

Solar storage cameroon

Cameroononline | Release, the renewable energy arm of Scatec, is expanding its footprint in Cameroon. The company is adding a substantial 28.6 MW of solar power and 19.2 MWh of battery storage to its existing projects. This move solidifies Release's commitment to providing clean energy solutions to Cameroon, which is seeking to diversify its energy sources away from fossil fuels.

With a prior successful investment of US\$26 million and the support of Dutch investment group Climate Fund Managers, Release is well-positioned to continue its growth in Africa's burgeoning solar and storage market. This expansion signifies a significant step in Cameroon's transition towards a more sustainable energy future.

Scatec, a leading renewable energy company, celebrated the inauguration of its solar hybrid and battery storage plants in Cameroon today. In 2021, Scatec entered into a lease agreement with ENEO, a prominent electricity provider, to deliver two cutting-edge solar facilities with a combined capacity of 36MW solar and 20MW/19MWh of storage. These pioneering plants are located in Maroua and Guider, situated in the Grand-North region of Cameroon.

Hans Olav Kvalvaag, CEO at Scatec, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are pleased that this day is finally here, and we get to celebrate this major milestone at Scatec, where we pride ourselves in making renewable energy easily accessible and affordable across growth markets."

The Scatec's pre-assembled solar power and battery storage system represent a unique solution and the first of its kind to be deployed in Cameroon. The Maroua and Guider solar power plants are equipped with over 44,800 bifacial solar panels mounted on trackers, maximizing energy production throughout the day. These installations are set to generate a substantial 80 GWh of electricity annually, making a significant contribution to reducing CO2 emissions, estimated to save almost 60,000 tonnes per year.

The solar power plants were completed in phases throughout 2022 and are now fully operational. Reports indicate a noticeable improvement in electricity supply in the northern regions of Cameroon, which were previously prone to power outages. Scatec's rapidly deployable leasing solution has provided more stable power to residents and industries in the northern parts of Cameroon.

Arnaud Gouet, SVP Utilities at Scatec, highlighted the potential for further expansion, stating, "Having looked at the success of the two projects and how they have helped improve electricity supply in Cameroon, Scatec is well-positioned to further strengthen power supply in Cameroon with more capacity."

The collaboration between Scatec, ENEO, sub-contractors, and local staff played a pivotal role in the success

of these projects. Arnaud Gouet expressed his gratitude, saying, “These solar power plants are the result of a fruitful collaboration between the public and private sectors, symbolizing the collective determination to meet the energy needs of the Far North region cleanly and efficiently.”

Hans Olav Kvalvaag extended his thanks, stating, “We would like to thank the Scatec team that has been working tirelessly on this project. This day would not be possible without your hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank the ENEO team for believing in us and the fruitful partnership that we have developed over the years. And a big thank you to the Cameroonian Government for trusting us with these projects.”

This milestone marks a significant step forward in Cameroon’s journey toward sustainable and reliable energy sources, further contributing to the global effort to combat climate change.

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