

What is the Botswana Power Corporation doing?

The Botswana Power Corporation is undertaking key projects that will expand the power grid and stabilize the power supply. The BPC has laid out coherent plans to improve access to electricity and to diversify the energy mix.

What is Botswana's energy policy?

Botswana's energy policy is anchored on three key aspects - increasing access to electricity through the Rural Electrification Project, security, and stabilization of the power supply, and onboarding Independent Power Producers, especially within the Solar PV sector (BPC 2020).

Is Botswana a good country for solar power?

Botswana has ample domestic resources capable of meeting the power demand. The most significant resource is coal, whose reserves are estimated at 212 billion tons. Also, with many parts of the country experiencing an annual Direct Normal Irradiation equivalent of 3000 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/a, Botswana is primed for solar power.

Why is Botswana a good country?

Policies and ethics Botswana has a very strategic central geographical location in southern Africa. The country has a huge potential to export electricity to its neighbors if its current energy resources are fully exploited. While the generation of power has been overly skewed toward...

How much power does Botswana need?

Taking a deeper look at historical power generation figures, Botswana's annual generation has plateaued around the 3700-4000 GWh range. For the long-term target, the government has set a target of 1.5 GW of new capacity by 2040 (Reuters 2021). Botswana has ample domestic resources capable of meeting the power demand.

Should Botswana import electricity from South Africa?

Since the Union of South Africa ran a highly developed power sector with surplus power, there was a consensus to avoid developing Botswana's domestic resources further and instead import the electricity, just like many other commodities (Kanduza 2009, p. 40).

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