

Does Nauru need solar power?

“Now Nauru's power generation mainly relies on diesel. That's expensive and would pollute the environment,” said John Scott, who has been working for the project since 2022. “There is a lot of sunshine here and it's good for solar power. I believe electricity supply here will be much better when the project is completed,” Scott told Xinhua.

How will Nauru's solar power system work?

The system will be fully integrated and automated with the existing diesel generation (17.9 MW installed capacity currently manually operated) to optimize solar energy use, to enable optimal BESS charging/discharging and to provide optimal shut off of the diesel engines. This will reduce Nauru's over reliance on diesel for power generation.

Who will implement solar project in Nauru?

The executing agency will be the Department of Finance and Sustainable Development. The implementing agency for solar component of project will be the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC). NUC will establish a project management unit within their existing organisational structure to implement the project.

How does Nauru get its energy?

Nauru predominantly sources its energy through diesel power generators. About 5% of its current energy demand is sourced from renewable energy, of which all is from solar power photovoltaic (PV) installations. A 500-kW ground-mounted solar installation was commissioned in 2016, and a number of residences have rooftop solar PV installations.

What is the impact of Nauru energy project?

The project impact is a reliable, affordable, secure, and sustainable energy supply to meet the socio-economic development needs of Nauru. The outcome of the project will be that NUC, the state-owned power and water utility, will supply reliable and cleaner electricity.

How will ADB support the Nauru solar power development project?

ADB also provided GoN support to prepare a Feasibility Study for the recommended Nauru Solar Power Development Project which will comprise of a 6 megawatt PV plant coupled with a 5 megawatt /2.5 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system coupled with a SCADA installation.

Nauru, in collaboration with project executor IUCN and implementing agency UNEP has established a low carbon fund (LCF) of USD 80,000 to promote RE and EE in private sector. Nauru receives very high levels of solar irradiation (GHI) of 5.9 kWh/m²/day and specific yield 4.7 kWh/kWp/day indica-

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the government of Nauru signed on Friday a USD-22-million (EUR 20.1m) grant that will support a solar-plus-storage project in the Micronesian island nation.

reduce Nauru's over reliance on diesel for power generation. The project will also support the institutional strengthening of the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC), with a focus on women in leadership and technical positions. Project preparatory technical assistance was used in project preparation.^{1 2}.

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