

#### **Solar Storage Container Solutions**

# Where is the best place to produce energy storage cabinet batteries in Central Africa





#### **Overview**

Are lithium-ion batteries a viable energy source in Africa?

Although Africa is rich in renewable resources, their use remains limited. Implementing electrochemical energy conversion and storage (EECS) technologies such as lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) and ceramic fuel cells (CFCs) can facilitate the transition to a clean energy future.

Can a company build a battery recycling plant in Africa?

1. May include interim storage of sorted and dismantled parts (warehousing) for pickup by transport and logistics provider Note: There is currently insufficient accessible battery waste in Africa to make it profitable for a company to build a large battery recycling plant.

How can a battery pack be assembled in Africa?

Context Battery packs can be assembled in African countries by importing cells and components (e.g., BMS, sensors, inverters) and tailoring battery modules to customer needs. Setting up a battery assembly facility (~USD 2-5 million) to produce ~10 GWh annually could meet internal LFP battery cell demand (~7 GWh by 2030).

How can Africa support the battery value chain?

Regionalizing the value chain: The 2021 Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) offers a unique opportunity for African countries to collaborate across the value chain, localizing production and enhancing cost competitiveness. Government Support: African governments are implementing policies to support the battery value chain.

Can Africa produce a Gigafactory battery?

A gigafactory requires a capex of ~USD 1 bn to produce 10-15 GWh batteries per year; African countries could produce LFP battery cells and export to the EU market. Countries that could produce battery cells cost competitively (e.g.,



Morocco, Tanzania).

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Scatec's Kenhardt solar-plus-storage site in South Africa (above), which went online at the end of 2023. Image: Scatec. Africa's energy storage market has seen a boom since 2017, having risen from just 31MWh to 1,600MWh in 2024, according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.



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