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Overview

Can battery storage be used with solar photovoltaics in Zambia?

The Zambian regulation foresees customs duty and VAT exemptions for most equipment used in renewable energy or battery storage projects. Detailed information is provided in In this section, we discuss the opportunity of battery storage in combination with solar photovoltaics from a financial point of view.

How much does a solar battery cost in Zambia?

Africa Clean Energy Technical Assistance Facility. (2022). Customs Handbook for Solar PV Products in Zambia. Bloomberg New Energy Finance. (2022, December 6). Lithium-ion Battery Pack Prices Rise for First Time to an Average of \$151/kWh.

Why should German and European service providers invest in Zambia?

For German and European service providers active in the energy sector, Zambia presents significant potential for business development. There are clear needs across the solar energy and storage value chain, including project development and financing, equipment manufacturing, system integration and contracting.

Is peak shaving a viable business model in Zambia?

For these reasons, it is likely that the application of peak shaving will be unreasonable in Zambia as a standalone business model, but, as a bonus, could be combined with another BESS application. Other applications of BESS include critical back-up (e.g. UPS) and power quality applications.

Does Zambia have a good solar system?

Zambia benefits from excellent solar resources, with a specific production output between 1,600 and 1,800 kWh/kWp per year. The regions with the best resources are the south-west part of the country as well as the region around Lake Bangweulu, east of Mansa.

What does the Electricity Act do in Zambia?

The Electricity Act regulates the generation, trans-mission, distribution and supply of electricity to enhance the security and reliability of electricity supply in Zambia. It codifies the rules on tariff setting and introduces the concept of intermediary power trading, a concept that was missing from the previous regulatory framework.

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