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Chile has become a leader in Latin America in using renewable energies, especially solar energy. Its privileged natural resources put the country in an enviable position to transform its energy matrix. But the boom in solar projects is ...

The CEME1 480-megawatt Solar Farm, built by POWERCHINA in Chile, was connected to the grid on April 24 at full capacity, meaning it will soon begin operating commercially. The solar farm is the largest new energy project built by POWERCHINA in the Americas and the first grid-connected solar power project independently built by POWRCHINA ...

Solar power in Chile is an increasingly important source of energy. Total installed photovoltaic (PV) capacity in Chile reached 8.36 GW in 2023. [ 1 ] Solar energy provided 19.9% of national electricity generation in Chile in 2023, compared to less than 0.1% in 2013.

Here is a list of the largest Chile PV stations and solar farms. Get to know the projects' power generation capacities in MWp or MWAC, annual power output in GWh, state of location and exact location on the map, name of developer, year of connection to the electric grid, land size occupied, and other interesting facts.

The utility has three solar PV plants in operation in Chile with a total capacity of 250MW, of which one is located in the Atacama region with a power capacity of 230MW.

As of 2022, eight power plant units have been retired, with more set to be retired in the future. Such voluntary decarbonization measures set the stage for renewable energy, especially solar power generation. The excellent solar resources in Chile have helped it to become a destination of choice for solar developers.

In terms of installed capacity, Chile has achieved 16,361 megawatts (MW) of renewable power, with photovoltaic installations comprising 9,916 MW. Additionally, the country boasts 54 MW of storage capacity and 3 MW of green hydrogen generation.

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Chile's DNI is 3,800 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> in the Atacama desert, the world's highest solar resource for CSP projects. The



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region is not subject to sandstorms. Variable renewables, PV and wind, increasingly supply the grid, and to complement these renewables, flexible dispatchable generation, such as is provided by CSP with thermal energy storage, is needed.

Chile is endowed with a very high potential for solar power with world record solar radiation intensity up to 3500KWh/m<sup>2</sup> per year in the northern desert part of the country. Since 2014, Chile has set out to utilise this potential by including solar PV (Photo Voltaic), Concentrated Solar Power (CSP), and wind with an increasing share of the ...

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