

The state-owned China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) began building a 300 MW solar power plant in Algeria's Oued Province in March 2024 as part of the Solar 1,000 MW program. The project is slated for completion by late 2025 or early 2026.

Currently under construction in Biskra province, the 300MW solar plant is the first of eleven PV facilities planned under Algeria's Solar 1000 programme, which aims to install 1GW of capacity across the country.

Building on the Solar 2,000 MW and Solar 1,000 MW programs launched by Algeria's state-owned company Sonelgaz, which include a wide range of solar energy initiatives, the government aims to diversify its revenue streams and reduce reliance on natural gas, which is currently primarily used for power generation in the country.

The launch of the Biskra 300MW Solar Power Plant--the nation's largest photovoltaic(PV) project to date--marks a major step forward in Algeria's renewable energy ambitions.

The two photovoltaic projects have a capacity of 220 megawatts and 150 megawatts, respectively, and will be constructed by POWERCHINA using an EPC model. The two projects are parts of the 15 gigawatts photovoltaic network planned and constructed for Algeria by 2035.

Among them, the 233-megawatt photovoltaic project completed in 2016 was Algeria's first new energy project and also the first large-scale grid-connected photovoltaic power station project in Africa. It was honored with the Luban Prize for Overseas Projects in 2018-2019.

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