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<div class="df\_qntext">Will a 100 MW solar plant be built in Botswana?

State-owned Botswana Power Corp. has signed a power purchase agreement with a consortium of Chinese enterprises and other companies to construct a 100 MW solar plant in southern Botswana. The project is expected to start generation by the end of 2025.

<div class="df\_qntext">How will solar power plants be financed in Botswana?

The solar power plants are estimated to be financed by BWP 936 million (USD 68 million) of non-recourse project debt and equity from Scatec. Financing for the first 60 MW will be provided by the Rand Merchant Bank in Botswana and the World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC).

<div class="df\_qntext">Where is the largest solar project in Botswana?

"As we reach another milestone in our renewable energy journey in Botswana, we are now looking forward to starting construction of the largest solar project in the country," said Scatec CEO Terje Pilskog. The plant will be located near Mmadinare, close to the former mining town of Selebi-Phikwe, 400 kilometres north-east of the capital Gaborone.

<div class="df\_qntext">How will Scatec power plant work in Botswana?

The power plant is Scatec's first in Botswana and will generate predictable revenues from a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with Botswana Power Corporation, the national utility. The remaining 60 MW of the project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in the beginning of 2026.

<div class="df\_qntext">Will a solar project help Botswana meet its electricity demand?

Botswana has launched its first utility scale grid-connected solar project which is expected to help the country meet its electricity demand. Botswana President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi at the launch of the first phase of the solar project. Image Source: Botswana Power Corporation (BPC)/X.

<div class="df\_qntext">Does Botswana need a 40% shareholding for solar power?

For utility scale grid-connected solar plants, which include Mmadinare and Jwaneng, Masisi said a mandatory requirement of 40% shareholding by citizen-owned companies was provided. Botswana is rich in natural resources and has vast solar energy potential, receiving more than 3,200 hours of sunshine per year.

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Scatec Botswana Operations (Pty) Ltd has been established as the Project Special Purpose vehicle (SPV), and will also assume the role of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) ...

The solar complex is located in the Mmadinare district of eastern Botswana, around 400 kilometres (248 mi) northeast of the capital Gaborone. ...

(Photo by Tshekiso Tebalo/Xinhua) Botswana Power Corporation on Monday signed a power purchase agreement with Sinotswana Green Energy, a consortium of Chinese and Botswana ...

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&lt;p&gt;As stated on the project disclosure page, IFC& rsquo;s proposed investment consists of an A loan of up to \$19 million for the development of the greenfield 50MWac Mmadinare ...

To put its scale into perspective, Botswana's total installed solar capacity was a mere 6 MW in 2023, making the initial 50 MW from this single project a transformative leap. The project is a ...

As of September 2022, Botswana's national electricity demand was estimated at 550 MW. At that time national generation capacity was 450 MW. The country imports an additional 150 MW from South Africa. The government of Botswana has plans to increase its installed capacity by developing new solar power stations, thereby achieving energy autonomy from South Africa. This power station is part of those efforts.

The facility will be located on 160 hectares of land approximately 25 km south-east of Francistown in the North-eastern region of Botswana, between the villages of Matsiloje and Matshelagabedi.



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They include training in solar thermal design, technical support in developing initiatives, public awareness, business meetings with local organizations, networking with regional institutions, supply ...

The Jwaneng Solar Power Station is a 100 MW (130,000 hp) solar power station, under development in Botswana. Two Chinese companies and one Botswana independent power producer (IPP) formed a consortium that owns the project. Botswana Power Corporation (BPC), the national electricity utility company is the power off-taker, under a 25-year power purchase agreement.

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