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Why is Burundi launching a solar PV plant?

The pioneering 7.5 MW solar PV plant has increased Burundi's generation capacity by over 10%, and is the country's first substantial energy generation project to go online in over three decades, supplying clean power to tens of thousands of homes and businesses - just before the start of COP26. (Video)

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.

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."

Who is distributing hand-held solar chargers in Burundi?

Remarks by Michael Fichtenberg, MD of Gigawatt Global Burundi SA at a ceremony distributing hand-held solar chargers to community leaders at a football match in the early stages of the project, featuring Patrick Nzitunga, Assistant MD, and the Honorable Jean Jacques NYENIMIGABO, MP of Mubuga zone: .

What is GigaWatt Global Burundi?

Michael Fichtenberg, Managing Director of Gigawatt Global Burundi SA and the lead project director, said: "Bringing clean energy to one of the world's least developed countries fulfils Gigawatt Global's mission to be a premier impact platform of choice for renewables in Africa."

Burundi's on-grid solar market is in its nascent stages, with around 9 MW of installed solar PV capacity as of 2023. The government is actively promoting solar energy through initiatives like the National Electrification Strategy, aiming to increase access to electricity, particularly in rural areas.

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With a capacity of 7.5 MWp, the Mubuga solar power plant provides up to 10% of Burundi's electricity, according to Gigawatt Global. The Dutch IPP also estimates that the plant is capable of supplying 87,600 Burundians. It also represents the largest international private investment in Burundi's electricity sector in nearly 30 years.

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Burundi has unquestionable solar potential, but there are obstacles to overcome. The upfront cost of installing solar infrastructure is a major barrier. However, innovative financial strategies, such as public-private partnerships and global aid, are assisting in ...

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