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East Africa Hydropower Energy Storage Project





Overview

What's happening with energy storage in Africa?

A roundup of energy storage news from across the continent of Africa, with Morocco's ONEE shortlisting bidders for a pumped hydro project, Somalia launching a grid-scale solar and storage tender, and a microgrid pairing grid-scale solar, BESS and diesel at a mine in Zambia. Morocco: utility ONEE progresses 300-400MW pumped hydro.

What role does hydropower play in Africa's Development?

Hydropower's role in Africa's development is growing, but it starts from a low base. Approximately 10% of the continent's technical potential has been harnessed to date, yet the sector already delivers around 20% of electricity generation from a total installed capacity of 43.5GW of conventional hydropower.

Can pumped storage hydropower be developed in Brazil?

Brazil is now discussing the implementation of new regulatory framework to allow pumped storage hydropower to be developed in the country, taking advantage of the country's existing supply chain and providing a sustainable solution for the National Grid's growing needs.

What is the Africa hydropower modernisation programme?

Modernising existing assets is also a strategic priority. The African Development Bank has launched the Africa Hydropower Modernisation Programme, backed by an initial budget US\$9.72 million. It will support the modernisation of 12 privately led projects in eight countries.

What is Africa's first gold-certified hydroelectric project?

A major sustainability milestone was also achieved in 2024, when Zambia's 180MW Ngonye Falls Hydroelectric Project became Africa's first gold-certified project under the Hydropower Sustainability Standard. Boston Hydro Project,



South Africa. Credit: Serengeti Energy.

Will Indonesia expand its hydropower sector in 2025?

Indonesia continues to expand its hydropower sector in alignment with regional energy goals. In February 2025, the government released its updated Electricity Supply Business Plan (RUPTL) for 2025–2034, targeting an increase in renewable energy from 12% to 35% of the national energy mix, including an additional 16GW of hydropower capacity.



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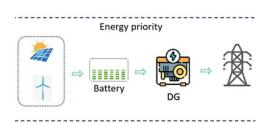
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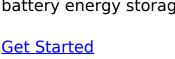
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