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Overview

Are wind and solar power the fastest growing energy source?

Wind and solar power are the fastest growing electricity sources in our energy mix – but how does the cost of these renewables compare to other forms of generation?

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Why is onshore wind generation so expensive?

This is despite the fact that the cost of onshore wind generation technology increased by 8 per cent over the last year, as a result of inflationary pressures that had a disproportionate impact on the wind industry's material inputs and supply chains.

Which countries have the highest solar power costs in 2023?

• In 2023, the global weighted average costs of electricity from newly-commissioned utility scale solar photovoltaic (PV), onshore wind, offshore wind, concentrated solar power (CSP) and hydropower fell. • China represented the largest market for solar PV (63%), onshore wind (66%), offshore wind (65%) and hydropower (44%) in 2023.

Are solar PV projects reducing the cost of electricity in 2022?

Between 2022 and 2023, utility-scale solar PV projects showed the most significant decrease (by 12%). For newly commissioned onshore wind projects, the global weighted average LCOE fell by 3% year-on-year; whilst for offshore wind, the cost of electricity of new projects decreased by 7% compared to 2022.



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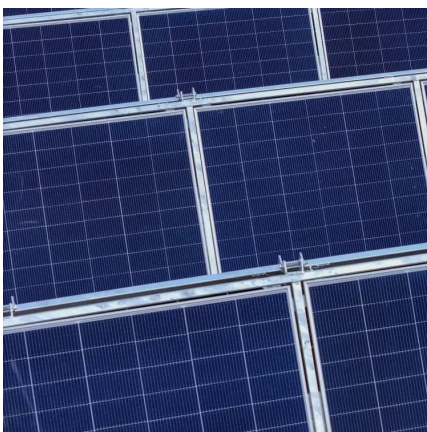


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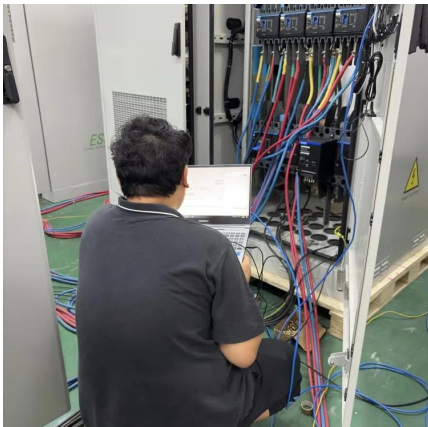


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