

Why is Burundi launching a solar PV plant?

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Will Burundi bring solar power to COP26 Gitega?

7.5 MW utility-scale power plant increases East African country's generation capacity by more than 10% on the eve of COP26 Gitega, Burundi - 25 October 2021: A multinational effort to bring solar power to Burundi has been realized with the commercial operation of the country's first-ever solar field.

Where is a solar power station located in Burundi?

The power station is located in the settlement of Mubuga, in the Gitega Province of Burundi, approximately 15.2 kilometres (9 mi), northeast of the city of Gitega, the political capital of that country. This power station is the first grid-connected solar project developed by an IPP in Burundi.

How many people were hired to operate Burundi's solar power station?

Another estimated 25-50 people were hired to operate the power station. In May 2023, Evariste Ndayishimiye, the president of Burundi toured the solar farm and personally gave his approval for the power station's capacity to be expanded to 15 megawatts.

Who toured Burundi's solar farm in May 2023?

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Will Burundi's first grid-connected solar farm light up the country's energy system?

UK Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, Greg Hands, said: "Today's launch of Burundi's first grid-connected solar farm will light up the nation's energy system. It will strengthen the national grid supply and propel forward a promising future for the country in clean, green energy.

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Burundi has officially inaugurated the country's first utility-scale solar field, as part of push to leverage renewable energy for improved access to electricity for homes and businesses. The grid-connected 7.5MW solar power plant, located in Mubuga, became operational in 2021.

President Ndayishimiye of Burundi visited Gigawatt Global's solar power plant in Mubuga, Burundi, near the capital Gitega, the nation's first utility-scale solar field. The high-profile celebratory event was attended in-person and remotely by dozens of foreign diplomats including the ambassadors of the United States, Holland and others, as ...

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Burundi's first solar PV power plant has reached commercial operation. Located in Mubuga in the Gitega Province, the project - which is the country's first grid-connected solar project by an independent power producer (IPP) - has made a meaningful contribution to ...

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As Burundi's first IPP and first utility-scale solar project, it has helped set the conditions for a whole pipeline of other projects, bringing further foreign direct investment into the country."

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SummaryLocationOverviewFinancingBenefitsExpansionSee alsoExternal linksThe Mubuga Solar Power Station is a grid-connected 7.5 MW solar power plant in Burundi. The power station was constructed between

January 2020 and October 2021, by Gigawatt Global Coöperatief, the Netherlands-based multinational independent power producer (IPP), through its local subsidiary Gigawatt Global Burundi SA. The off-taker for this power station is Régie de production et distribution d'eau et d'électricité (REGIDESO), the Burundian electricity parastatal utility ...

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