

UAE state-owned renewable energy developer Masdar has started constructing twosolar PV projects in Azerbaijan, with a combined capacity of 760MW. The entire development, developed in collaboration with Azerbaijan's state oil company SOCAR, includes the 445MW Bilasuvar solar PV project, the 315MW Neftchala solar PV project and a 240MW wind project.

How many solar projects will Masdar build in Azerbaijan?

Utility-scale solar developer Masdar is set to develop twonew solar projects in Azerbaijan. Masdar will build three solar and wind projects with a combined capacity of 1 GW. Masdar and State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) have signed a shareholder agreement for each of the projects.

Is Azerbaijan ready for green energy?

"Laying the foundation of 3 stations with a capacity of 1 GW is not only a first in the field of green energy in Azerbaijan, but also a bright indicator of our solidarity and commitment to the energy transition," said Shahbazov. Masdar completed a 230 MW solar plant in Garadagh, near Baku, in October 2023.

How much electricity will Azerbaijan generate a year?

PV Tech reported that these projects are the first phase of a 10GW pipeline of renewables projects in Azerbaijan signed in 2022. Parviz Shahbazov, Azerbaijan's energy minister, said the projects could generate 2.3 billion kWh of electricity annually.

Is Azerbaijan a 'key strategic market' for Masdar?

It is Azerbaijan's first foreign investment-based independent solar project and currently the largest PV plant in the Caspian region. Masdar Chief Executive Officer Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi said Azerbaijan is a "key strategic market" for the company. Azerbaijan has set a target of generating 30% of its energy capacity from renewables by 2030.

What is Masdar doing in Azerbaijan?

Prior to these projects, Masdar began operating the 308MWp Garadagh (Area 60) solar PV projectin Azerbaijan last year. Once operational, the project produces 500GWh of power annually using inverter

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manufacturer Sungrow's 320kW string inverters SG320HX. The project is compatible with the MV8850-LV MV stations.



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Masdar, the United Arab Emirates" (UAE) clean energy powerhouse, and SOCAR Green, a clean energy subsidiary of Azerbaijan's state oil company SOCAR, have reached financial close for the 445 MW Bilasuvar and ???



The project marks AIIB's first private-sector renewable energy initiative in Azerbaijan, aligning with AIIB's Green Infrastructure thematic priority and supporting the Bank's Corporate and Energy Sector strategies. The solar PV plant is expected to deliver clean, affordable electricity, avoid greenhouse gas emissions by approximately

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-megawatt (MWac) Garadagh (Area 60) Solar PV Plant is the country's first foreign investment-based independent utility scale solar project structured as a public-private partnership. Masdar signed the Investment Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Power Purchase Agreement and Transmission Connection



Masdar has signed agreements to develop onshore wind and solar projects and integrated offshore wind and green hydrogen projects with a total combined capacity of 4GW in Azerbaijan, with an option to expand the total capacity to 10GW, in support of the country's aim to generate 30 percent of its energy capacity from renewable power by 2030.



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Spanning an area of about 5.5 million square metres in the Gobustan District in Azerbaijan, the project uses an 8.85MW large PV blocks design, and the static var generator is replaced by the