

Why is Burundi launching a solar PV plant?

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Where is a solar power station located in Burundi?

The power station is located in the settlement of Mubuga, in the Gitega Province of Burundi, approximately 15.2 kilometres (9 mi), northeast of the city of Gitega, the political capital of that country. This power station is the first grid-connected solar project developed by an IPP in Burundi.

Will Burundi's first grid-connected solar farm light up the country's energy system?

UK Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change, Greg Hands, said: "Today's launch of Burundi's first grid-connected solar farm will light up the nation's energy system. It will strengthen the national grid supply and propel forward a promising future for the country in clean, green energy."

How many people were hired to operate Burundi's solar power station?

Another estimated 25-50 people were hired to operate the power station. In May 2023, Evariste Ndayishimiye, the president of Burundi, toured the solar farm and personally gave his approval for the power station's capacity to be expanded to 15 megawatts.

Who is distributing hand-held solar chargers in Burundi?

Remarks by Michael Fichtenberg, MD of Gigawatt Global Burundi SA at a ceremony distributing hand-held solar chargers to community leaders at a football match in the early stages of the project, featuring Patrick Nzitunga, Assistant MD, and the Honorable Jean Jacques NYENIMIGABO, MP of Mubuga zone: .

Who toured Burundi's solar farm in May 2023?

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The Mubuga Solar Power Station is a grid-connected 7.5 MW solar power plant in Burundi. The power station was constructed between January 2020 and October 2021, by Gigawatt Global Co.&#246;peratief, the Netherlands-based multinational independent power producer (IPP), through its local subsidiary Gigawatt Global Burundi SA.

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