

Can solar energy support power generation in Iraq?

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What is Iraq's solar energy strategy?

Iraq's solar energy strategy should be based on attracting foreign direct investments with strong commitment to diversifying its energy mix and to become energy independent bolstered by its willingness to collaborate with international array of local and foreign partners. Iraq's path forward is not, however, free of potential pitfalls.

How many solar power sites are there in Iraq?

In July 2019, Iraq's Ministry of Electricity invited independent power producers to participate in developing seven PV solar power sites with a combined capacity of 755 megawatts (MW) in the range between 30 MW to 300 MW. Many local and foreign developers saw the announcement as a move forward in an attempt to diversify the country's energy mix.

What is the potential of solar energy in Iraq?

The potential of solar technologies is considerably large, although its utilization is nearly nonexistent. Compared with other regions, the desert in western Iraq has the highest solar irradiance for electric power generation, compared to the annual global average horizontal surface irradiance of 170 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

How much does solar energy cost in Iraq?

However, the cost analysis has shown that for 50 kW concentrated solar power in Iraq, the cost is around 0.23 US cent/kWh without integration with energy storage. Additionally, notable obstacles and barriers bounding the utilization of solar energy are also discussed.

How much solar power does Iraq have in 2023?

According to the latest statistics by the International Renewable Energy Agency, it had just 1,599 megawatts of renewable energy capacity at the end of 2023. Iraq has abundant untapped solar resources that could allow it to achieve its target and reduce reliance on imports of electricity.

Iraq: Solar electricity generation, billion kilowatthours: The latest value from 2022 is 0.06 billion kilowatthours, unchanged from 0.06 billion kilowatthours in 2021. In comparison, the world average is 6.73 billion kilowatthours, based on data from 190 countries.

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This book focuses on solar energy and its applications in Iraq and its neighboring countries. Iraq suffers from electricity shortages and faces many challenges to meet and overcome current and future increases in electrical demand.

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Introducing solar energy in Iraq will undoubtedly harness the country's energy security. Fuel shortage (mainly natural gas) has blighted Iraq's power generation for years<sup>8</sup>.

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