

Can Botswana improve domestic energy security?

A new report published by the International Renewable Energy Agency (Irena) has confirmed that Botswana has considerable opportunity to enhance its domestic energy security and increase access to modern energy services.

What is Botswana's energy policy?

Botswana's energy policy is anchored on three key aspects - increasing access to electricity through the Rural Electrification Project, security, and stabilization of the power supply, and onboarding Independent Power Producers, especially within the Solar PV sector (BPC 2020).

Does Botswana have oil reserves?

While Botswana does not have any definitive oil reserves, the country has expanded oil exploration efforts. Licenses now allow for oil and gas exploration in the Okavango Delta. The company behind the project, ReconAfrica, has indicated the potential oil and gas deposits in a formation known as the Kavango Basin (Barbee and Neme 2021).

Does Botswana have a sustainable future?

Irena director-general Francesco La Camera adds that Botswana has a significant endowment of renewable energy resources that, if fully developed, could stimulate sustainable, economy-wide gains.

How much power does Botswana need?

Taking a deeper look at historical power generation figures, Botswana's annual generation has plateaued around the 3700-4000 GWh range. For the long-term target, the government has set a target of 1.5 GW of new capacity by 2040 (Reuters 2021). Botswana has ample domestic resources capable of meeting the power demand.

Can Botswana generate enough solar power?

With an annual Direct Normal Irradiation of 3000 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/a, Botswana has a huge potential to generate enough solar power to meet its domestic demand and export to neighboring countries (International Trade Administration 2021). Overall, the country gets more than 3200 hours of sunshine per year.

The World Bank Group has approved plans to develop Botswana's first utility-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) with 50MW output and 200MWh storage capacity. The World Bank will support the 4-hour ...

This new World Bank project will finance the necessary grid investment and Botswana's first 50MW utility-scale battery energy storage system to enable the first wave of renewable energy ...

This World Bank has approved US\$122 million in financing to support grid investments in Botswana

necessary for the integration of renewable energy generation. Approved on 11 July, the Botswana Renewable Energy ...

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in close collaboration with the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security (MMGE) in Botswana conducted a Renewables Readiness ...

This is a Botswana Government funded project at over BWP 720 million. Phase 1 of this project is planned for completion in December 2024, after which plans to construct a further 30 million litres tank farm will ...

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