

Maldives microgrid benefits

The 26 solar hybrid microgrids are connected with central monitoring and control through a shared SCADA system. The aim of the project, which was undertaken by German microgrid specialist DHYBRID with support from the Maldivian Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, was to improve energy generation on the islands and reduce ...

The new microgrids are monitored in the utility's central monitoring stations at Fenaka's headquarters in the Maldivian capital city of Malé. All 26 islands are centrally monitored by a SCADA system developed by DHYBRID. Access is granted via a secure, encrypted VPN connection.

Reducing the Maldives' reliance on diesel generation is a key part of the POISED project, which is aiming to transform existing diesel-based energy microgrids into hybrid renewable energy systems. In 2020, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Environment Ministry of the Maldives launched a plan to roll out solar-battery-diesel hybrids ...

A fundamental function of the microgrid control is to ensure the stability of the electric network, but an equally important goal is to reduce energy consumption and promote the local generation of energy, particularly from renewable energy sources such as small-scale wind and solar.

The micro-grid system will provide substantial environmental benefits through higher energy efficiency and by facilitating the integration of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels.

This report shows how Maldives can switch to hybrid renewable mini-grid energy systems to reduce its heavy dependency on imported fossil fuel, slice emissions, and support sustainable and inclusive growth.

It shows how the ADB-backed Preparing Outer Islands for Sustainable Energy Development (POISED) project worked with utilities to install hybrid energy generation alongside advanced battery storage and management systems for Maldives' outer islands. Setting out the social, economic, and environmental benefits of a shift to hybrid systems, the report explains how other climate vulnerable countries could follow suit and use similar low-carbon technologies to improve their energy security.

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