

Will a 5 MW solar installation make Maldives a popular destination?

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How much does a solar project cost in Maldives?

In 2022, 63 investors expressed interest in the third 11 MW solar project in the remote islands of Maldives, and a record low price of 9.8 US cents was received. This is one of the lowest tariffs for any small island developing state (SIDS).

Should investors invest in sustainable solar projects in the Maldives?

In 2014, the first 1.5 MW solar project under ASPIRE only had four investors' bids, and resulted in a high power purchase price (PPA) of 21 US cents per unit of electricity, indicating a lack of interest from investors in investing in sustainable projects in the Maldives.

When will the Aspire project start in the Maldives?

The inauguration of the 5 MW solar project on December 7, 2022 under the ASPIRE project has been a game changer in the energy transition journey of the Maldives.

Is the Maldives a sustainable investment destination?

This journey, which started in 2014, is now seeing unprecedented interest from international investors and helping establish the Maldives as an investment destination for sustainable projects.

Why is the Maldives economy vulnerable to external shocks?

However, the Maldives' dependence on tourism and fossil fuel imports makes its economy particularly vulnerable to external shocks. Already, in 2020, the country's real GDP contracted by at least 13 percent, 18.5 percentage points lower than the pre-COVID-19 baseline.

In a significant move towards sustainability, the Maldives inaugurates its pioneering micro-grid seawater desalination plants on Kaashidhoo Island, Kaafu Atoll. This landmark project, supported by a grant from the ...

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Reducing the Maldives" reliance on diesel generation is a key part of the POISED project, which is aiming to transform existing diesel-based energy micogrids into hybrid renewable energy systems. In 2020, the Asian ...

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