

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Nauru adds new power base station



## Overview

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The project will finance (i) a grid-connected solar power plant with a capacity of 6 megawatts (MW) of alternating current; and (ii) a 2.5-megawatt-hour (MWh), 5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) to enable smoothing of intermittent solar energy. How does Nauru generate electricity?

Nauru currently relies heavily on imported diesel for power generation, which poses challenges due to fuel price fluctuations and supply interruptions. About 3% of its electricity comes from solar photovoltaic installations. What key renewable energy projects are underway in Nauru?

Will Nauru install a solar power plant?

Nauru has embarked on an ambitious project to install a grid-connected solar power plant with a capacity of 6 megawatts (MW) of alternating current. This initiative is part of the Solar Power Development Project, which aims to diversify the energy mix and reduce reliance on diesel.

How can Nauru reduce its reliance on imported diesel?

In parallel, Nauru is rolling out a \$22 million renewable energy project aimed at reducing its reliance on imported diesel. The project includes a 6-megawatt solar farm which, now nearing completion, is expected to lift renewable energy's share of electricity generation from 3 per cent to 47 per cent.

What is Nauru doing now?

After years of economic stagnation, the country is now seeing positive momentum, fuelled by large-scale infrastructure investments, renewable energy projects, and a modest resurgence in tourism. A centrepiece of Nauru's infrastructure agenda is the construction of its first international seaport in Aiwo District.

Does Nauru need government subsidies?

The high cost of power generation in Nauru, often exceeding \$0.40 per kilowatt-hour, has historically required government subsidies to keep electricity affordable for residents. However, recent efforts, including support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), have aimed to improve the financial sustainability of the energy sector.

When was Nauru's First Sea-Level station installed?

Nauru's first sea-level station was installed in June 1993. All stations were operational by October 1994.

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