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How will a battery energy storage system benefit Curaçao?

The implementation of a Battery Energy Storage System will allow Curaçao to collect energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar energy and store it using advanced battery storage technologies. This stored energy can be released to mitigate the intermittency of wind power and ensure grid stability.

Does Curaçao use wind and solar energy?

Since the 1980s, Curaçao has been gaining experience in applying wind and solar energy. Curaçao also distinguishes itself from the world with regard to the application of wind and solar energy. In addition, the focus is also on the use of biogas, energy storage and energy savings. Bulbaai conducted an extensive research in Curaçao.

How much electricity does Curaçao produce?

Unlike most countries in the world, Curaçao generates about 34 percent of the current electricity production through wind and solar energy. In the Netherlands, that is merely 6 percent. Engineer Richenel Bulbaai from Curaçao defended his dissertation on this subject on 11 October 2019 at the University of Twente.

How can Curaçao become sustainable in 2033?

To make Curaçao fully sustainable in 2033, the production of solar and wind energy is of great importance, as is proper energy storage. Wind turbines and solar panels play an important role in this. If traditional power generators are still necessary, then the use of biogas is a more sustainable choice.

Does Curaçao have energy-efficient air conditioning?

Bulbaai conducted an extensive research in Curaçao. He analyzed the energy use of almost 400 households, more than 300 offices, 22 hotels, and 9 supermarkets. Many offices were already taking energy-efficient measures, mostly to save on costs. But of the 22 hotels, only sixty percent had energy-efficient air conditioning.

What are the challenges for solar off-grid cold storage viability in developing countries?

The challenges for solar off-grid cold storage viability in developing countries are related to technical and economic factors. People usually prefer to acquire small solar PV off-grid systems to power low-consumption appliances or devices.

The energy loss as a result of the standby consumption in the households on Curaçao was recorded. Besides different technical options to reduce standby consumption, Bulbaai recommends introducing an import regulation to stimulate the purchase of appliances with a low standby consumption on Curaçao.

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