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Solar is taking off across Africa in a big way. According to a new analysis of China's solar panel exports data from energy think tank Ember, solar panel imports into the continent jumped 60% in the 12 months through June 2025, setting a record that could reshape electricity systems in many.

Chinese solar equipment has been flooding African markets, partly as a ripple effect of the US-China trade war. It's one of several factors helping the continent gain traction with electrification. Solar power is widely recognized as an excellent solution for Africa. Sunlight is abundant, economies.

There are countless stories about wondrous new consumer goods — new electric cars that cost less, go further, and charge faster always make for interesting reading and CleanTechnica will have its share of those this week. But underneath all the hype and hope, there are a few stories about.

Tonye Irims, WiSolar's founder and chief executive, points out that Africa's solar potential is vast, underpinned by its abundant reserves of tin, copper, and silicon, essential materials for solar panel production. Yet despite these natural advantages, high production costs, scarce affordable.

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into the continent have soared by 60% in the year leading up to June 2025. This remarkable growth has enabled Africa to reach a milestone of 15 gigawatts (GW) in solar imports, a development poised to transform.

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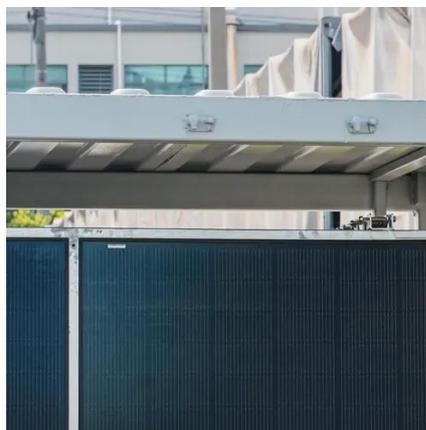*SCCD-SK SOLAR - Professional Energy Solutions*

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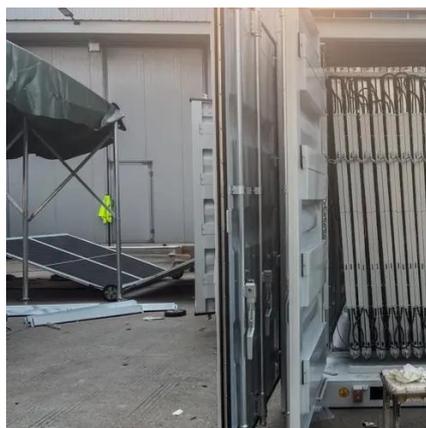

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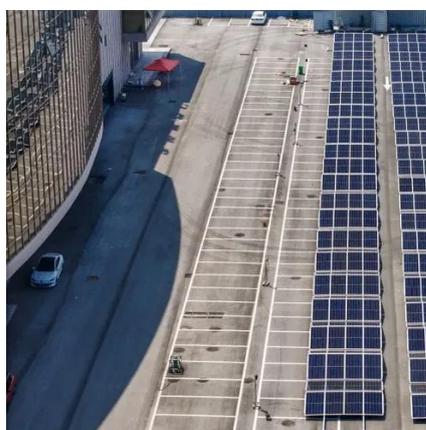

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