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# The first megawatt-scale solar power plant in the United Arab Emirates





#### **Overview**

The Shams Project is a 100 Mega Watt solar power plant and the first operational concentrated solar power plant in the MENA region. How many solar power plants are there in Sharjah?

The Shams Solar Power Station is expected to ultimately comprise three plants. In October 2023, the Sharjah National Oil Corporation (SNOC) and Emerge, a joint venture between Masdar and EDF Renewables, revealed plans to build a 60 MW solar power plant at SNOC's Sajaa facility in the Emirate of Sharjah.

What are the different solar power plants & projects in the UAE?

This page provides information about the various solar power plants and projects in the UAE. Al Dhafra Solar PV is the world's largest single-site solar power plant. The 2GW Al Dhafra Solar PV plant was inaugurated in November 2023. It was built in a single phase.

Why is the United Arab Emirates implementing solar energy?

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has taken initiatives to implement solar power on a massive scale. UAE, although being a big oil producer, is attempting to diversify its energy mix because of the warmer weather, there is more solar energy available. The solar energy sector is rapidly expanding.

Why is the solar energy sector growing in Abu Dhabi?

UAE, although being a big oil producer, is attempting to diversify its energy mix because of the warmer weather, there is more solar energy available. The solar energy sector is rapidly expanding. A 100 megawatt concentrated solar power (CSP) station become operational in 2013 near Abu Dhabi.

Where are UAE utility-scale solar projects located?

Table 1 Details of UAE utility-scale solar projects (can be found in refs [15, 16], where not otherwise noted) The first utility-scale solar power project to be



built in the UAE was Shams 1, located in the desert outside Madinat Zayed, in the Western Region of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Who owns a solar project in the UAE?

Figure 2 shows a typical ownership structure of a UAE solar projects, where the utility company is the offtaker but also owns a majority share of the plant. Solar project development in the UAE is an international affair.



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### Solar Companies in UAE , Solar Plant , Shams ...

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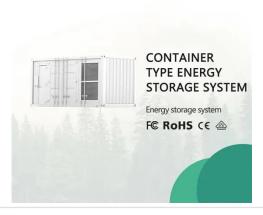
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