

Where does Namibia's electricity come from?

28% of Namibia's generated electricity come from fossil fuels, while 64% are from hydropower, and about 8% come from renewables. Non-electricity off-grid renewable energy projects include the small/micro wind energy installations used for water pumping, which are very common in Namibia, especially on farms.

Can Namibia provide electricity access to the rural and sparse population?

According to the REN21-SADC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Status Report (2018), the challenge in Namibia is to provide electricity access to the 79% of the rural and sparse population that does not have access by establishing feasible and maintainable off-grid solutions.

Why is Namibia not getting enough electricity?

Namibia's domestic electricity supply has failed to keep pace with rising demand, and Namibia generates less than half of the energy it consumes.

Do Namibians still have access to modern energy?

A 2019 report identifies that by 2030 still 36% of Namibians will still not have access to modern energy under the Business-as-Usual (BaU) (= "New Policies" Scenario of the International Energy Agency's World Energy Outlook 2018), while 32% will have access to the grid, 11% to a mini-grid and 22% to a SHS.

Does Namibia have a solar power plant?

The government, the ECB, and NamPower have all expressed interest in grid-connected solar and wind renewable solutions, and in May 2015, Namibia inaugurated its first-ever solar power plant - a 4.5 MW plant - which represents one percent of the country's current production of energy.

Does Namibia accept unsolicited power generation projects?

The Electricity Control Board (ECB), Namibia's electricity regulator, accepts unsolicited power generation projects through its IPP framework. The Minister of Mines and Energy has final authority to approve/refuse IPP licenses, but the ECB makes recommendations on license applications, which the Minister has historically followed.

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