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## Overview

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Is a solar energy project in Senegal the biggest in West Africa?

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Why is battery storage important in Senegal?

Battery storage offers incredible opportunities for Senegal to reap the benefits of renewables, while ensuring people get a secure, reliable supply of energy. We are excited to begin a promising new chapter in Senegal and further strengthen our work in the renewable energy sector.”.

When will a battery energy storage system start in Senegal?

Construction of the battery energy storage system is expected to commence in early 2024 at the Tobène substation in Thies and is expected to become operational in 2025. Once complete, it will be one of the largest of its kind in West Africa, and will help Senegal to avoid approximately 37,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year.

When will a solar power plant be built in Senegal?

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