



Tonga solar industry

What is a solar farm & how can it help Tonga?

Producing energy since August this year, and providing power for up to 10,336 households, the Solar Farm is helping The Government of Tonga pursue its National Energy Roadmap plans to see up to 70% of Tongatapu's electricity generation sourced from renewables by the end of 2025.

Why do we need solar power in Tonga?

Renewables like solar are a significant means for Tonga to expand energy access, stabilize power grids as well as reduce pollution. Considering the shortage of solar expertise and finances for countries like Tonga, the role of independent power producers and the practice of PPA provide solid support to smooth the way for solar deployment.

Who are Sunergise New Zealand & Tonga Power Limited?

This solar project was completed under the partnership between Sunergise New Zealand Limited and Tonga Power Limited with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Sunergise led the construction and meanwhile united local Tongan civil, mechanical and electrical sub-contractors to the team.

What is Sunergise Tongatapu solar farm?

The Sunergise Tongatapu Solar Farm is the largest in the South Pacific. It was built as part of a power purchase agreement between Sunergise New Zealand Limited, a Todd Corporation solar company and Tonga Power Limited, with support from the Asian Development Bank.

What does Sunergise's 6MW solar system mean for Tonga?

As Hu'akavameiliku, Prime Minister of Tonga said at the ceremony: "The successful completion of the Sunergise's 6MW Independent Power Producers solar generation system today, demonstrates the major role renewable energy independent power producers play towards achieving our 70% target by [the] end of [the] year 2025."

Where is Tongatapu solar farm located?

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Tonga Power Limited is continuously expanding its Renewable Energy Portfolio, through the introduction of solar generation and most recently Tonga's first ever large scaled wind generation system in Niutoua.

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The Solar Farm is capable of producing 6.9MWp of renewable power, helping lower power costs to Tonga and producing enough renewable energy to offset 18% of Tongatapu's current diesel-powered ...

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The commissioning of the Niuatoputapu Solar Hybrid System & Mini Grid is a significant milestone for Tonga. It brings the country's total electricity accessibility to around 99%. The project will also help to reduce Tonga's reliance on imported fossil fuels, which will benefit the environment and the economy.

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The new solar farm is expected to begin operations by April 2020. To achieve its goal of 50% renewable energy by 2020 and 70% by 2030, Tonga is also developing wind and biomass generation sources, and will integrate these with multiple units of battery energy storage.



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