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Burma's (Myanmar's) electricity generation mainly depends on gas and hydropower, while renewable sources such as solar and wind contribute merely one percent to the overall output. However, residential solar systems have gained significant popularity and widespread adoption since the year 2022.

The solar marketing industry is experiencing significant growth, which is a promising development. Solar renewable energy is widely recognized for its environmentally friendly nature, sustainability, and positive environmental impact. The solar industry in Myanmar has experienced a significant expansion of ten times its previous size within the last year. Solar panels are classified as priority products for import, alongside other commodities such as medical supplies and fuel.

Importers in the potential growing market exhibit a preference for high-quality products and advanced technologies to effectively compete with counterparts from China and Thailand. U.S. companies operating in the solar industry are advised to establish partnerships with domestic importers to successfully enter the expanding market.

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Solar energy is just beginning to gain some traction in Myanmar, a country that has been gradually opening up its economy and society to the world since 2011. Demand for energy has been growing fast, in parallel with the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) member's economy, and solar energy is competing against a variety of conventional, as well as alternative low- or zero-carbon, energy resources for its share of Myanmar's energy mix.

Renewable energy, in the form of large-scale hydroelectric power, already accounts for around 60%, the single largest share, of Myanmar's electricity generation mix. The country also has an abundance of natural gas, an important export and the source of hard, foreign currency export revenues, as well as domestic power generation.

Solar could play a big role in achieving Myanmar's energy access, renewable energy and climate change goals, as well as go a long way towards setting Myanmar firmly on a sustainable development pathway,



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however. Levels vary widely across this geographically diverse Southeast Asian nation, but on the whole, Myanmar is endowed with an abundance of solar energy resource potential,

"Myanmar has incredible potential for solar energy: the International Growth Centre has estimated Myanmar's solar potential to be 51.973 TWh (terawatt-hours) annually," according to FinerGreen and ABO Wind, the authors of the SolarPower Europe Emerging Markets Task Force's Myanmar research report, which was released in May.

A nation of some 55 million and growing as of a 2014 census, just 42% of Myanmar households had access to electricity, according to the first, June 2019 nationwide assessment of distributed energy market potential in Myanmar, which was produced by Smart Power Myanmar, a national platform with a mandate to advance a modern energy ecosystem in the country.

Myanmar is one of the most poorly electrified countries in Southeast Asia, with an average electrification rate of 39% at the end of 2017. According to the Germanwatch Global Climate Risk Index, Myanmar was also one of the countries that was most affected by extreme weather events in the years between 1997 and 2016. The country would therefore benefit from decentralized power generation solutions, like solar.

That said, Myanmar's economy grew from 5.6% to 8% from fiscal year 2011 to 2015, fueled by strong growth in the construction, manufacturing and services sectors, according to the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) December 2016 Myanmar: Energy Sector Assessment, Strategy and Road Map report. ADB forecast that GDP growth would accelerate to 8.3% in fiscal year 2015 and continue around that level in 2016.

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