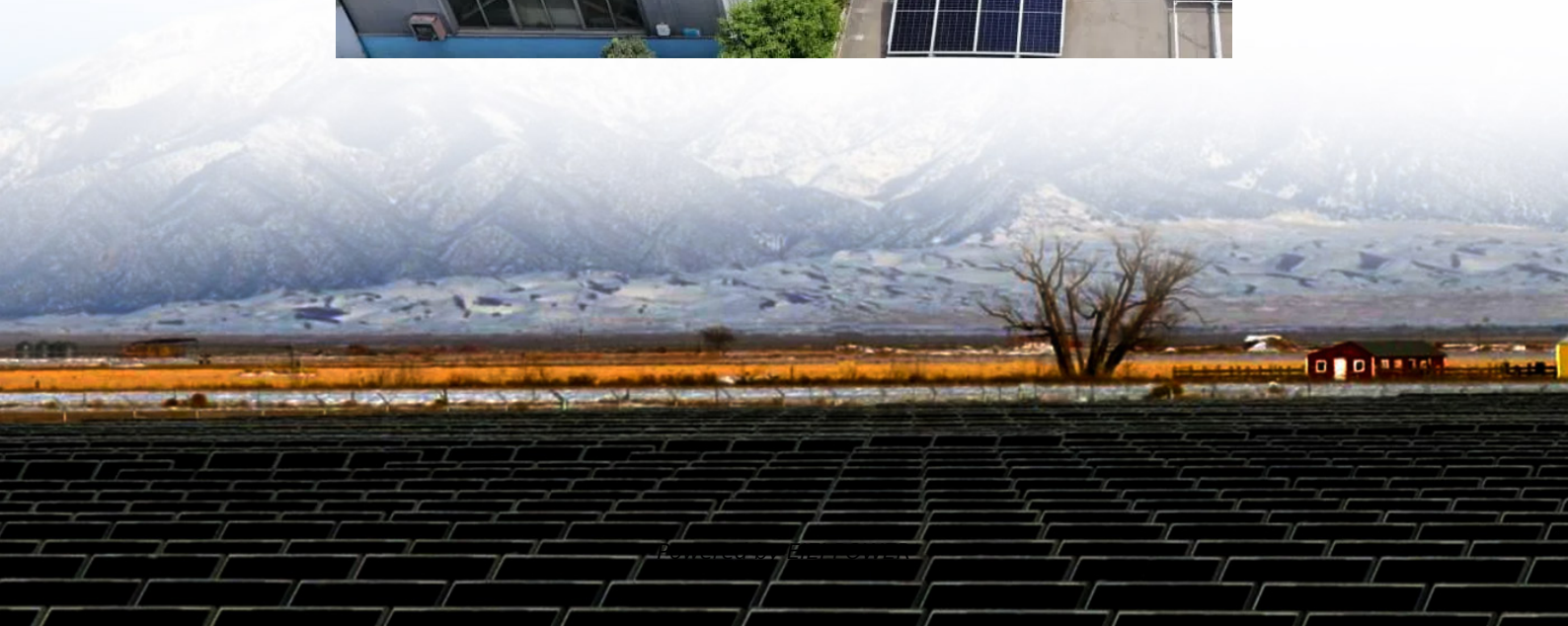


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## Overview

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Are solar and wind projects a viable solution to Africa's energy crisis?

Over 600 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa still lack access to electricity, creating a significant demand for new energy infrastructure. Utility-scale solar and wind projects offer a scalable solution to this challenge, enabling governments and utilities to increase grid capacity and improve energy access on a large scale. 2.

Can large-scale solar and wind energy projects benefit communities in Sub-Saharan Africa?

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Why are solar and wind projects growing in Africa?

Several key factors are fueling the rise of utility-scale solar and wind projects:  
1. Rising Energy Demand and Electrification Goals Africa's population is expected to reach 2.5 billion by 2050, driving massive increases in energy consumption.

What role does wind play in Africa's future electricity mix?

Both on and offshore wind energy resources can play a role in the future African electricity mix by 2040 and beyond to supply a fast-growing demand. Onshore wind power is generated from turbines located on land.



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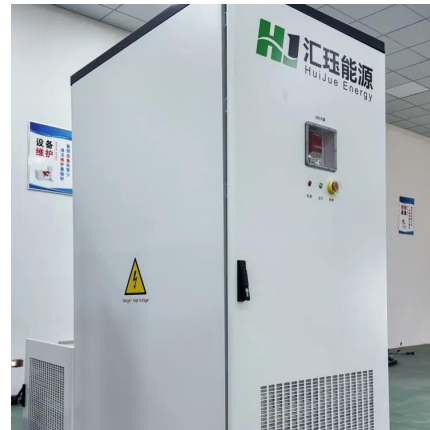


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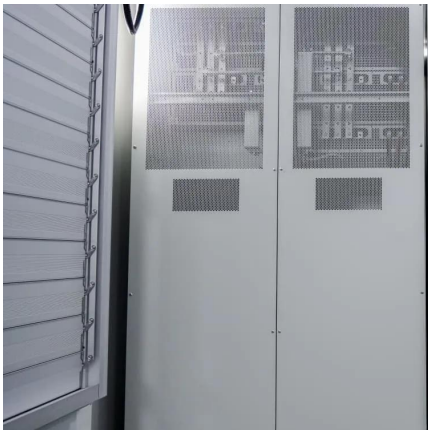
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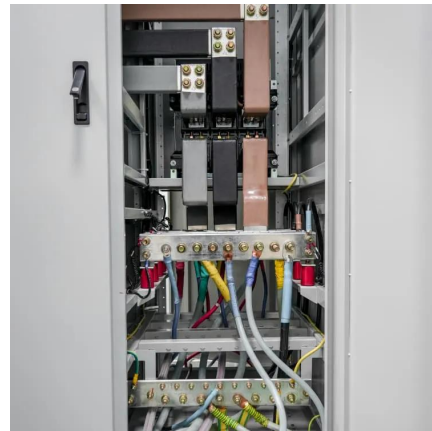


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