

Ethiopia Energy Storage Project







Overview

Together with the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA), the University of Addis Ababa (AAU), the Ministry of Water and Energy, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, we are exploring cutting-edge solutions to one of Ethiopia's greatest development challenges: sustainable and reliable energy storage. Will Ethiopia's largest hydro-electric dam straddling the Blue Nile help electrify the country?

The vastness of the building site was at first overwhelming for the young Ethiopian mechanical engineer. Hundreds were already digging the foundations in tough conditions for what is now Africa's largest hydro-electric dam, straddling the Blue Nile. The dam will help electrify the country as well as provide power to the region.

How much power can Ethiopia produce without a dam?

Now, with all the turbines working, thoughts turn to what difference the power can make to Ethiopia. At full capacity it should generate 5,100MW of power - more than double what the country produces without the dam and enough to supply tens of millions more homes in the country.

Will Ethiopia's new dam improve online shopping?

There is a strong sense of pride in what Ethiopia has managed to accomplish with the completion of the dam. A 20-year-old university student, Yabsira Misganw, who was advertising a new online shopping mobile app, said the new dam "will provide stable electricity and improve online services."

Will extra power help Ethiopia's bitcoin mining industry?

While the extra power will help the country's burgeoning bitcoin mining industry, most rural Ethiopians may have to wait a little longer to benefit. Access to electricity in rural areas is often constrained by underdeveloped transmission networks.

Will 90% of Ethiopia's population get electricity by 2030?



Our intention is by 2030 at least 90% of our nation should get access to electricity," he said. Thirty-five-year-old Getenesh Gabiso, who lives in Alamura, a farming village just outside Hawassa, a major city in southern Ethiopia, is one of those who is imagining the difference it could make.

Will Ethiopia's new dam stop floods & drought?

The dam's reservoir has flooded an area larger than Greater London, which the government says will provide a steady water supply for irrigation downstream while limiting floods and drought. Ethiopia's downstream neighbors, however, have watched the project advance with dread since construction began in 2011.



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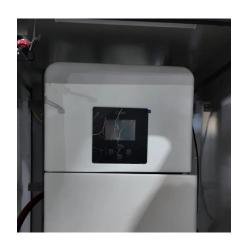




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