



Does Nauru need solar power?

“Now Nauru's power generation mainly relies on diesel. That's expensive and would pollute the environment,” said John Scott, who has been working for the project since 2022. “There is a lot of sunshine here and it's good for solar power. I believe electricity supply here will be much better when the project is completed,” Scott told Xinhua.

How does Nauru get its energy?

Nauru predominantly sources its energy through diesel power generators. About 5% of its current energy demand is sourced from renewable energy, of which all is from solar power photovoltaic (PV) installations. A 500-kW ground-mounted solar installation was commissioned in 2016, and a number of residences have rooftop solar PV installations.

Who will implement solar project in Nauru?

The executing agency will be the Department of Finance and Sustainable Development. The implementing agency for solar component of project will be the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC). NUC will establish a project management unit within their existing organisational structure to implement the project.

How will ADB support the Nauru solar power development project?

ADB also provided GoN support to prepare a Feasibility Study for the recommended Nauru Solar Power Development Project which will comprise of a 6 megawatt PV plant coupled with a 5 megawatt /2.5 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system coupled with a SCADA installation.

How will Nauru's solar power system work?

The system will be fully integrated and automated with the existing diesel generation (17.9 MW installed capacity currently manually operated) to optimize solar energy use, to enable optimal BESS charging/discharging and to provide optimal shut off of the diesel engines. This will reduce Nauru's over reliance on diesel for power generation.

What is the impact of Nauru energy project?

The project impact is a reliable, affordable, secure, and sustainable energy supply to meet the socio-economic

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development needs of Nauru. The outcome of the project will be that NUC, the state-owned power and water utility, will supply reliable and cleaner electricity.



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The Solar Power Development Project will  
???nance (i) a grid-connected solar power plant with a capacity of 6 megawatts (MW) of alternating current; and (ii) a 2.5-megawatt-hour, 5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) to enable smoothing of intermittent solar energy.



A 6 MW solar plant and 5 MW/2.5 MWh storage system are set to increase the share of renewable electricity on the Pacific island of Nauru from 3% to 47%. The \$27 million project is being