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Will a new solar plant increase energy demand in the Gambia?

Energy demand in The Gambia has increased by 5.5% per year in recent years and today's connection of the new 23 MWp solar plant to the national energy grid will significantly increase Gambia's current generation capacity of 98 MW and enable electrification of rural areas. A strong commitment

What are the benefits of solar power in the Gambia?

Clean Energy: Produces 23MW of clean solar power, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to environmental protection. Energy Security: Increases energy independence and strengthens the stability and reliability of The Gambia's power grid.

Why should the Gambia invest in a solar plant?

Further to this, as a clean energy source and a major vehicle for climate change mitigation, the solar plant will contribute to the realisation of The Gambia's Nationally Determined Contributions". Mr. Nani Juwara, Managing Director at National Water and Electricity Company (NAWEC) "The significance of this solar plant cannot be overemphasized.

Is Gambia ready for a new era of renewables?

Gambia: strong international support for a new era of renewables with inauguration of historic 23 MWp solar plant A significant strategic project with strong substantial economic and social impacts, the recently inaugurated solar photovoltaic plant in Jambur is poised to supply electricity to approximately 18,500 households.

Why is energy important in the Gambia?

Energy Security: Increases energy independence and strengthens the stability and reliability of The Gambia's power grid. Economic Growth: Creates jobs, stimulates economic activity, and attracts further investment in renewable energy.

Why is NAWEC launching a solar plant in the Gambia?

This marks the first time in the Gambia's history where a utility scale solar plant of 23 Megawatts Solar PV capacity and 8-Megawatt hours battery storage is being commissioned. This solar plant allows NAWEC to finally shift away from expensive heavy fuel oil-based generation which is costly and harmful to the environment.

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With the Jambur 23 MWp Solar PV Plant now officially operational, The Gambia embarks on a new era of sustainable energy, driven by the unwavering commitment of the Barrow Administration to address the nation's electricity challenges and ...

Top 5 Reasons: Why Investors Should Choose the Gambia for Solar Energy 1. Attractive Domestic Market 2. Attractive Solar Opportunities 3. Strong Government Support 4. Stable Business Climate 5. Skilled & Cost Effect Workforce Driven by a steady growing population (2.42m growing at 3% p.a.), business expansions and rapid urbanization - the

The Government of the Gambia through the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (MoPE) and the National Water and Electricity Company (NAWEC) has benefitted from World Bank's support to develop a 50 MWp Regional Solar Project on a site with excellent solar irradiation in Soma - Lower River Region, The Gambia.

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