

What is Morocco's energy strategy?

When Morocco introduced its national energy strategy in 2009, it initiated an energy transition which aims to ensure that about half of installed electricity generating capacity will come from renewable energy sources by 2030.

Is Morocco a driver of green and competitive energy?

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What are Morocco's energy policy initiatives?

Beyond the advancement of renewable energy, Morocco's policy initiatives encompass energy efficiency measures in challenging-to-abate sectors, such as building insulation and the adoption of energy-saving light bulbs. The overarching objective is to achieve a 20% reduction in overall energy consumption by 2030.

How does the Moroccan energy system work?

The Moroccan energy system in BAU develops in line with the continuation of already legislated energy and climate policies, current trends, existing plans, and cost improvements in low-carbon technologies [ 22 ], while no emission reduction targets are imposed.

Does Morocco need a new energy policy?

The analysis shows that current policies in Morocco need significant strengthening to meet the targets outlined in its Nationally Determined Contribution for 2030, based on the elimination of coal-fired power plants and the uptake of renewable energy technologies, in particular wind and solar power.

Does Morocco's ambitious solar energy plan face challenges?

Source: International Energy Agency (IEA) . Morocco's ambitious initiative to diversify its electricity generation through a substantial expansion of solar power technologies, including PV panels and CSP, may face challenges due to the anticipated rise in dust and sandstorms in the region.

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Morocco has emerged as one of the ambitious middle-income countries in pursuing a proactive energy and climate policy align with its National Energy Strategy, which has been instrumental in reshaping the energy landscape [41].

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