

# United Arab Emirates solar energy power plant

What are the different solar power plants & projects in the UAE?

This page provides information about the various solar power plants and projects in the UAE. Al Dhafra Solar PV is the world's largest single-site solar power plant. The 2GW Al Dhafra Solar PV plant was inaugurated in November 2023. It was built in a single phase.

Does the United Arab Emirates have solar power?

While being a major oil producing country, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has taken steps to introduce solar power on a large scale. However, solar power still accounts for a small share of energy production in the country.

Who owns Abu Dhabi's solar power plant?

TAQA owns 40 percent of the project, Masdar owns 20 percent while the remaining partners, EDF Renewables and Jinko Power, own a 20 percent stake each. The plant will supply power to the procurer EWEC - following the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) signed in 2020 - and will raise Abu Dhabi's solar power production capacity to 3.2GW.

How many solar panels does the UAE use?

It uses almost 4 million solar panels which deploy innovative bi-facial technology, ensuring sunlight is captured on both sides of the panels to maximize yield. In less than fifteen years, the UAE has become a global leader in solar energy.

Where is the largest solar power plant in the world?

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Who owns the world's largest single-site solar power plant?

Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company PJSC- Masdar, and its partners Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA), EDF Renewables and Jinko Power, together with procurer Emirates Water and Electricity Company (EWEC), have inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant ahead of the UAE hosting the UN climate change conference, COP28.

The plant provides power for 90,000 individuals in Abu Dhabi. It uses a waterless robotic technology to clean the solar panels. The robots travel a distance of 1600 kilometres every day to clean it. The plant is operated by Sweihan PV Power Company which comes under the Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA).

Noor Abu Dhabi is one of the world's largest stand-alone operational solar plant in Abu Dhabi, Sweihan with

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a total capacity of 1.2 GW and more than 3.3 million of solar panels in one site.

OverviewDescriptionHistoryAchievements and awardsExternal linksNoor Abu Dhabi has 3.2 million solar panels. Noor is the Arabic word for "light". The generating capacity is 1.177 GW; the total project cost is US\$870 million. The plant provides power for 90,000 individuals in Abu Dhabi. It uses a waterless robotic technology to clean the solar panels. The robots travel a distance of 1600 kilometres every day to clean it.

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The Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park is the largest single-site solar park in the world based on the Independent Power Producer (IPP) model. It has a planned production capacity of 5,000 MW by 2030, with investments totalling AED 50 billion.

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Shams Solar Power Plant. Shams is a 100-megawatt (MW) concentrated solar power (CSP) plant located in the Western Region of Abu Dhabi. The plant is approximately 120 km southwest of Abu Dhabi. Shams was commissioned in 2013, with an aim to help the United Arab Emirates to diversify its energy mix. It is the first operational utility-scale CSP ...

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Total installed solar power capacity in the UAE was over 5 gigawatts (GW) after switching on the 2 gigawatt

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(GW) Al Dhafra solar project in November of 2023, up from 133 MW in 2014. [3] Solar energy provided 4.5% of national electricity generation in the UAE in 2022 and 8.3% in 2023, compared to 0.3% in 2014. [4]

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