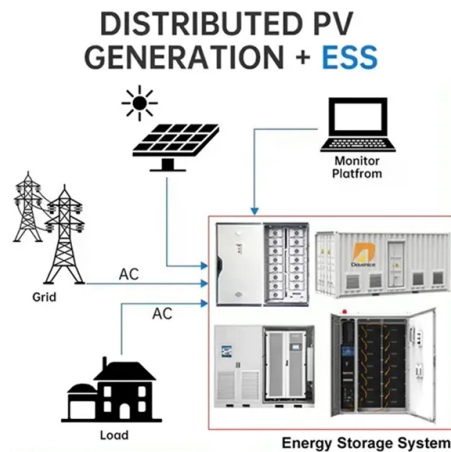


African Energy Consumption Data Center



Overview

Africa's data center power demand is growing between 20% and 25% annually and could reach 8,000 gigawatt-hours (GWh) in the coming years, raising fresh questions about how the continent will power its digital future. In Africa, where the demand for digital services is surging — fueled by mobile penetration, fintech innovation, and a young, connected population — the case for expanding data center capacity is clear. However, the continent's potential is hindered by underdeveloped energy infrastructure. Energy Information System (AEIS). Reliable, timely, updated and harmonised energy statistics are fundamental to evidence-based policymaking, investment planning, monitoring and evaluation of Africa's progress toward sustainable energy transitions. This concern was raised by experts who spoke at the Hyperscalers Convergence. As data center demand accelerates across Africa, electricity infrastructure is emerging as the decisive enabler of digital growth, investment and energy-system transformation The global digital economy is driving an unprecedented surge in electricity demand from data centers and IT infrastructure. But demand is expected to grow from 0.2 GW by 2030, according to McKinsey.



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