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Overview

Does Africa Import solar panels from China?

This report presents Ember's analysis of Africa's imports of solar panels from China. The Chinese solar panel export data gives valuable insights because it includes imports up to June 2025, at a monthly granularity, and for every country in the world. The data can be found in Ember's China Solar Export Explorer.

Where do Africa's solar panels come from?

The vast majority of Africa's solar panels come from Chinese imports. That is because China produced 80% of the world's solar panels in 2024, and is by far the biggest exporter. Africa depends heavily on imports because domestic solar panel manufacturing is still limited.

Are solar panels taking off in Africa?

The first evidence of a take-off in solar in Africa is now here: The last 12 months saw a big rise in Africa's solar panel imports. Imports from China rose 60% in the last 12 months to 15,032 MW. Over the last two years, the imports of solar panels outside of South Africa have nearly tripled from 3,734 MW to 11,248 MW.

Why does Africa Import solar panels?

Africa depends heavily on imports because domestic solar panel manufacturing is still limited. Morocco recently doubled manufacturing to 1 GW per year, and South Africa has a similar capacity, and there are much smaller manufacturing lines in some countries including Egypt and Nigeria.

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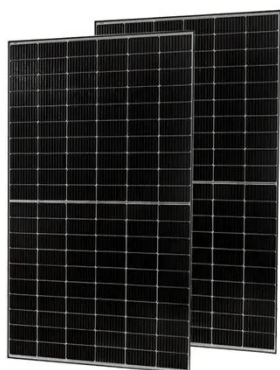
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But, as China produces 80% of the world's solar panels, it gives a good indication of total solar panel imports and installations. Some African countries are looking to reduce ...

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Competition in Africa's Solar Power Sector Heats Up as ...

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African countries register record imports of Chinese solar ...

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China-Fueled Solar Boom in Africa

China's financing is accelerating Africa's solar build-out--utility and distributed projects, grid upgrades, and local manufacturing. Opportunities, risks, and policy signals.



Africa's Solar Imports from China Surge 60% in 2025, ...

Africa's solar imports from China hit 15

GW in 2025, up 60%. Record growth signals a clean energy boom, but capacity still lags global pace.



The first evidence of a take-off in solar in Africa

There has been a major pick-up in solar panel imports into Africa over the last 12 months - a shift that is likely to impact almost every country on the continent.



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