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Solar panel production in Africa

Overview

5 GW of new solar PV capacity in 2025, representing a 54% increase from 2024, according to the Global Solar Council. Ten countries accounted for roughly 90% of all new capacity added during the year. Africa added approximately 4. These additions occurred amid ongoing electricity supply challenges. There has been a major pick-up in solar panel imports into Africa over the last 12 months – a shift that is likely to impact almost every country on the continent. This report presents Ember's analysis of Africa's imports of solar panels from China.

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The first evidence of a take-off in solar in Africa

Africa depends heavily on imports because domestic solar panel manufacturing is still limited. Morocco recently doubled manufacturing to 1 GW per year, and South Africa has a similar ...
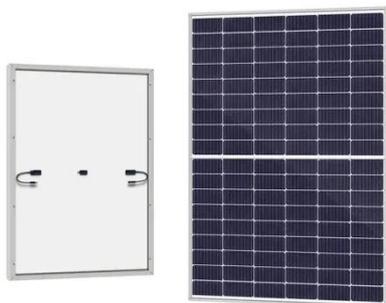
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