

First global renewable energy resources atlas available online

In an effort to raise the awareness of just how much potential our planet has to produce renewable energy, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) has launched the first ever online Global Atlas of renewable energy resources.



Credit: IRENA

The atlas is the largest ever initiative aimed at helping countries assess their potential renewable-energy generating potential. It combines data and maps from leading technical institutions and private companies across the planet.

While it currently charts solar and wind resources, IRENA plans to expand to other forms of renewable energy during the next two years.

‘In the next 10 years we expect a huge rise in the investments in renewable energy. The Global Solar and Wind Atlas will help us make the right decisions,’ says Martin Lidegaard, Danish Minister of Climate, Energy and Building, and President of the 3rd session of the IRENA Assembly.

Adnan Z. Amin, IRENA Director-General, said: ‘The Global Atlas provides a powerful new tool in international efforts to double the world’s share of renewable energy by 2030.

‘With 22 countries now taking part, and more expected to join in the coming months, it is a clear sign of our growing political will to transition to clean, renewable energy.’

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