea have a solar farm?

Eritrea is lagging far behind in the electrification of its territory and is now turning to renewable energy. The government has launched the country's first solar farm, a 30-MW facility 30 km from the capital, Asmara.

#### Will Eritrea become the largest solar zone in the world?

When completed it will become the largest solar zone in the world. Financing Approval date 1 March 2023Project name: Dekemhare 30-megawatt photovoltaic solar power plant project in Eritrea.

#### Who is responsible for electricity supply in Eritrea?

The Government of Eritrea is the beneficiary of the grant, and the Ministry of Energy and Minesis responsible for its implementation. Eritrea experiences inadequate, unreliable, expensive and polluting electricity supply. The available capacity is 35 MW for a peak demand of about 70 MW.

### What is Eritrea's national energy policy?

Prospective consultants have until Feb. 23 to submit their proposals. The Eritrea National Energy Policy, which was issued in 2018, aims to increase the electrification rate across the country. According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Eritrea had just 24 MW of installed PV capacity at the end of 2021.

#### How will the grant help the Eritrean power sector?

Part of the grant will also be allocated to technical assistance and capacity buildingto improve the operational performance of the grid and ensure the sustainability of the results achieved and the overall development of the Eritrean power sector.

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renewable energy such as solar, wind, and geothermal, and (iii) scale up energy infrastructure to support agricultural production, food security, and value-chain development. In this respect, the proposed project is

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aligned with Eritrea's development priorities and objectives notably agriculture, nutrition and food

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Solarcentury, an integrated solar power company with operations across Europe, Latin America, and Africa, has commissioned two solar-hybrid mini-grids, bringing power to the rural communities of Areza and Maidma in Eritrea in East Africa.

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