

# **Energy environment and storage Kiribati**

### What is Kiribati integrated energy roadmap?

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#### Does Kiribati need electricity?

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#### Does Kiribati have a solar power system?

Kiribati has been successfully using solarPV for outer island electrification for over20 years. The government owned KiribatiSolar Energy Company (KSEC) has a poolof technicians skilled in the installation andmaintenance of off-grid solar power sys-tems.

#### Who generates electricity in Kiribati?

Sector context. Grid-connected electricity in Kiribati's capital, South Tarawa, is generated 4. and distributed by the Public Utilities Board(PUB), a state-owned electricity and water utility.

#### Why is electricity so expensive in Kiribati?

Of the 7,877 households in South Tarawa (44% of total households in Kiribati),72.4% are connected to grid electricity. Access is largely for lighting, and that lighting is often insufficient, inefficient, and expensive. The high electricity cost has suppressed demand and has hindered growth in the commercial and tourism sectors.

#### How does Tarawa use electricity in Kiribati?

Tarawa uses the bulk of the energy imported to Kiribati. Kiritimati is the largest island in Kiribati, buthas little land transport. Instead, most residents are connected to one of the small diesel powered electricity gridslocated on the island.

developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided

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The National Energy Policy of 2009 is the primary reference document for energy in Kiribati. Tarawa is urbanised with grid-delivered electricity available to most residences, with a substantial public and private land transport component of energy end use. Tarawa uses the bulk of the energy imported to Kiribati.

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