

# Use of bifacial solar panels in West Africa





## Overview

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What are bifacial solar panels?

The flexibility of bifacial modules allows for various installation orientations, including vertical and east-west, which can help balance load profiles and reduce bottlenecks. Bifacial solar cells are found to provide higher current density and power compared to monofacial cells.

What are bifacial photovoltaics?

Bifacial photovoltaics (BPVs) are a promising alternative to conventional monofacial photovoltaics given their ability to exploit solar irradiance from both the front and rear sides of the panel, allowing for a higher amount of energy production per unit area.

Why are bifacial solar panels becoming more popular?

In the solar PV industry, bifacial PV modules are becoming increasingly popular. This is because, when compared to monofacial PV modules, the module can absorb radiation on both sides of the panels to generate electricity, increasing the energy yield per square area.

What are bifacial and monofacial solar cells?

Front and rear view of monofacial and bifacial photovoltaic (PV) modules . Bifacial solar cells encased in a glass/backsheet structure provide more power under standard test conditions (STC) than glass/glass PV bifacial modules.



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