

Is solar energy a future energy resource?

The utilization of renewable energy as a future energy resource is drawing significant attention worldwide. The contribution of solar energy (including concentrating solar power (CSP) and solar photovoltaic (PV) power) to global electricity production, as one form of renewable energy sources, is generally still low, at 3.6%.

What is the contribution of solar energy to global electricity production?

While the contribution of solar energy to global electricity production remains generally low at 3.6%, it has firmly established itself among other renewable energy technologies, comprising nearly 31% of the total installed renewable energy capacity in 2022 (IRENA, 2023).

How will solar PV & wind impact global electricity generation?

The share of solar PV and wind in global electricity generation is forecast to double to 25% in 2028 in our main case. This rapid expansion in the next five years will have implications for power systems worldwide.

What is the EU solar energy strategy?

In May 2022, the European Commission adopted a new European Union (EU) Solar Energy Strategy aiming to ensure that solar energy achieves its full potential in helping to meet the European Green Deal's climate and energy targets. A goal of the strategy is to reach nearly 600 GW of installed solar photovoltaics (PV) capacity by 2030.

Why did China promote the solar PV industry?

The solar PV industry (as well as wind power) was supported and promoted with the explicit aim to create a leader in the global renewable energy market and to export equipment made in China to the promising solar markets in Europe and in USA. China's government wanted to take its export-oriented, "factory of the world" economy to the next level.

How will solar power change the world?

This will result in around a fivefold increase in solar PV capacity over the next decade (from 1 TW in 2022 up to 5042 GW in 2030), leading to significant growth in demand for PV modules. The installation of PV systems is expected to play a key role in meeting climate targets.

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