



## Israel announces solar energy generating plan in farm lands

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Israel announced a plan to optimise agricultural land use by integrating clean solar electricity generation.

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The programmes will include facility deployment for solar power generation in agricultural land throughout Israel, using different technologies and crops.

The project includes research and development, for examining the effects of solar power generation on agricultural production.

The government has decided to increase the target for electricity production from renewable energies in Israel to 30 per cent by 2030 while maintaining the continued output of profitable agricultural produce and optimising the use of agricultural land.

The transition to clean electricity generation is to deal with the climate crisis, promote sustainable agriculture, and enable an additional source of income for Israeli farmers.