

Kazakhstan's solar power generation and storage

Is solar energy a viable energy source in Kazakhstan?

In 2019, another solar power plant in Kazakhstan, Saran, with a capacity of 100 MW started its operation in the Karaganda region (Satubaldina, 2020). According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), within the period of 40 years, solar energy has a potential to meet about 20-25% of the energy demand of the country.

Is Kazakhstan a good place to install solar power plants?

At least 50% of the territory of Kazakhstan is suitable for installing solar power plants (Antonov, 2014). However, up until recently, solar resources of the country were not being used for power generation. Kazakhstan is developing solar energy technologies, namely production of photovoltaic modules using local silicon.

What is the energy transition in Kazakhstan?

To date, the energy transition in Kazakhstan has almost exclusively focused on electricity generation, consisting mainly of the deployment of new solar and wind facilities. By contrast, there is almost no heat production from renewable energy sources, aside from traditional biomass such as fire-wood. The biogas sector remains very underdeveloped.

What are Kazakhstan's Energy goals?

In 2013, Kazakhstan introduced renewable energy targets: by 2020, 3% of electricity was to be generated from solar, wind, small hydro-power, and biogas – a target that was met on time. By 2030, the goal is to reach 15%. There is also an interim target of 6% by 2025, which Kazakhstan is on track to achieve.

Can solar power drive Kazakhstan's decarbonisation?

The focus now is on leveraging solar's comparative advantages to drive forward Kazakhstan's decarbonisation and harness its significant solar resources. This report builds on the first edition of solar investment opportunities in Kazakhstan.

Why is grid integration a problem in the Kazakh power system?

Although the share of wind and solar energy in the Kazakh power system is still relatively low, grid integration issues are already becoming a concern. This is because the output of old coal-fired power plants, unlike that of hydro-power or gas-fired power plants, cannot be flexibly regulated.

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This article delves into the progress made in Kazakhstan's renewable energy landscape, focusing on generation capacity, legislative changes, and ongoing efforts to ...

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23 %; ASTANA - Kazakhstan's renewable energy sector demonstrated steady growth in 2024, though energy storage systems remain a key challenge, said experts during a ...

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency, Kazakhstan had an installed solar power generation capacity of around 1,719 ...

Kazakhstan's conventional power generation plants were mostly built between 1960 and 1980, to Soviet specifications. 85% of the total power generation is over 35 years old.

Kazakhstan's electricity mix includes 54% Coal, 29% Gas and 10% Hydropower. Low-carbon generation reached a record high in 2025.

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Over 40 technology options for power generation and industrial heat supply, including emerging technologies, such as Power-to-X, carbon capture and storage and battery storage Optimised ...

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Is Kazakhstan a good place to invest in solar power? Kazakhstan has remarkable solar potential with a very well-designed auction system, a clear renewable capacity addition schedule, and a ...

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The authors analysed the potential of solar energy in rural areas of the Republic of Kazakhstan: The average monthly solar radiation (insolation level) on a horizontal area; gross input of solar ...

The energy subsidy reform initiative represents a pivotal milestone for Kazakhstan in working towards a more secure, sustainable, and reliable energy supply.

Centralized production is electricity generation by large power facilities such as thermal power plants, district-level electrical systems, state district power plants, and large hydroelectric ...

Kazakhstan is readied to reach 10.3% of power generation from renewables in 2030, thus a little topping its original end-of-decade target but missing the revised one of 15%, ...

Kazakhstan, with its vast territory, holds immense potential for the development of cheap solar and wind energy. As of mid-2023, the country had a share of 5% variable ...

Kazakhstan's renewable energy capacity is projected to grow significantly, with 455 MW of new capacity expected to be added in 2025. The Ministry of Energy announced plans ...

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Renewable energy sources are forecast to account for 34% of the total electricity generation capacity in Kazakhstan by 2035, compared with 21% in 2023, according to ...

An unlikely energy transition pioneer Kazakhstan (population 19.6 million) is Central Asia's largest economy and exhibits all the characteristics of carbon lock-in. It is dependent on exports of oil ...

As Kazakhstan expands renewables, more investment will be needed in flexible capacity such as gas-fired and hydro power plants to accommodate the variability of solar and ...

Kazakhstan is Central Asia's energy transition pioneer. It was the first country in the region to set renewable energy targets, develop a functioning support mechanism for wind ...

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