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The biggest chunk of Egyptian solar capacity is provided by the Benban project, which lies 50 km from Aswan and is one of the world's biggest PV sites. Official figures on its capacity vary from 1.4 GW up to 1.8 GW, with the confusion apparently centering on the scope for expansion of some individual elements.

How has solar energy capacity changed in Egypt in 2022?

This represented a 3.67% increase compared to the preceding year. Moreover, a significant increment in solar energy capacity could be recognized since 2017, while between 2010 and 2016 the capacity remained relatively stable. Moreover, solar energy capacity represented 27.27 percent of the total renewable energy capacity in Egypt in 2022.

Why is solar energy so popular in Egypt?

Due to the sharp population growth and a series of blackouts during the summer caused by a supply shortage, Egyptian demand for solar energy is increasing. However, only 1% of the electricity is produced by solar energy. The majority of solar energy available in the country derives from small-scale projects.

Why does Egypt need more energy?

In fact, it is one of the most populated countries on the African continent, which lead to its energy needs increasing. Moreover, the whole Egyptian population had access to a reliable energy source since 2015. In more recent years, due to energy blackouts, the government set a plan to diversify and invest more in the sector.

Where can solar power be developed in Egypt?

Utility-scale PV development has, thus far, clustered around Aswan in the south of the country, where solar resources are strongest and there is plenty of land for development. The biggest chunk of Egyptian solar capacity is provided by the Benban project, which lies 50 km from Aswan and is one of the world's biggest PV sites.

Does Egypt have wind energy?

Egypt has a high potential for wind energy, especially in the Red Sea coast area. As of 2021, 1640 MW of wind energy was installed. Egypt ranks third in Africa with 1,702 MW at the end of 2022, behind South Africa (3,442 MW) and Morocco (1,788 MW); new installations were 237 MW in 2021 and none in 2022.

Summary Renewable energy Petroleum Natural gas Nuclear power See also Citations The energy strategy in Egypt adopted by the Supreme Council of Energy in February 2008 is to increase renewable energy generation up to 20% of the total mix by 2020. The majority of Egypt's electricity supply is generated from thermal and hydropower stations. The four main hydroelectric generating stations currentl...

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