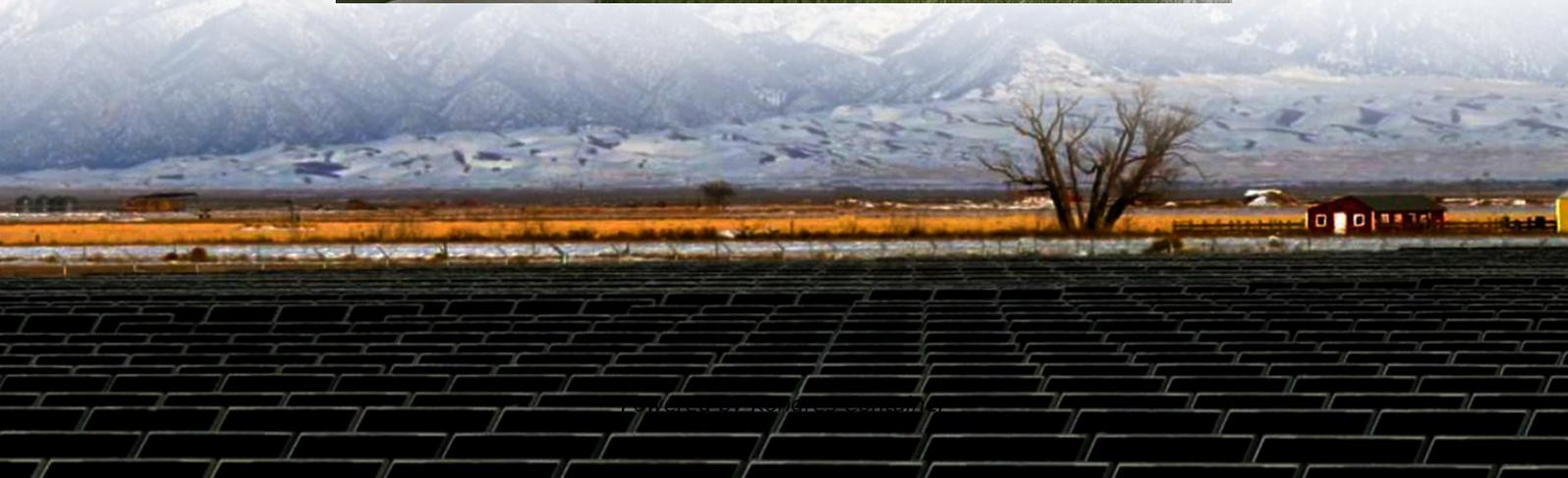


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Overview

Will Kazakhstan reduce power sector emissions by 35 percent by 2035?

By increasing the share of renewables to 35 percent by 2035, Kazakhstan could reduce power sector emissions by 4 percent compared to 2023 while lowering system costs by 40 percent compared to current plans.

Should Kazakhstan adopt an energy security strategy?

Global trend of tightening carbon regulation presents yet another impetus for broader modernization and systemic reforms of energy sector in Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan should articulate and adopt an official Energy Security Strategy document, guided by these general observations.

What is the energy transition in Kazakhstan?

To date, the energy transition in Kazakhstan has almost exclusively focused on electricity generation, consisting mainly of the deployment of new solar and wind facilities. By contrast, there is almost no heat production from renewable energy sources, aside from traditional biomass such as fire-wood. The biogas sector remains very underdeveloped.

Does Kazakhstan have a unified power system?

Kazakhstan's unified power system operates in a normal mode, in parallel with the power systems of the Russian Federation and Central Asian countries. As of today, 220 power plants are operating in the country, including 144 RES facilities with a total capacity of 2.8 GW.

Why is grid integration a problem in the Kazakh power system?

Although the share of wind and solar energy in the Kazakh power system is still relatively low, grid integration issues are already becoming a concern. This is because the output of old coal-fired power plants, unlike that of hydro-power or gas-fired power plants, cannot be flexibly regulated.

Could Kazakhstan increase its wind power capacity by 2035?

4 Kazakhstan's vast and cost-efficient wind energy potential offers a particularly strong foundation for scaling up renewable energy capacity. The country could increase its wind power capacity to 10 gigawatts by 2035, twice as much as the government is currently planning – or even more.

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