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The move will also look to launch 600MW of wind energy in 2026, plus "several other" solar PV and battery energy storage system (BESS) projects. The company already has around 2,237MW of installed capacity in the country, including technologies such as pumped hydro, natural gas and BESS, primarily through its wholly-owned subsidiary Kallpa.

Inkia also confirmed that it will expand the generation capacity of its "Sunny" solar PV power plant in southern Peru from 228MW to 338MW after receiving environmental approval. The plant is expected to be operational by the second half of 2025. Construction is currently underway.

The expansion of this solar PV power plant could make it the largest in Peru, trumping Zelestra's; formerly known as Solarpack; 300MW San Martin solar project, the previously claimed largest project. Located in the southern province of Arequipa, San Martin entered construction earlier this year and is expected to be fully operational in the second quarter of 2025.

The power company also said it is set to begin construction of two adjacent solar PV projects by signing energy and International Renewable Energy Certificates (I-REC) off-take agreements for these developments. Inkia did not name the developments.

"We believe that Inkia's balanced portfolio, along with its investment grade rating, makes the company the top choice for clients in terms of reliability, both in energy and financial support," Twembeke added.

In a recent conversation with PV Tech Premium, developer Verano Energy's CEO Dylan Rudley highlighted Peru's PV potential as "under the radar". In January 2024, the Chile-based developer submitted an environmental impact assessment for a 5.85GW solar PV project to power a green ammonia facility.

Once fully operational, the plant is expected to have a capacity of 1.65 million tons per year, with the first phase to commission 1.5GW of solar PV and over 420,000 tonnes of green ammonia annually.

A Renewables Readiness Assessment (RRA) identifies the actions needed to overcome a country's barriers to renewable energy deployment, with IRENA providing technical support and expertise to facilitate consultations among different national stakeholders.

Off-grid renewables can be crucial to address the remaining energy access challenges in Peru's rural areas. IRENA can assist in the planning and implementation of technically and financially sustainable projects.



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While the RRA process helps to shape appropriate policy and regulatory choices, each country determines which renewable energy sources and technologies are relevant and consistent with national priorities

Technologically, battery capabilities have improved; logistically, the large amount of invested capital and human ingenuity during the past decade has helped to advance mining, refining, manufacturing and deploying capabilities for the energy storage sector; and regulatorily, governments around the world have been passing legislation to make battery energy storage systems (BESS) more economically viable.

BESS are being built for a variety of use cases, from microgrids that provide energy resilience for hospitals to home solar outfits, to large-scale operations that enable solar, wind and other renewable sources to more efficaciously transmit their energy to end users.

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