

Can Zambia achieve a resilient energy future?

The transition to geothermal, wind and solar power has strengthened Kenya's energy security and reduced its exposure to climate-induced disruptions, offering a valuable model for other African nations to follow. For Zambia to achieve a resilient energy future, it needs to follow a similar path and diversify its renewable energy mix.

Will Zambia increase its solar power capacity by 2030?

The Zambian government has set a target to increase its installed solar and wind capacity to 600 MW by 2030. However, the current installed capacity for solar photovoltaics is only 90 MWp, indicating significant underutilisation of Zambia's potential in the renewable energy sector.

What is the Zambia energy compact?

In parallel, the Zambia Energy Compact, supported as part of the Africa-wide Mission 300 effort, envisions 100% electricity access across the country through energy diversification, with a focus on increasing renewable energy solutions and clean cooking technologies.

What are Zambia's energy challenges?

Small businesses - the backbone of the economy - were also severely impacted and forced to close early or operate at a loss, making recovery even more difficult. Zambia's recent energy challenges are not unique in Africa. The rising frequency and intensity of droughts have exposed hydropower-dependent nations to increased energy vulnerability.

What will Zambia's energy demand look like in 2040?

The government anticipates that peak demand will be at 8,000 MW by 2030 and 10,000 MW by 2040 (from around 3,000 MW in 2022). It also projects that the demand will be largely driven by mining and agricultural consumers and not residential consumers as projected in the COSS (Government of Zambia, 2022).

Does Zambia export electricity?

Electricity imports and exports in GWh (first half of 2022) As mentioned in the previous chapter, Zambia has developed into an export powerhouse in recent years. This is also demonstrated by the data from the first half of 2022.



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