

What is Panama's Plan Energético Nacional?

The PEN(Plan Energético Nacional) 2015-2050 aims to drastically increase the use of renewable energy in Panama to 70% of the country's energy mix. Panama aims to be carbon neutral by 2050, partially by emphasizing forest restoration to absorb CO2 emissions.

How much energy does Panama need?

Panama expects total energy demand to more than double between 2017 and 2030 (+113%), with peak demand growing from 1.6 GW to 3.5 GW. Panama is currently connected to Costa Rica via a 300 MW transmission line. A 400 MW high-voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnector with Colombia is expected to be commissioned by 2022.

What challenges do solar and wind companies face in Panama?

Despite abundant renewable energy resources, solar and wind companies in Panama face economic challenges, given that the current power market model is based on conventional sources such as thermal and hydropower generation and does not recognise the unique operating characteristics of variable renewable energy (VRE) generation.

What is Panama's power system like in 2017?

In 2017, Panama's power system had very large installed hydropower capacity (54% of total capacity) and substantial VRE capacity (45.3%). The generation breakdown was 64% renewable energy (36% run-of-river hydro, 18% reservoir hydro, 8% wind, 2% solar photovoltaics (PV)) and 36% thermal generation (29% oil and 7% coal).

What is Panama's energy supply?

This page is part of Global Energy Monitor's Latin America Energy Portal. Panama currently relies on imported oil for the majority of its total energy supply. In the electrical sector, hydro energy also plays a key role, accounting for 43.9% of installed capacity and 67.2% of total generation as of 2020.

Does Panama have solar power?

Since 2014, investments in solar and wind energy have grown markedly. Today, more than two-thirds of Panama's electricity generation comes from clean sources, primarily through the contribution of hydropower. The country also has the largest wind farm in the region, and solar power generation - although still modest - has begun to take off rapidly.

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To address these challenges, Panama's National Energy Plan 2015-2050 has started moving the energy sector decisively towards a more diverse energy mix that takes full advantage of the country's significant renewable energy resource potential.

Panama's National Energy Plan 2015-2050 outlines long-term strategy for the country's energy sector development, including renewables. The Plan established that 15% of Panama's generation capacity will come from renewables by 2030 and 50% by 2050.

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Panama is the top energy consumer in Central America and imports more than 80% of its energy. In order to meet consumer demand, Panama is part of the SIEPAC (Sistema de Interconexi3n El3ctrica de los Pa3ses de Am3rica Central), the electrical transmission grid connecting Central American countries. [20]

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