

## Nauru new energy storage power station project







## **Overview**

The Solar Power Development Project will finance (i) a grid-connected solar power plant with a capacity of 6 megawatts (MW) of alternating current; and (ii) a 2.5-megawatt-hour, 5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) to enable smoothing of intermittent solar energy. Will Nauru install a solar power plant?

Nauru has embarked on an ambitious project to install a grid-connected solar power plant with a capacity of 6 megawatts (MW) of alternating current. This initiative is part of the Solar Power Development Project, which aims to diversify the energy mix and reduce reliance on diesel.

How does Nauru generate electricity?

Nauru currently relies heavily on imported diesel for power generation, which poses challenges due to fuel price fluctuations and supply interruptions. About 3% of its electricity comes from solar photovoltaic installations. What key renewable energy projects are underway in Nauru?

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What are the renewable energy sources in Nauru?

The renewable energy sources in Nauru are solar radiation and a small amount of biomass. However, as the electricity is supplied from diesel generation and has been abundantly available over the past 80 years, these other renewable energy sources have not been extensively exploited.

How will Nauru Utilities Corporation benefit from project preparatory technical assistance?

The project will also support the institutional strengthening of Nauru Utilities Corporation. Project preparatory technical assistance was used to carry out project-enabling activities such as a Solar Power Expansion Plan for Nauru, project feasibility study, detailed design, and plant procurement contract bidding documents.



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