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## Outline of Presentation

- The TNA project approach
- Markets for PV
- Three examples of PV diffusion
- Commonly identified barriers
- Proposed measures
- Concluding remarks



# Technology needs assessment Project (TNA)

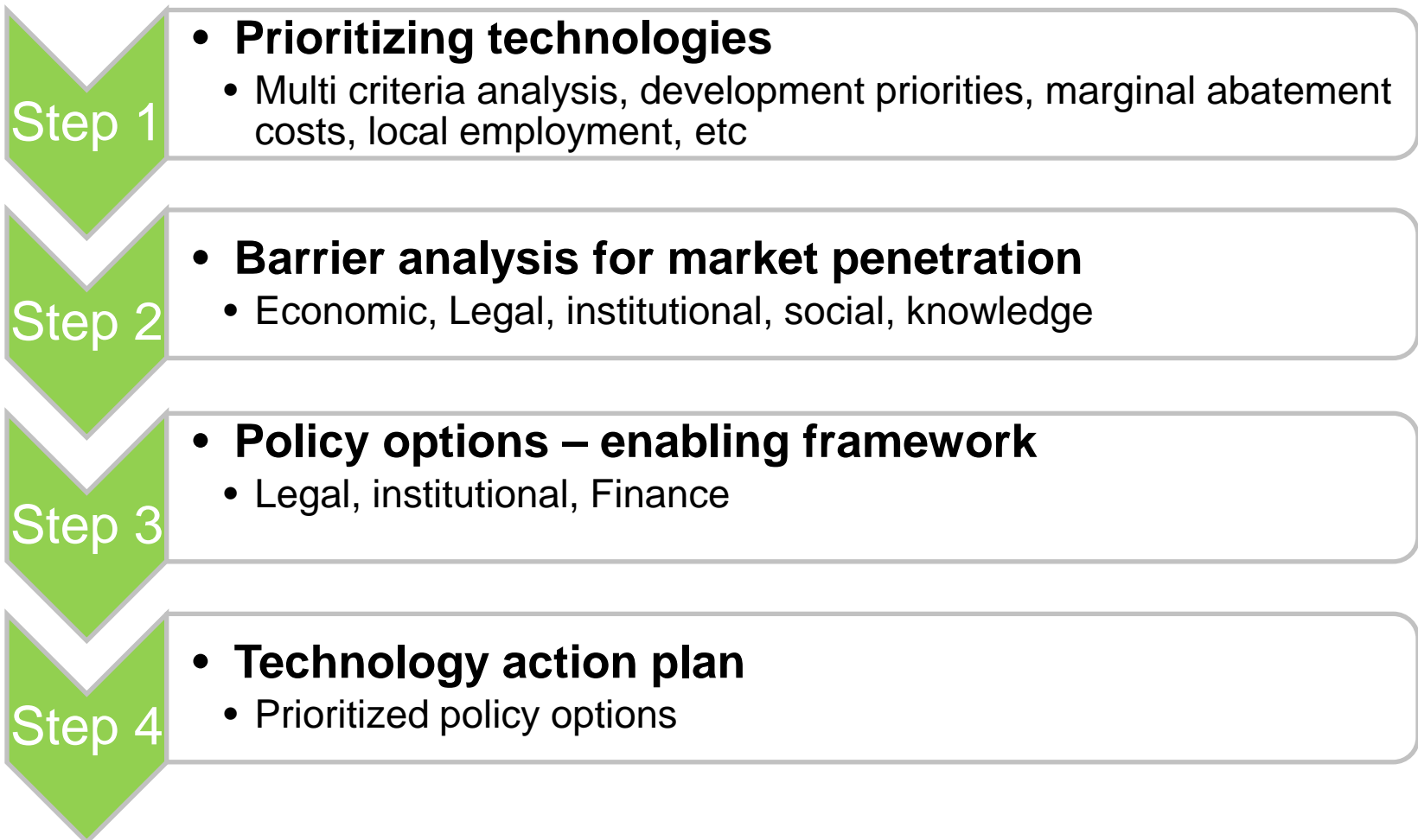
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## **Objective:**

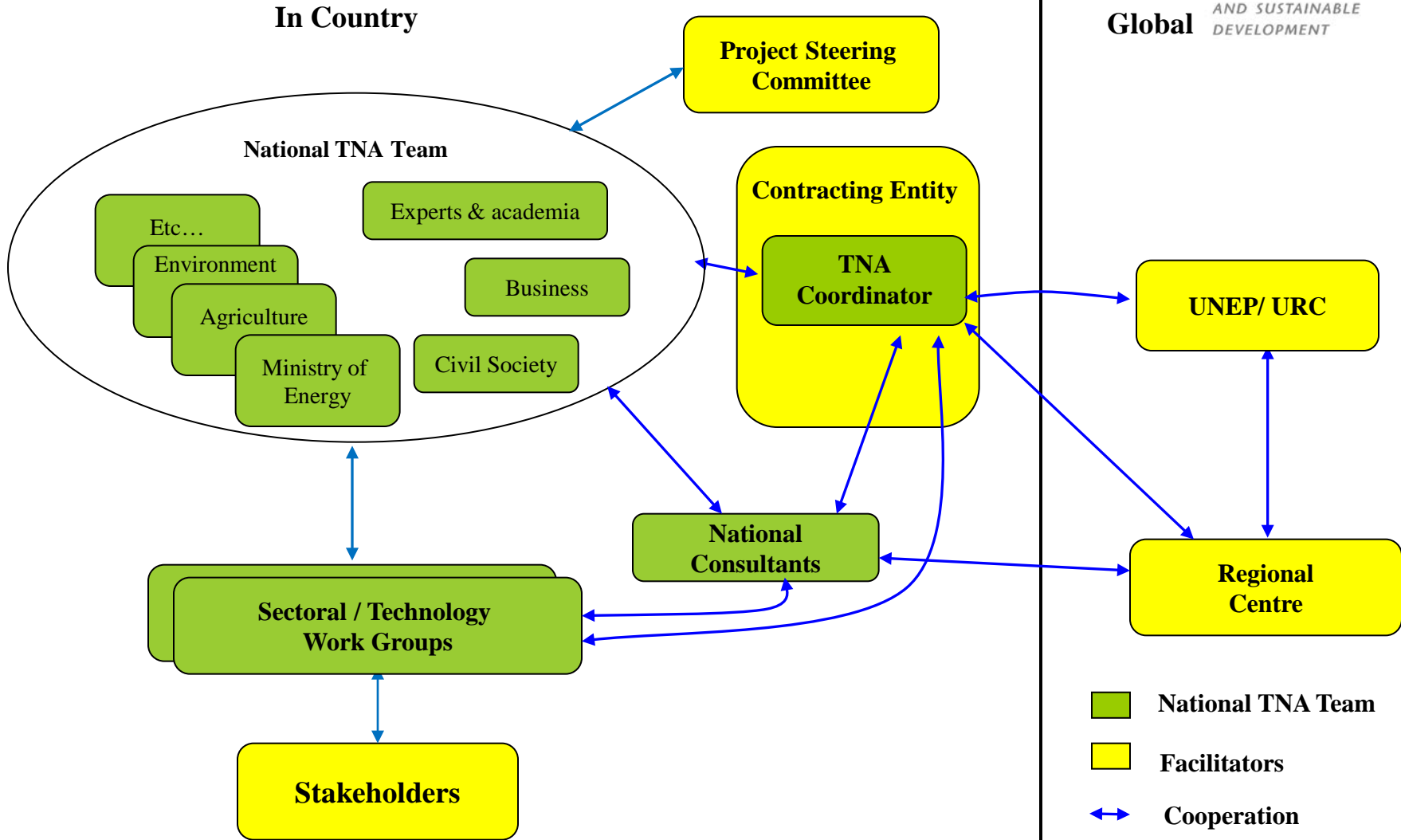
To identify and facilitate transfer and diffusion of technologies for climate change mitigation and adaptation through development of technology actions plans in non - annex 1 countries



# Technology Action Plans (TAP)



# Organisational Structure



# Markets, products and owners of PV

Market segment	Product and size	Owners
● Grid connected	● Large scale 1-50 MWp	● IPPs, Utilities
	● Roof top 1-10 KWp	● Firms, private household
● Mini-grids	● Hybrid 5 kW-1 MWp	● Utilities, Coops, ESCO
● Institutions	● Large SHS 50-500 Wp	● Governm/ municip/ESCO
● Waterpumping	● PV pumps 50-500 Wp	● Municip/CBOs/ESCO
● Individual houses	● SHS 10-100 Wp	● Private, ESCOs
● Lighting and charging mobiles	● Lanterns 1-10 Wp	● Private

Alternatives, competition and measures to diffuse PV on all markets are different



# Prioritized mitigation technologies

Technology group	Cote d'Ivoire	Kenya	Mali	Mauritius	Morocco	Rwanda	Senegal	Sudan	Zambia	Grand Total
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Forest and agriculture</b>			<b>3</b>						<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Transport</b>						<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Waste</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>								<b>3</b>
<b>Energy</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>

Specific technologies	Cote d'Ivoire	Kenya	Mali	Morocco	Rwanda	Senegal	Grand Total
Photovoltaic solar energy			1			1	2
Large Grid Connected PV			*		1	*	1
Solar Home Systems (SHS)	1	1	*			*	2
PV driven water pumping	1						1
PV lanterns						1	1
Concentrated PV for power plants				1			1
Molten salt for thermal solar plants				1			1
<b>Solar Power</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>

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2nd Gen Biofuels			1							1
Advanced Coal Technology								1		1
Biodiesel									3	3
Biogas								1		1
Biomass gasification									1	1
Biomass power							1			1
CFL's								1		1
Combined cycle power plant										
Combined heat and power						1	1			2
Efficient Lighting Systems							1			1
Efficient stoves			1					1	2	4
Geothermal Power						1			1	2
Hydro power	1		1			1				3
Less energy intensive products							2			2
Methane gas utilisation		1								1
Residential energy efficiency					1					1
Solar Heating/drying		1					1			2
<b>Solar power</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>9</b>
Tidal power					1					1
Waste Heat Recovery				1						1
Wind power				1			1			2
Briquetting	1									1

(\* ) means that it is included in the general PV category in first line

# PV market development in Kenya

Solar PV Technology	Estimated installed capacity	Estimated capacity installed/year (2008)	Estimated financial volume <sup>2</sup> (€/Year/2008)	Degree of competition
Off-grid HH Electrification and Small Scale Commercial	> 6-8 MWp	> 700 kW	> 5 million Euros	Extremely competitive – many players
Off-Grid Community Systems (including institutional and pumping systems)	> 1.5 MWp	> 250 kW	> 2.5 million Euros	Dominated by wholesaler/agent partnerships
Telecom	> 100 kWp	100 kWp	N/A	Emergent – few players
Tourism	> 50 kWp	N/A	N/A	Emergent

Ubbink (a Dutch subsidiary of the German group Centrotec) set up the first solar module manufacturing company in East Africa, located in Naivasha, Kenya.

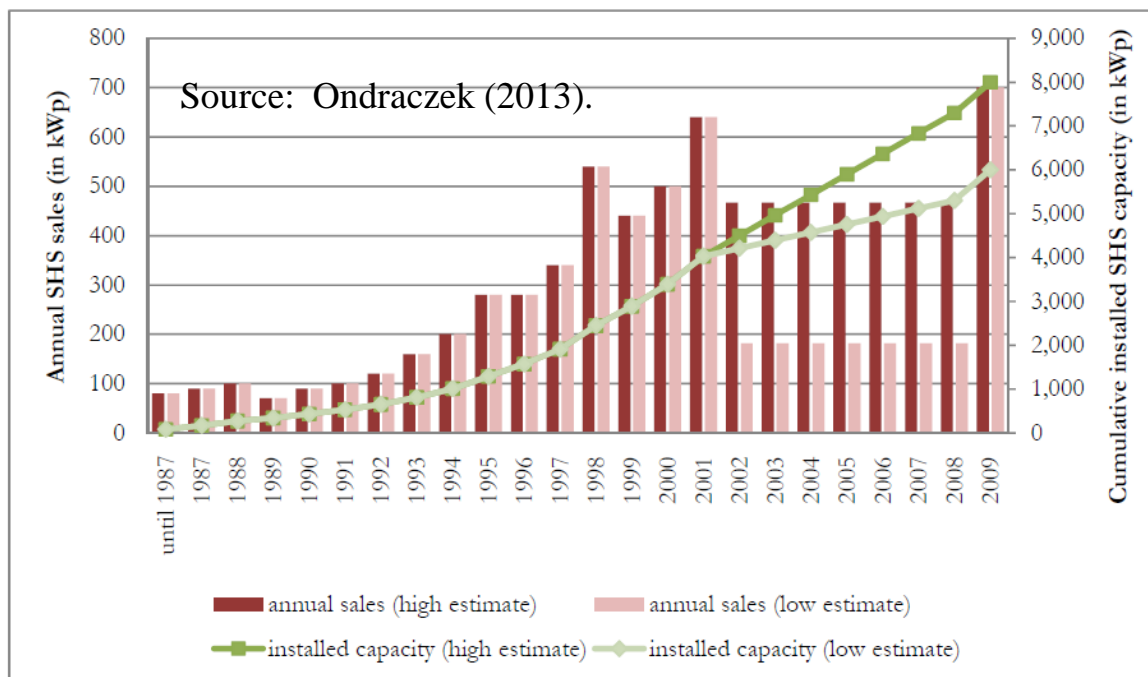
(Tobias Gossen, GIZ, PV magazine 2013)

Source: Hankins et al. (2009) Kenya's Solar Energy market, GTZ

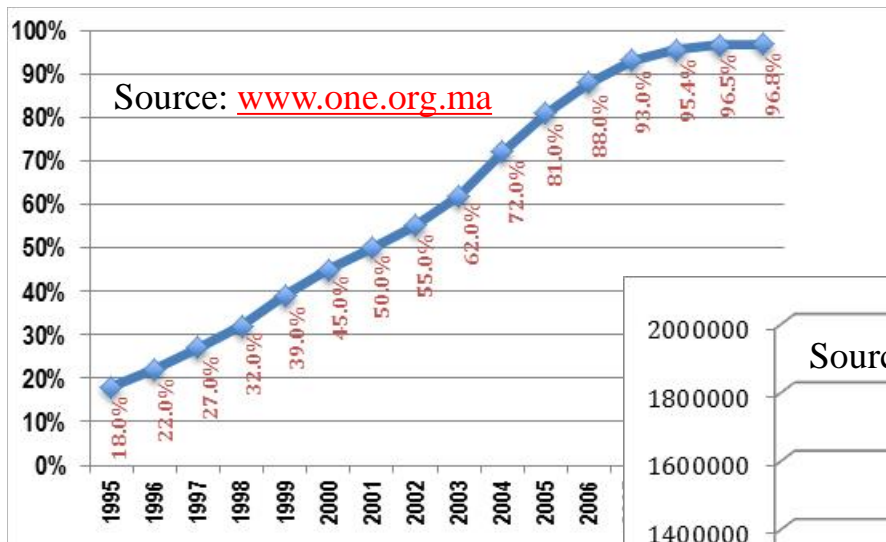
Grid connected systems (2013)  
(60 kW, 515 kW and 72 kW)

Total installed capacity in 2013: 20 MWp  
Government vision in 2030: 300 MWp

(Tobias Gossen, GIZ, PV magazine 2013)



# Rural electrification in Morocco



Source: [www.one.org.ma](http://www.one.org.ma)

Small scale Grid connected PV (2008)  
Promasol: 2\* 200 kWp.

Source: EU parliament Library briefing (2013)

**Large scale grid connected projects are mainly CSP projects**

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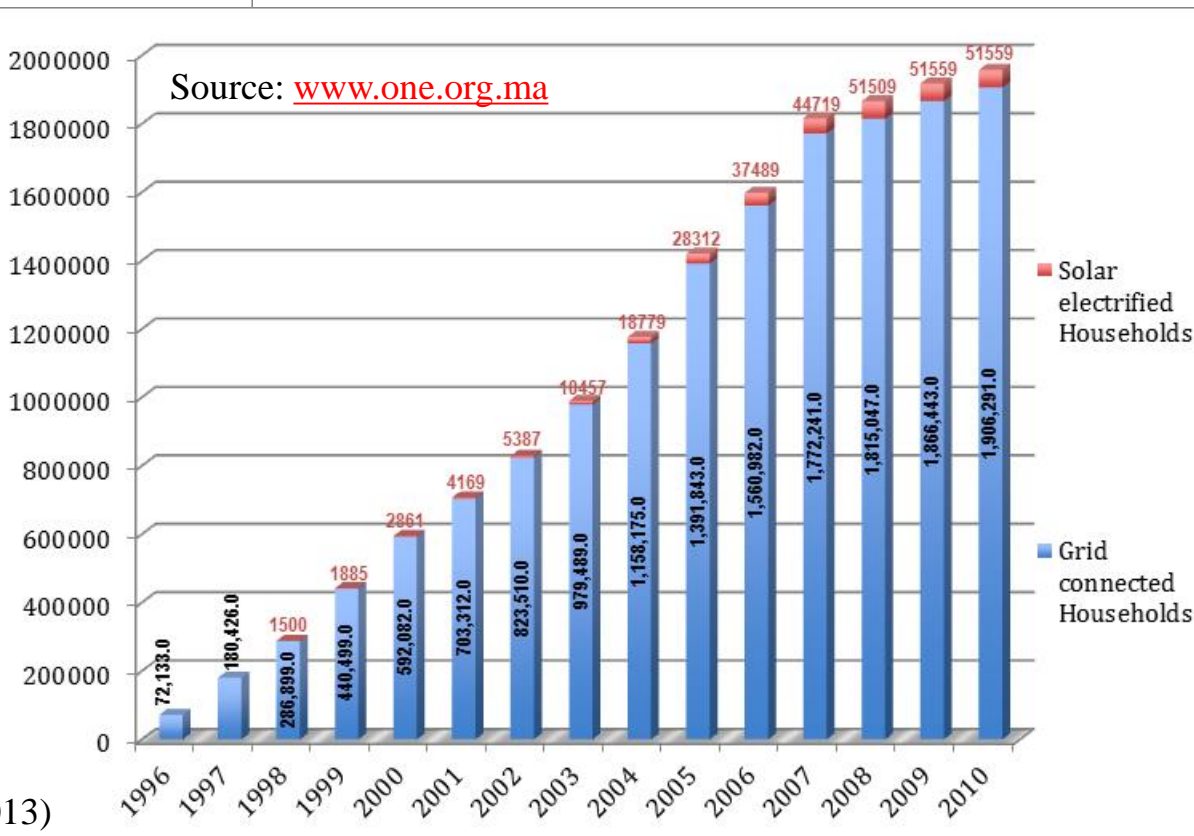
Mathar thermo-solar CC: 472/20 MW

**Moroccan Integrated Solar Project:**

Aim: 2000 MWp by 2019 on five sites:

2015: Quarzazate 1 SCP: 160 MW

201?: Quarzazate 2 SCP: 300 MW



Source: [www.one.org.ma](http://www.one.org.ma)

Source: EU parliament Library briefing (2013)

# Slow development and paradigm shift in Rwanda

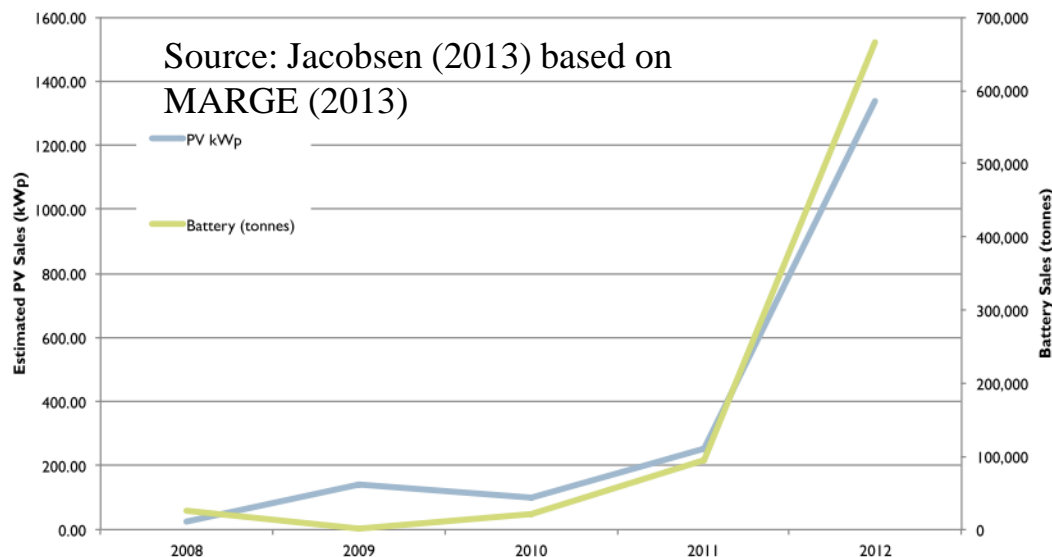
Solar PV technology	Size of opportunity	Estimated kWp installed/year (2008)	Notes
Government administrative centres	>0.4 MWp	±15 kW	Good government contacts required
Government clinics and schools	>1 MWp	±40 kW	World Bank, EU, Belgium
NGO & NGO health sector	>0.3 MWp	<±5 kWp	PEPFAR
Solar Home System	>4 MWp	N/A	Low rural spending power
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>&gt;6 MWp</b>	<b>&gt;50kWp</b>	

Mainly donor driven market, limited spillover from neighboring Kenya

Type of solar home systems	Size of system (Wp)	Estimated % of households buying	Total number	Size of market (kWp)
No System	0	55.0%	944,690	-
Micro Systems	2	35.0%	601,166	1,202
One Light & Radio	10	7.3%	124,527	1,245
Two light and radio system	20	2.0%	34,352	687
Four light system or higher	50	0.5%	8,588	429
Larger systems (inverter or hybrid)	150	0.3%	4,294	644
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,717,618</b>	<b>4,208 kWp</b>

Source: Hankins et al. (2009). Rwanda's Solar Energy Market, GTZ.

## Paradigm shift in 2012-13



## Grid connected plants

250 kWp pilot plant in 2008  
8.5 MWp plant in 2013 (contract signed)

International financing: Scatec, development banks

Source: PV-Magazin, 2013

# Barriers for diffusion of PV

## General barriers

- High upfront costs
  - Low volume, few suppliers, low competition
  - Imported equipment
  - VAT, import duties
- Low quality products and no or poorly enforced standards
- Low technical training level
- Low level of R&D

## Solar Home Systems

- Low purchasing power
- Difficult access to capital
- Poor delivery and service network in rural areas

## Large scale

- High production cost compared to alternatives
- Difficult access to soft loans, and venture capital
- No fixed selling prices (FIT)
- Few potential investors

## Mini-grids

- Relatively few experiences with hybrid systems
- Rural electrification behind schedule
- Organisational and funding issues

## General measures

- Support to local production
- Roadmap for incentives
  - Investment subsidies
  - Exemption from VAT, import duties
- Establishment and reinforcement of standards
- Support to technical training
- Support to R&D

## Solar Home Systems

- Subsidies
- Soft loans, guaranties
- Increase security against theft

## Large scale

- Feasibility study for large projects
- Standard PPAs
- Feed in Tariffs (FIT)

## Mini-grids

- Support to up scaling of hybrid-systems (SREP)

## Concluding remarks

- From donors to markets
  - From being a niche for donor supported equipment PV is currently a viable or 'almost' viable alternative for consumers and private investors in all markets
- From projects to enabling frameworks
  - This means that donors and government officials need to move from 'project holders' to enabling framework specialists
  - The TNA project is strongly supporting this trajectory by its focus on enabling frameworks and analysis of markets and market actors.
- From import to local production
  - Upgrading in the global value chain in terms of local assembly of panels and local production of other system elements is an opportunity acknowledged by the TNA project participants.
  - The adequate and efficient support to this upgrading is a challenge, which are not only solved by the energy sector, but which needs expertise on learning in firms, technological innovation systems and niche development and involves a multi sectoral approach



# Thanks for your attention !

