

Africa has the best solar power in the world



Overview

Africa recorded its strongest year of solar energy deployment in 2025, with South Africa and Nigeria emerging as the continent's top drivers of new capacity, policy reforms and private-sector investment, according to a new report by the Global Solar Council (GSC). Africa added approximately 4. Ten countries accounted for roughly 90% of all new capacity added during the year. New market data shows that private sector investment in clean energy across the continent has more than doubled in just five years, rising from. Africa recorded its highest-ever solar capacity additions in 2025, with a 54% year-on-year increase, led by South Africa and Nigeria. The Global Solar Council projects. New Global Solar Council report shows solar deployment spreading across more African countries, increasingly driven by distributed systems and rising demand for reliability — while financing gaps threaten to slow momentum.

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