

# Kenya s new energy needs to be equipped with energy storage





#### **Overview**

While KenGen's BESS project shows how storage can help with reliability, a country aiming to run entirely on renewable energy by 2050 will need not just dozens but possibly hundreds of such storage systems, supported by major grid upgrades. Does Kenya need battery energy storage?

A battery energy storage. The question of power storage has become critical as Kenya embraces e-mobility which requires reliable power supplies. The Energy and Petroleum ministry targets to mainstream power storage in its electricity master plan as the country's renewable energy generation expands.

Is Kenya's energy sector sustainable?

Kenya's energy sector is facing challenges, mainly due to high dependence on imported oil and wood biomass. However, Kenya's electricity power mix is among the most sustainable in the world, with 80% of electricity coming from renewable sources (mainly from hydro and geothermal).

Will Kenya achieve its energy transition goal in the next 5 years?

It has become third highest ranking African country in the World Economic Forum's global Energy Transition Index (ETI), after Morocco and Namibia. The last stretch before the finish line, however, may be the hardest part. More grid flexibility and diversification of energy sources is needed to achieve Kenya's ambitious goal in the next five years.

Which sectors in Kenya rely on energy?

The transport, agriculture, commercial, and industrial sectors rely mainly on commercial energy, especially petroleum fuels and electricity. A small quantity of coal is imported annually for use mainly by cement producing companies.

Which energy sources contribute the most to Kenya's electricity grid?



A recent report by the Climate Investment Fund (CIF) found that geothermal energy contributes the lion's share of 45% to the Kenyan electricity grid, while hydropower contributes 19%, solar energy 17% and wind just 3%.

Can a 50MW wind power plant be built in Kenya?

Separately on September 9, 2019, the US Trade and Development Agency awarded a grant to Kenya's Craftskills Energy Limited for a feasibility study by an American firm, Delphos International for the development of a 50MW wind power plant with integrated battery storage capacity in Kenya.



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As Kenya continues to position itself as a hub for renewable energy innovation, the installation of large-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems, the growth of electric mobility, and ...

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#### World Bank Appoints KenGen to Implement Kenya Battery Energy Storage

Preliminary results that were acquired from the analysis conducted underscored the urgent need for developing the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the electricity ...

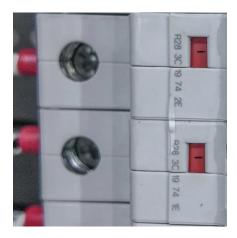
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# Huawei urges adoption of smart grids, AI to modernize Kenya's energy

Huawei has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing Kenya's green energy goals by delivering cutting-edge technologies tailored to improve grid performance and rural ...

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## Kenya aims big in energy storage amid expanded output

The hybrid project dubbed 'the Meru County Energy Park' will be a large-scale facility that combines wind, solar PV, and battery storage. On



completion, the facility is ...

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## Kenya: The role of grid scale battery energy storage systems in

The emergence of battery energy storage systems (BESS) as a solution to the intermittency of renewable energy has gained significant attention in the energy transition.

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# Kenya launches first-ever battery storage system to power ...

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#### KenGen Unveils Kenya's First Battery Energy Storage System to ...

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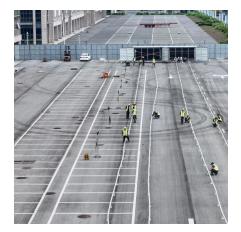
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In this article, we'll explore how these storage systems hold the potential to fortify our grid, ensuring its reliability amidst the evolving energy landscape in Kenya.

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