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Overview

How much power does Namibia need?

Peak demand is over 600 MW. Namibia has long relied on imported power from South Africa (Eskom) and other neighboring countries, but South Africa's own economy has put strains on its domestic electricity generation capability and thus its ability to export. Namibia has a power purchase agreement with Eskom which expires in 2025.

Does Namibia accept unsolicited power generation projects?

The Electricity Control Board (ECB), Namibia's electricity regulator, accepts unsolicited power generation projects through its IPP framework. The Minister of Mines and Energy has final authority to approve/refuse IPP licenses, but the ECB makes recommendations on license applications, which the Minister has historically followed.

Does Namibia have a solar power plant?

The government, the ECB, and NamPower have all expressed interest in grid-connected solar and wind renewable solutions, and in May 2015, Namibia inaugurated its first-ever solar power plant - a 4.5 MW plant - which represents one percent of the country's current production of energy.

Can Namibia become a net exporter of energy?

Over the long-term, the government and NamPower have committed to making Namibia energy self-sufficient (and eventually a net exporter of power) by building new domestic generation capacity. NamPower has made some progress in efforts to increase its generation capacity.

Does Namibia have a power purchase agreement with Eskom?

Namibia has a power purchase agreement with Eskom which expires in 2025. South African officials have publicly stated they will continue the agreement, despite ongoing rolling blackouts in South Africa.

Does Namibia have a centralized power system?

Namibia is evolving from a centralized model dominated by one large utility, NamPower, to a hybrid decentralized model with multiple actors generating and supplying electricity. This represents a significant shift in the generating mix.

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