

Does Cuba have a 60 MW solar PV project?

The Republic of Cuba has opened the bidding process for a 60 MW Solar PV project, seeking solar power developers to participate in the selection as part of the International Solar Alliance Program.

Will Cuba achieve 2100 MW of solar PV by 2030?

The Government of Cuba has set an ambitious target of achieving 2100 MW of solar PV projects by 2030. To realize this goal, the implementation will take place in phases. As an ISA member country, Cuba has sought the support of ISA Program-6, which focuses on implementing grid-connected solar PV projects in member countries.

How many solar parks are there in Cuba?

In collaboration with its consultant, NTPC Limited, ISA is implementing solar parks with a capacity of 1150 MW in Cuba. These parks will be spread across 175 locations in 15 provinces, with the support of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) of 150 MW/150 MWh, distributed equally across three provinces.

How will Cuba's relationship with other countries impact the energy transition?

Cuba's relationships with other countries will be key to realizing the energy transition. Since 2000, Venezuela has been Cuba's primary source of imported oil. However, political and economic troubles in Venezuela caused oil exports to Cuba to fall by about half, resulting in Cuba increasingly seeking oil imports from Mexico and Russia.

Does Cuba rely on fossil fuels?

Cuba's power system is currently heavily reliant on fossil fuels. In 2022, fossil fuels accounted for about 95% of electricity generation, and about 48% of the fossil fuels used were imported, putting the country at high risk of price shocks and supply shortages.

“There are 26 photovoltaic solar parks that are currently in different phases of construction in all the provinces, which means an enormous constructive effort for the country”, stressed Alfredo Lpez Valdés, general director of Electrical Union, ...

En Cuba, hay instalados unos 260 MW en parques fotovoltaicos, que cubren actualmente el 2% de la generación eléctrica anual. La generación total con fuentes renovables es de cerca del 5%.

Cuba builds 59 solar parks to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels. 92 solar parks are expected to provide 2,000 MW by 2028. The country faces financial challenges but is working on new strategies with international help.

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News related to the advances in the use of renewable energy sources (RES) for electricity generation in Cuba were reported at the Industry, Construction and Energy Commission of the National Assembly of People's Power, which meets this week at ...

But over the past 10 years, Cuba's policymakers have identified some potential pathways towards a clean and resilient energy system. For example, Cuba committed to generating 24% of its electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030 as part of the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.

Project leader Felix Morfis, also a representative of Cubasolar - a non-governmental organization promoting renewable energy in Cuba since 1994 - criticizes the high prices of solar panels and bureaucratic hurdles in obtaining loans to purchase them. "It seems the government has no real interest in people installing solar panels.

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The Republic of Cuba has issued an electronic bid inviting solar power developers to participate in the selection process for a 60 MW Solar PV project. The bidding process will follow a single-stage, two-envelope format, with the first envelope focusing on Techno-Commercial aspects and the second envelope on Price.

Unlike other countries where people make a living from selling clean energy, in Cuba those who install solar panels essentially seek energy self-sufficiency, that is, to have electric power even during blackouts.

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