



# China solar power to battery in kenya





## Overview

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On May 21, 2025, China reaffirmed its dominance in Kenya's energy sector, supplying 96% of solar panels and 81% of lithium batteries. Known as the Garissa Solar Power Plant, the 55 megawatts (MW) facility is the "largest grid-connected solar power plant in east and central Africa", according to Kenya's Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC). The plant was designed and built by China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Cooperation. This photovoltaic power plant project in Kenya will be located in the Garissa County, with a preferential loan of 13 billion. But here's the kicker: Last December, the country experienced 18 grid collapses despite having 890 MW of installed solar capacity [1]. Battery storage isn't just a nice-to-have here—it's.



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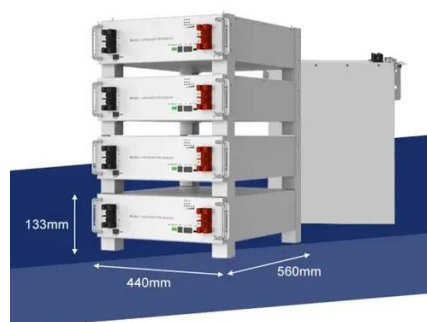
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The project, the first major solar plant to tap into Kenya's vast solar resources, was connected to the national grid in September 2018 and commissioned in 2019, as the east African nation diversified its ...



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The first 100 MW system near Nairobi, operational since March 2025, already stabilizes power for 300,000 households during nightly outages. But that's just scratching the surface.



### **Kenya urges more solar and battery storage at Intersolar Africa 2026**

Kenya has renewed its call for faster deployment of solar energy and battery storage as Intersolar Africa 2026 officially opened at the Sarit Expo Centre in Nairobi, bringing together policymakers



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This project carried out in the close cooperation between China and Kenya will build a 50-MW photovoltaic power plant in the East Africa region, and the largest one ever.

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## with \$7B in investments

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China also remains a leading supplier of clean technologies: in 2024, it accounted for 96% of solar panels, 81% of lithium-ion batteries and 21% of electric vehicles imported to Kenya.

## **Kenya's Solar Project Casts Shadow Over Chinese Investment Joy.**

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