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# **Lusaka's new solar system generates electricity**





## Overview

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Is Zambia's largest solar project ready to be commissioned?

The project, billed as the largest grid-connected solar facility in Zambia and the biggest of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa outside South Africa, is now ready to be commissioned. According to a statement from the company, plans are now underway to develop a second 100 MW phase at the site.

Where is the largest solar plant outside South Africa?

Zesco has completed the 100 MW Chisamba solar farm in southern Zambia and has launched plans for a second 100 MW phase at the site, now home to sub-Saharan Africa's largest grid-connected solar plant outside South Africa. State-owned power company Zesco has completed the 100 MW Chisamba solar farm in southern Zambia.

How much solar power does Zambia have?

Zambia's cumulative solar capacity had reached 196 MW by the end of 2024, up from 134 MW at the end of 2023, according to figures from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). This content is protected by copyright and may not be reused.

Does Zambia need a new energy source?

LUSAKA, April 1, 2025 – Access to electricity in Zambia has risen from 30% in 2017 to currently nearly 50%. Whilst half of the population is connected, the remaining half will require new energy solutions. Zambia currently relies on hydropower for 80% its electricity generation, but recent droughts have shown the limitations of this energy source.



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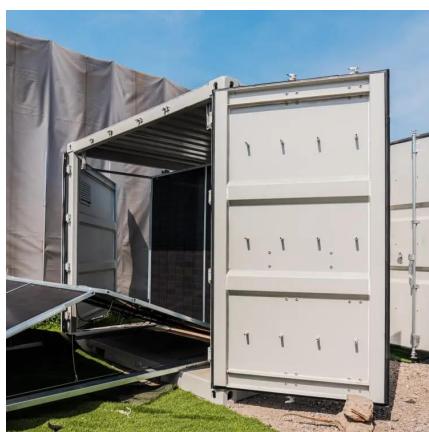


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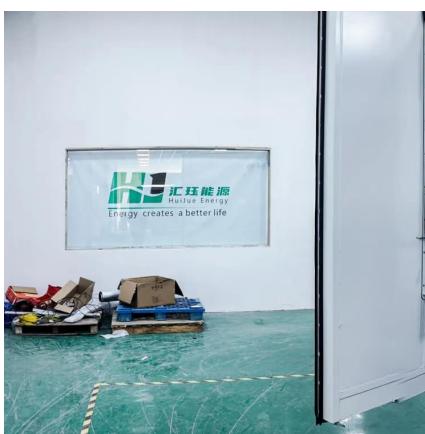
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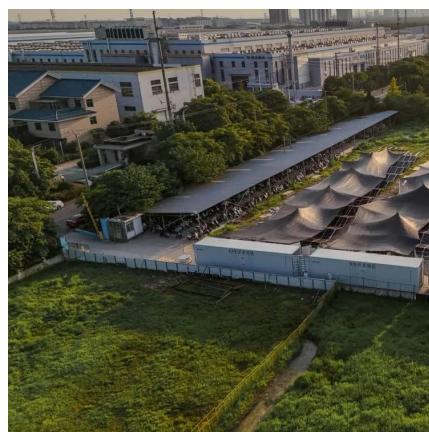
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