

Are solar photovoltaics ready to power a sustainable future?

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Is solar PV a strategic renewable technology?

This report clearly points out that solar PV is one of the strategic renewable technologies needed to realise the global energy transformation in line with the Paris climate goals. The technology is available now, could be deployed quickly at a large scale and is cost-competitive.

What is solar PV & why is it important?

Solar PV is one of the fastest-growing, most mature and cost-competitive renewable energy technologies. The deployment of renewables has been growing at a rapid pace in recent years, reaching record levels and outpacing annual conventional power capacity additions in many regions.

Is solar PV a competitive source of new power generation capacity?

Solar PV is emerging as one of the most competitive sources of new power generation capacity after a decade of dramatic cost declines. A decline of 74% in total installed costs was observed between 2010 and 2018 (Figure 10).

Will solar PV be the future of electricity?

In the REmap analysis 100% electricity access is foreseen by 2030, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, and solar PV would be the major contributor to this achievement. Costs are expected to reduce further, outpacing fossil fuels by 2020 (IRENA, 2019f).

Where do solar PV modules come from?

In 2017 the Asia-Pacific region dominated the market for solar modules, accounting for the majority of the solar PV modules installed globally (76%). This is followed by the Americas and Europe with a share of 14% and 9.5%, respectively.

The Future of Solar Energy considers only the two widely recognized classes of technologies for converting solar energy into electricity -- photovoltaics (PV) and concentrated solar power (CSP), sometimes called solar thermal) -- in their ...

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