

Morocco Dedicates 1st Phase of Massive Solar Power Plant

Morocco's King Mohammed VI inaugurated the first phase of what will eventually be the world's biggest concentrated solar energy plant. The project is intended to slash greenhouse gas emissions.

The massive plant is located outside the central city of Ouarzazate, on the edge of the Sahara desert.

"We can see that it is possible to get energy independence with solar systems and it is a fantastic message for all African continent and all around the world," French Environment Minister Segolene Royal said.

A concentrated solar plant collects thermal energy from the sun's rays in metal mirrors and stores the energy to use at night or during cloud cover.

The Moroccan plant, called Noor 1, uses 500,000 mirrors spread out over an area as large as 600 football (soccer) fields.

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