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# Investment in backup power storage in South Africa



## Overview

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South Africa urgently needed over 360 megawatts (MW) of additional storage, and testing by the state-owned utility, Eskom, confirmed that grid-scale battery storage technology could dramatically speed up and deepen the penetration of renewable energy. Should South Africa Invest in energy storage?

Storage offers a way to decentralise power, enabling localised microgrids that are more resilient to national grid instability. To unlock the full potential of renewables, South Africa needs to prioritise investment in energy storage at all levels – from utilities to industrial, commercial, and residential installations.

How does battery storage work in South Africa?

Battery storage systems offer a solution by storing surplus energy generated during peak production periods and releasing it when demand is high, ensuring a consistent and reliable power supply. The South African government has acknowledged the potential of battery storage and has set ambitious targets for its deployment.

Could energy storage help South Africa achieve a greener energy future?

Energy storage has become fundamental to a reliable, resilient, and renewable energy system. As South Africa moves towards a greener energy future, innovative storage solutions could make the difference between progress and paralysis.

How can South Africa tackle battery storage challenges?

To overcome these challenges and unlock the potential within the battery storage sector, South Africa needs a multi-pronged approach that must include: investment in refining and processing infrastructure; focusing on existing strengths; fostering collaboration; developing attractive investment incentives; and embracing innovation.

What is the largest battery energy storage system in Africa?

Unveiled in 2023, thanks to \$195 million from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and \$220 million from AfDB, this flagship project represents the largest battery energy storage system (BESS) on the African continent.

Is storage a solution to South Africa's energy crisis?

Ezzat Sankari, Sungrow, Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia. South Africa faces rising demand for electricity and is aiming to achieve ambitious decarbonisation goals. While renewable energy is heralded as a key solution, it needs storage as a supplementary solution to meet its full potential in contributing to national power supply.

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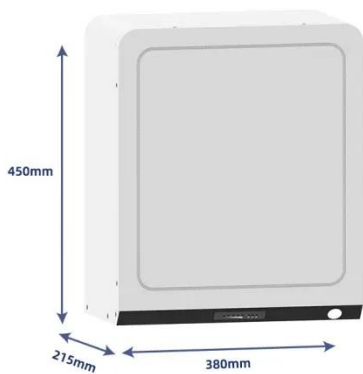
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