

Upscaling Large Scale Solar in Nigeria:

The conference on upscaling large scale solar in Nigeria is an important step towards a more sustainable future. With the right strategies and investments, Nigeria can become a leader in renewable energy.

Electricity access by country (Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa)



Nigeria
45%



Egypt
99.6%

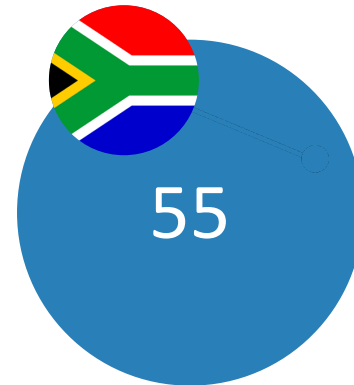


South Africa
85%



Base Load Capacity GW

Grid capacity and base load play important roles in increasing the penetration of large-scale solar power



South Africa's base load capacity is primarily supported by its thermal power plants, which rely on natural gas as the primary fuel.



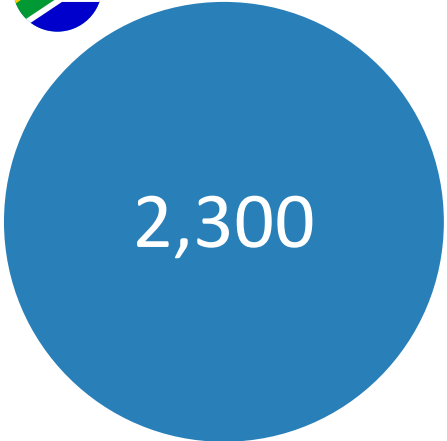
Egypt's base load capacity is primarily supported by Coal power plants. Others are hydro and nuclear



Nigeria's base load is mainly supported by thermal power plant and hydro.

on-Grid PV MW

Grid tied Solar Plant development (Post FID)



The De Aar Solar Power Plant is one of the flag ship grid tied PV plant in SA. It has a total capacity of 175 megawatts (MW) and consists of a vast array of solar panels spread across a large area of land.



One of the largest grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) projects in Egypt is the Benban Solar Park. Located in the Aswan Governorate, the Benban Solar Park is 1.8 GW and it is one of the largest in the world



The NSIA with technical partners Eauxwell Greencells has just finished construction of a 11.5 MW grid tied PV project in Kano State Nigeria. This is the first of its kind and is the biggest in Nigeria.



525
MW

**INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY
2021***

1.8
percent

**SOLAR ENERGY
CONTRIBUTION TO NIGERIA
ELECTRICITY**

30
Percent

**RENEWABLE ENERGY
PENETRATION IN THE
NATIONAL ENERGY MIX BY
2030.**



UPSCALE



Policy, Framework

Nigeria Electricity Road Map 2019
National Energy Efficiency Action Plan
Nigeria Electrification Program
Electricity Act 2023

Business Model

Value Chain
Site and Client Focus
System Configuration
Tariff Structure
Operational Organization

Financing

Grant ;DFI Gov AID
Debt; Banks, VC PE
Equity; PE, VC, Export Banks, Commercial Banks, Investment Banks, Funds

Construction

Tender
Supply Chain
Local Content
Logistics
Capacity

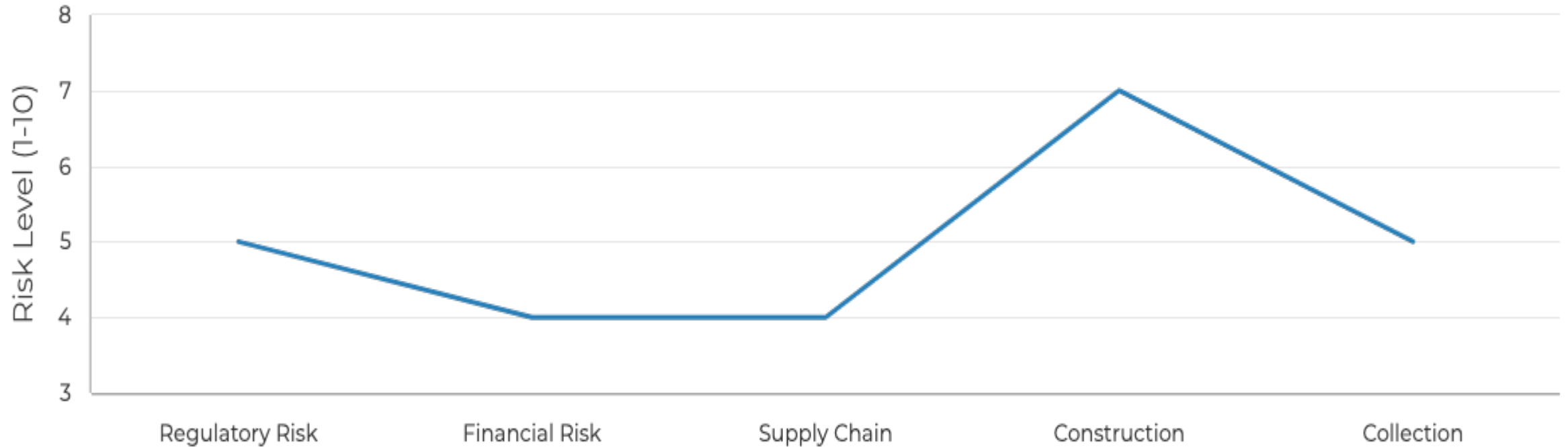
Connections

Monthly PPA
Pay as you go
National grid tied
Isolated grid tied

Sustenance

Operational and Maintenance
Steady Collections
FX repatriation
Expansion

Understanding Construction Risk in Large Scale Solar Value Chain



Large scale solar value chain is exposed to a moderate level of risk.

Construction



**Kano
Nigeria
2023**

Project Numbers

- **21,465 PV Modules**
- **52 Nos of 200 kw PV inverter**
- **Balance of Plant system**
- **LT & HT panels**
- **2 No. 6.5MVA, 800/33 kv Step-up Transformers**
- **1 x 15 MVA, 33/11 kV power transformer**
- **1 x 100 k kVA, 33/0.400kV auxiliary transformer**
- **12 km of 33 kV overhead power lines**
- **Ownership: FG Nigeria with 80%, Kano State Government with 15%, and Kumbotso LGA with 5%**
- **Duration: 15 Months**
- **Labour: 250 workers on site**

RECOMMENDATION



1. Supportive Policy

Framework: Clear regulations and incentives

Long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs)

2. Enhanced Grid Infrastructure

Upgrade and expand transmission and distribution networks

Improve grid stability and reliability

3. Financial Mechanism & Incentives

Affordable financing options (low-interest loans)

Fiscal incentives (tax breaks, customs duty exemptions)

4. Capacity Building & Skill development

Training programs for local workforce

Technical training on installation and maintenance

5. Research and Development (R&D):

Invest in solar PV technology, energy storage, and grid integration

R&D Partnerships with academic institutions and research centers

6. Community Engagement and Awareness

Engage local communities and address concerns

Share benefits through job creation and social programs