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Could locally produced batteries be a solution to Africa's energy crisis?

"With Eskom 's new 1.4 GWh energy storage project,locally produced batteries may provide a good opportunityfor a true local solution to an urgent need," says Naicker. "The lack of affordable batteries has prohibited the mass-penetration of much-needed energy storage solutions throughout Africa," he adds.

How much does a battery cost in Sub-Saharan Africa?

"Sub-Saharan Africa has all the critical battery minerals, but we are selling them for approximately \$0.50 per cell, and then buying the cells back at approximately ten time the price. This does not make sense."

Where do African buyers buy automotive batteries?

A large number of African buyers are also buying their requirements for automotive batteries from suppliers,wholesalers of batteries inDubai. The manufacturers are being supported in their campaign by their respective revenue authorities,national environmental bodies,trade ministries and,notably,the East African Community.

Does Scatec have a solar-plus-storage site in South Africa?

Scatec's Kenhardtsolar-plus-storage site in South Africa (above),which went online at the end of 2023. Image: Scatec. Africa's energy storage market has seen a boom since 2017,having risen from just 31MWh to 1,600MWh in 2024,according to trade body AFSIA Solar's latest report.

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