

Can germanium improve solar energy production?

The incorporation of germanium breathes new life into solar cell technology, offering several edges over traditional silicon-based photovoltaic systems. The conversion efficiency - a key yardstick in renewable energy production - can witness marked improvement with germanium-centric solar power frameworks.

Who will implement solar project in Nauru?

The executing agency will be the Department of Finance and Sustainable Development. The implementing agency for solar component of project will be the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC). NUC will establish a project management unit within their existing organisational structure to implement the project.

Does Nauru need solar power?

“Now Nauru's power generation mainly relies on diesel. That's expensive and would pollute the environment,” said John Scott, who has been working for the project since 2022. “There is a lot of sunshine here and it's good for solar power. I believe electricity supply here will be much better when the project is completed,” Scott told Xinhua.

How will ADB support the Nauru solar power development project?

ADB also provided GoN support to prepare a Feasibility Study for the recommended Nauru Solar Power Development Project which will comprise of a 6 megawatt PV plant coupled with a 5 megawatt /2.5 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system coupled with a SCADA installation.

Can germanium be used as a semiconductor material for solar power?

Nonetheless, monetary considerations retain paramount importance while transitioning from laboratory-scale fabrication towards commercialization. In the realm of high-efficiency solar power systems, a profound enigma lies in the utilization of germanium as a semiconductor material.

How does Nauru get its energy?

Nauru predominantly sources its energy through diesel power generators. About 5% of its current energy demand is sourced from renewable energy, of which all is from solar power photovoltaic (PV) installations. A 500-kW ground-mounted solar installation was commissioned in 2016, and a number of residences have rooftop solar PV installations.

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In collaboration with Azur Space, a recycling path has been implemented that allows for 80% of the germanium to be recovered from the backgrinding process to thin the germanium used in a solar cell.

The Solar Power Development Project will finance (i) a grid-connected solar power plant with a capacity of 6 megawatts (MW) of alternating current; and (ii) a 2.5-megawatt-hour, 5 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) to enable smoothing of intermittent solar energy.

To recover germanium from the waste solar panels, the novel sequential process of catechol complexation, adsorption, elution using the anion-exchange membrane, and solvent extraction with trioctylphosphine oxide was proposed.

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