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The development objective of the Solar and Renewable Energy Storage (USRES) ...

The World Bank and other financial institutions will provide a US\$159 million package for a 250MW solar PV and 63MW battery energy storage system (BESS) project from UAE state-owned renewable energy developer Masdar in Uzbekistan.

The project, which is central Asia's first renewable project to be built with a co-located battery energy storage system (BESS), will include a storage capacity of 63MW. It will be built by Nur Bukhara Solar PV LLC FE, a new project company owned and controlled by Masdar, which won a bid to build the project in December 2022 by offering to sell electricity generated at the project at US\$0.03044/kWh.

Nur Bukhara Solar has already signed a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) to sell the plant's electricity to Uzbekistan's state-owned electricity grid, and has committed to managing the BESS component for the next ten years. The company will build the project in the Bukhara region in southern Uzbekistan, on the Turkmenistan border, but has not provided a timeline for the project's construction and commissioning.

The project's financing includes loans of US\$53 million, provided by the World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC), and loans worth US\$106 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

ACWA Power plans to build a 500 MW solar plant and a 500 MWh battery energy storage system in Uzbekistan under a project proposed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

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The ADB is proposing a large scale, solar-plus-battery system in Uzbekistan.

According to a listing on ADB's website, the Samarkand 1 Solar PV and BESS Project will involve the construction of two solar power plants, of 100 MW and 400 MW, a pooling station, 500 MWh BESS, loop-in loop-out transmission lines, and a 70 km overhead transmission line.

ADB said it will be one of the first utility-scale renewable energy projects with a battery energy storage system (BESS) component in Uzbekistan. It follows the announcement of the country's first BESS in May 2024 and the connection of the first phase of a 511 MW solar project in March of this year.

Separately, ACWA Power recently announced financial close on a 200 MW solar plant and 500 MWh BESS near the national capital, Tashkent.



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Uzbekistan had 253 MW of cumulative installed solar capacity at the end of last year, according to figures from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

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