

# **Cost of Grid-Connected Solar Containers in Africa**





## Overview

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How much does solar cost in Africa?

Capital costs for solar are 3 to 7 times higher in Africa than in developed countries, and the continent only receives 3% of global energy investment - fare from the \$200 billion per year needed to achieve energy access and climate goals.

Does Africa have solar power?

Africa holds vast solar potential, with 60% of the world's best solar resources, yet solar PV currently accounts for only 3% of the continent's electricity generation. As global efforts intensify to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030, Africa's role in achieving this target is more critical than ever.

How much solar capacity is installed in Africa in 2024?

Published in partnership with RMI and supported by GET.invest, this report serves as a key reference for policymakers, investors, and industry professionals seeking insights into Africa's evolving solar sector. 2.4 GW of new solar capacity was installed in Africa in 2024.

What role does solar play in Africa's growing electricity demand?

As a low-cost, flexible and localized energy source, solar will need to play an important role in powering the continent's growing electricity demand. With new electricity-intensive industries such as renewable hydrogen and e-mobility on the rise in Africa, the demand for solar will also rise.



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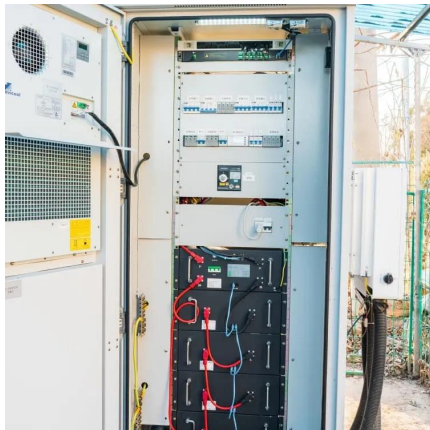
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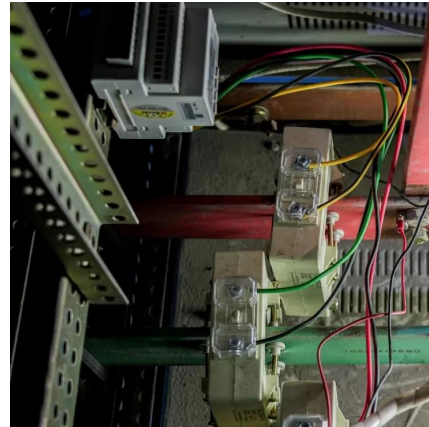
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