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# Cape Town installs solar system





## Overview

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Will Cape Town own a solar plant?

The city of Cape Town, South Africa, has started building a 7 MW solar plant that it will own and operate. It has also launched a tender for a 5 MW/8 MWh battery energy storage system to be built at the same site. Cape Town is set to become the first city in South Africa to own and operate its own solar plant.

Does Cape Town have a solar PV plant in Atlantis?

Image Source: City of Cape Town Construction has begun at the City of Cape Town's (CoCT) first city-run solar PV plant in Atlantis. The City of Cape Town's Mayor, Geordin Hill-Lewis, and Energy Mayco Member, Alderman Xanthea Limberg, have turned the sod at the City's 7MW Atlantis solar photovoltaic (PV) plant.

Which city in South Africa has built its own solar PV plant?

The CoCT is the first metro in South Africa to build its own solar PV facility. The City's Mayoral Committee Member for Energy, Xanthea Limberg, visited the plant in Kraaifontein on 15 August 2024. Image Source: City of Cape Town Construction has begun at the City of Cape Town's (CoCT) first city-run solar PV plant in Atlantis.

How many solar panels have been installed in Cape Town?

The facility is the first utility-scale renewable energy project in Cape Town and the first-of-its-kind in South Africa to be owned and operated by a city. Since construction on the project began in October 2024, around 2 400 solar panels have been installed.



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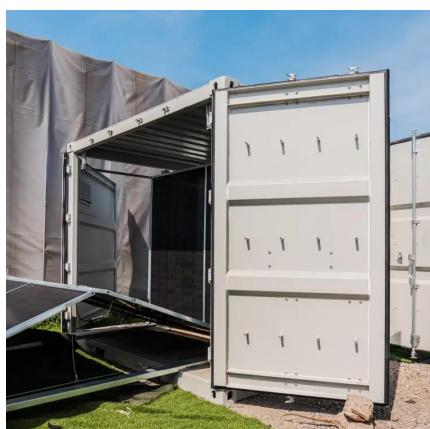
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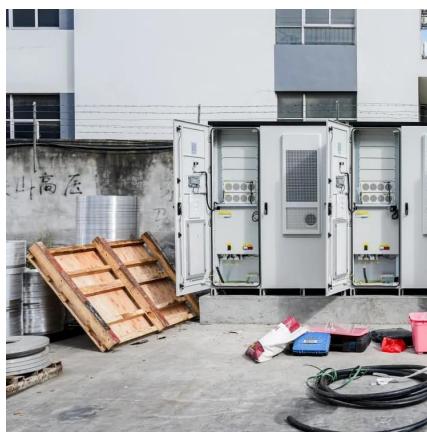
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