

Mozambique could become home to the entire supply chain for electric vehicles (EV), according to a United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report last month which points to the rich deposits of graphite in the country and "promising trends" in capital and labour.

Mozambique wants to be a reference in the world market for electric vehicles. The government of this East African country is negotiating with the Japanese authorities to build a factory dedicated to the local manufacture of batteries. If the talks reach an agreement, the factory will be located in the province of Cabo Delgado.

Official figures show that graphite produced in Mozambique, which feeds the electric vehicle battery industry, reached only 11% of the target set for the whole year by September, down 55% from the first nine months of 2023.

The battery commodities market is experiencing a golden age of growth and development, spurred by rapid technological advances and the growing demand for batteries to support cleaner mobility and the roll-out of variable renewables generators.

The Mozambican government intends to set up an electric vehicle battery plant in the country to meet the growing demand of domestic and international markets, a senior official has said. "In the coming years, we are thinking of introducing electric vehicles, and even next year we would like to start assembling electric buses in the country.

On 14 September 2020, H.E. Filipe Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, Hon. Carlos Zacarias, the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy and other distinguished guests officially inaugurated the Cuamba Solar plant, which is Mozambique's very first combined utility-scale solar and energy storage plant.

Samir Salé, country and business development director of Globeleq, talks to The Energy Year about fast-tracking renewables projects in Mozambique and the potential of solar generation and battery storage in the country's energy mix.

After having invested US\$300 million from the World Bank in the extension of the port of Nampula, the State of Mozambique is in the midst of negotiations with Japan, which should soon install a factory for the local manufacture of batteries for electric vehicles.

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Maputo, Mozambique - Mozambique is set to become a key player in the global electric vehicle revolution as Indonesian businesses express keen interest in investing in the country's mineral resources for battery production.

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