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Is hydropower a cornerstone of South America's energy infrastructure?

Providing 45% of electricity supply in South America, hydropower stands "as a cornerstone of the region's energy infrastructure", the International Hydropower Association reports in its 2024 World Hydropower Outlook.

Which countries are focusing on hydropower development in South America?

Currently only utilising about 20% of its estimated hydropower potential, to help support further development, Argentina has implemented several policies and incentives including feed-in tariffs and PPAs specially targeting small hydro schemes up to 30MW. Another country in South America to watch, according to the IHA, is Bolivia.

Is hydropower the future of South America?

Hydropower remains the backbone of South America's energy system, and as the region embraces innovation and sustainability - through certified projects and hybrid systems such as floating solar - its vast Andean-Amazon potential continues to shape a resilient, renewable future. Cachoeira Caldeirão hydropower project, Brazil. Credit: Engie

Why is hydropower important in South America?

Hydropower is vital for South America's energy mix, and thanks to natural resources such as the Andes mountains and the Amazon basin, potential for generation is vast. A mere 30% of the region's hydropower potential is currently being exploited, but even that satisfies approximately 45% of the continent's electricity demand.

You've probably heard about solar panels and wind turbines, but what happens when the sun isn't shining or the wind stops blowing? That's where the Bogotá Pumped Storage Power Station comes in.

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Leading hydropower operator, Colbún, which is also the third largest power generation company in Chile, is now working with the UK clean-technology company RheEnergise, to explore ...

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In several countries in South America, hydropower provides more than half of total electricity supply and it is expected to remain the region's largest renewable source for years to come.

The project adopts the world-leading lithium iron phosphate battery energy storage system, installs 80 battery compartments, 40 sets of integrated step-up and conversion machines, and builds a new 220 ...

The IHA says that investing in the modernisation of ageing hydropower plants across the continent, where more than 50% of installed capacity is over 30 years old, will increase climate ...

Countries with support policies are 30% more likely to invest in renewable energy. The region has gradually adopted a more or less uniform legal framework that takes advantage of its geographical ...

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