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## 1 Introduction

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Global Atlas aims to provide access to a set of geographical information layers, which enables users to highlight areas of opportunity for developing renewable energy projects. The Renewable Energy Unit of the Institute for Energy and Transport (IET) of the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) provided thematic data layers to the publically available geoserver of IRENA. The data layers were resulted by research on renewable energy and rural electrification options in Africa. The research has been done within the framework of the ‘Renewable Energy Mapping and Monitoring in Europe and Africa’ action (REMEA) and the research program of the African Renewable Energy Technology Platform (AFRETEP).

## 2 Description

The target geoserver, inventory and geodata catalogue were capable of integrating all GIS standards. The provided geospatial layers have been prepared and delivered in ESRI binary and ascii grid formats including the data layers, the definition of applied reference system as well as classification and graphical information regarding the legends for thematic mapping. ESRI ArcMap Document and the related layer files (.lyr) assisted the mapserver experts on visualisation of the data as the authors had designed. Metadata in harmony with ISO standards (ISO 19115:2003/19139) and Inspire requirements have been compiled in XML and document formats (Annex I) interpreted by ESRI ArcCatalog XML metadata reader. The metadata should provide information about the identification, the extent, the quality, the spatial and temporal schema, spatial reference, and distribution of digital geographic data. ISO 19139 provides the XML implementation schema for ISO 19115 specifying the metadata record format which has been followed to edit the XML code describing the geospatial metadata.

The data transfer has been completed by using the anonymous ftp-site of the Renewable Energy Unit of the Institute for Energy and Transport having the archived and compressed data files temporarily available (<http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/download/afretep/irena>).

The first public layers are available from the IRENA Global Atlas geoserver (Annex II) using the following address: <http://irena.masdar.ac.ae:8080/geoserver/JRC/wms>

Detailed description on the complex analysis and modelling approach is published in the papers listed in the chapter on ‘Related publications’.

### 3 Related publications

Szabó, S., Bódík, K., Huld, T., Moner-Girona, M., 2013, Sustainable energy planning: Leapfrogging the energy poverty gap in Africa, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 28 (2013) 500-509. URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.rser.2013.08.044>

Huld, T., Szabó, S., Bódík, K., Moner-Girona, M., Jäger-Waldau, A., 2013, Solar resources and their exploitation. Climate and technological changes compared. In: *The availability of renewable energies in a changing Africa. Assessing climate and non-climate effects*, (Ed. F. Monforti), European Commission, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, Institute for Energy and Transport, Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Ispra, Italy, p. 110. EUR 25980 EN, pp. 17-26.

URL: <http://iet.jrc.ec.europa.eu/remea/availability-renewable-energies-changing-africa>

Huld, T., Müller, R., Gambardella, A., 2012, A new solar radiation database for estimating PV performance in Europe and Africa. *Solar Energy*, 86, 1803-1815.

URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.solener.2012.03.006>

Wagner, A., Becker, D., Dicke, B., S. Ebert, S., Ragab, A., 2012, International Fuel Prices 2010/2011, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Sector Project "Transport Policy Advisory Services", Division 44 - Water, Energy, Transport.

URL: <http://www.giz.de/Themen/en/dokumente/giz-en-IFP2010.pdf>

Belward, A., Bisselink, B., Bódík, K., Brink, A., Dallemand, J.-F., de Roo, A., Huld, T., Kayitakire, F., Mayaux, P., Moner-Girona, M., Ossenbrink, H., Pinedo, I., Sint, H., Thielen, J., Szabó, S., Tromboni, U., Willemen, L., 2011, *Renewable energies in Africa - current knowledge* (Ed. F. Monforti), European Commission, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, Institute for Energy and Transport, Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Ispra, Italy, p. 60. EUR 25108 EN.

URL: <http://iet.jrc.ec.europa.eu/remea/renewable-energies-africa-current-knowledge>

Szabó, S., Bódík, K., Huld, T., Moner-Girona, M., 2011, Energy solutions in rural Africa: mapping electrification costs of distributed solar and diesel generation versus grid extension, *Environmental Research Letters*, Volume 6, Issue 3, July 2011, Article number: 034002, DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/6/3/034002.

URL: <http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/6/3/034002>

Nelson, A., 2008, Estimated travel time to the nearest city of 50,000 or more people in year 2000. Global Environment Monitoring Unit, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Ispra, Italy), URL: <http://bioval.jrc.ec.europa.eu/products/gam/index.htm>

United Nations University, 2007, The Significance of Transport Costs in Africa Policy Brief n.5. URL: <http://archive.unu.edu/publications/briefs/policy-briefs/2007/pb05-07.pdf>

Huld, T., Suri, M., Dunlop, E., Albuison, M. Wald, L., 2005, Integration of HelioClim-1 database into PVGIS to estimate solar electricity potential in Africa PVGIS: Proceedings of the 20<sup>th</sup> European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition (Barcelona, June 2005). URL: <http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvgis>

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## Annex I. - Metadata

## **Estimated costs of electricity (Euro/kWh) delivered by a (15 kWp) off-grid PV system**

**Data format(s):** ESRI ASCII GRID, ESRI BINARY GRID

**Coordinate system:** ETRS89\_LAEA, EPSG:3035

**Location(s):** <http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvgis>, <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1364032113005844>

**Abstract:** PV electricity production depends primarily on the amount of solar radiation available. For grid-connected systems, the energy output can be approximated, being proportional to the total solar irradiation impinging on the PV modules. For off-grid systems energy output fundamentally depends on the installed capacity size of the RE resource conversion technology (i.e. PV, small hydro, wind etc). The energy output will also depend on the size of the battery storage and on the consumption patterns. For the latter, it becomes useful to perform a simulation based on detailed time series of satellite solar irradiation data. The data contains the cell-based Estimated costs of electricity (Euro/kWh) delivered by a (15 kWp) off-grid PV system. This calculation was made using the photovoltaic geographic information system (PVGIS) database, which in turn is based on solar radiation data from HelioClim-1.

### Relevant publications:

Szabó, S., Bódis, K., Huld, T., Moner-Girona, M., 2013, Sustainable energy planning: Leapfrogging the energy poverty gap in Africa, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 28 (2013) 500-509.  
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Szabó, S., Bódis, K., Huld, T., Moner-Girona, M., 2011, Energy solutions in rural Africa: mapping electrification costs of distributed solar and diesel generation versus grid extension, Environmental Research Letters, Volume 6, Issue 3, July 2011, Article number034002, DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/6/3/034002.  
URL: <http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/6/3/034002/>

Huld, T., Suri, M., Dunlop, E., Albuission, M. Wald, L., 2005, Integration of HelioClim-1 database into PVGIS to estimate solar electricity potential in Africa PVGIS: Proc. 20th European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conf. and Exhibition (Barcelona, June 2005). URL: <http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvgis>

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**Reference date - publication:** 2013-03-05

### Themes or categories of the resource:

economy  
**Descriptive keywords:** Renewable technologies, Rural electrification, Off-grid systems, Photovoltaic systems

**Keywords:** Energy resources

### Citation:

**Title:** GEMET - INSPIRE themes, version 1.0

**Reference date - publication:** 2008-06-01

**Descriptive keywords:** Renewable technologies, Rural electrification, Off-grid systems, Photovoltaic system

**Keywords:** Renewable energy, Solar energy

### Citation:

**Title:** Integrated Public Sector Vocabulary, version 2.00

**Reference date - publication:** 2006-05-23

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eng  
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**Update frequency:** irregular

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**Access constraints:** otherRestrictions,

**Use constraints:** no constraints

**Limitations of use:** intellectual property, Szabo et al. 2013.

#### Resource constraints:

#### Constraints:

**Limitations of use:** no conditions apply

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grid  
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**Ground sample distance:** 1000

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#### Geographic extent:

#### Bounding rectangle:

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EPSG:4326 "WGS84"

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Xmin = -31.873

Xmin = -270000.000

**East longitude:** 61.863

Xmax = 61.863

Xmax = 8369000.000

**North latitude:** 37.829

Ymin = -35.271

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Ymax = 37.829

Ymax = 7345000.000

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**Metadata standard name:** ISO 19115:2003/19139

**Metadata standard version:** 1.0

## **Estimated costs of electricity (Euro/kWh) delivered by a diesel generator using the diesel price for each country and taking into account the cost of diesel transportation**

**Data format(s):** ESRI ASCII GRID, ESRI BINARY GRID

**Coordinate system:** ETRS89\_LAEA, EPSG:3035

**Location(s):** <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1364032113005844>

**Abstract:** Diesel generators have been the traditional solution to decentralized electrification needs. For off-grid applications, they present lower up-front capital costs per kilowatt installed; however, the dramatic increase of fuel costs in recent years and the cost of transport to remote areas greatly diminish the low capital cost advantage of the diesel option. In Africa the transport infrastructure is underdeveloped which has a severe consequence: the transport costs faced by African countries are almost twice as high as the world average. A global map of accessibility developed by the JRC formed this second component for the genset electricity cost calculations. To estimate the location specific operating costs for diesel gensets, the country-based diesel prices have been combined with the travel time data (derived from the accessibility map) integrating the transport costs.

### Relevant publications:

Szabó, S., Bódis, K., Huld, T., Moner-Girona, M., 2013, Sustainable energy planning: Leapfrogging the energy poverty gap in Africa, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 28 (2013) 500-509.  
URL: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.rser.2013.08.044>

Szabó, S., Bódis, K., Huld, T., Moner-Girona, M., 2011, Energy solutions in rural Africa: mapping electrification costs of distributed solar and diesel generation versus grid extension, Environmental Research Letters, Volume 6, Issue 3, July 2011, Article number034002, DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/6/3/034002.  
URL: <http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/6/3/034002/>

Wagner, A., Becker, D., Dicke, B., S. Ebert, S., Ragab, A., International Fuel Prices 2010/2011, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Sector Project "Transport Policy Advisory Services", Division 44 - Water, Energy, Transport, (2012). URL: <http://www.giz.de/Themen/en/dokumente/giz-en-IFP2010.pdf>

Ebert, S., Metschies, D. G. P., Schmid, D., Wagner, A., 2009, International Fuel Prices 2009, In: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH (Ed.), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Eschborn, Germany, 2009.

Nelson, A., 2008, Estimated travel time to the nearest city of 50,000 or more people in year 2000. Global Environment Monitoring Unit, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (Ispra, Italy),  
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United Nations University, 2007, The Significance of Transport Costs in Africa Policy Brief n.5  
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**Reference date - publication:** 2013-03-05

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economy

**Descriptive keywords:** Optimisation, Rural electrification, Off-grid systems, Diesel generator

**Keywords:** Energy resources

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**Use constraints:** no constraints

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### Spatial representation type:

grid

### Spatial resolution:

**Ground sample distance:** 1000

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Szabó, S., Bódis, K., Huld, T., Moner-Girona, M., 2011, Energy solutions in rural Africa: mapping electrification costs of distributed solar and diesel generation versus grid extension, Environmental Research Letters, Volume 6, Issue 3, July 2011, Article number034002, DOI: 10.1088/1748-9326/6/3/034002.

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**Character set:** UTF8: 8-bit variable size UCS Transfer Format, based on ISO/IEC 10646

**Hierarchy level:** Dataset: Information applies to the dataset

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## Comparison between estimated PV and diesel minigrid costs (Euro/kWh)

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**Coordinate system:** ETRS89\_LAEA, EPSG:3035

**Location(s):** <http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvgis>, <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1364032113005844>

**Abstract:** The map/data illustrates an economic comparison of the two off-grid options (diesel generator or PV). Negative values indicate the location where diesel is more economically advantageous, while positive values indicate where PV options are cheaper. The different policies prevailing in the various African countries on the fuel taxation/fuel subsidies are remarkable. The diesel versus PV map/data reveals that the effects of fuel subsidies play a crucial role: they change the picture of the most economically viable option dramatically.

### Relevant publications:

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**Description:** European Commission Joint Research Centre website

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**Reference date - publication:** 2013-03-05

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**Keywords:** Energy resources

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**Reference date - publication:** 2008-06-01

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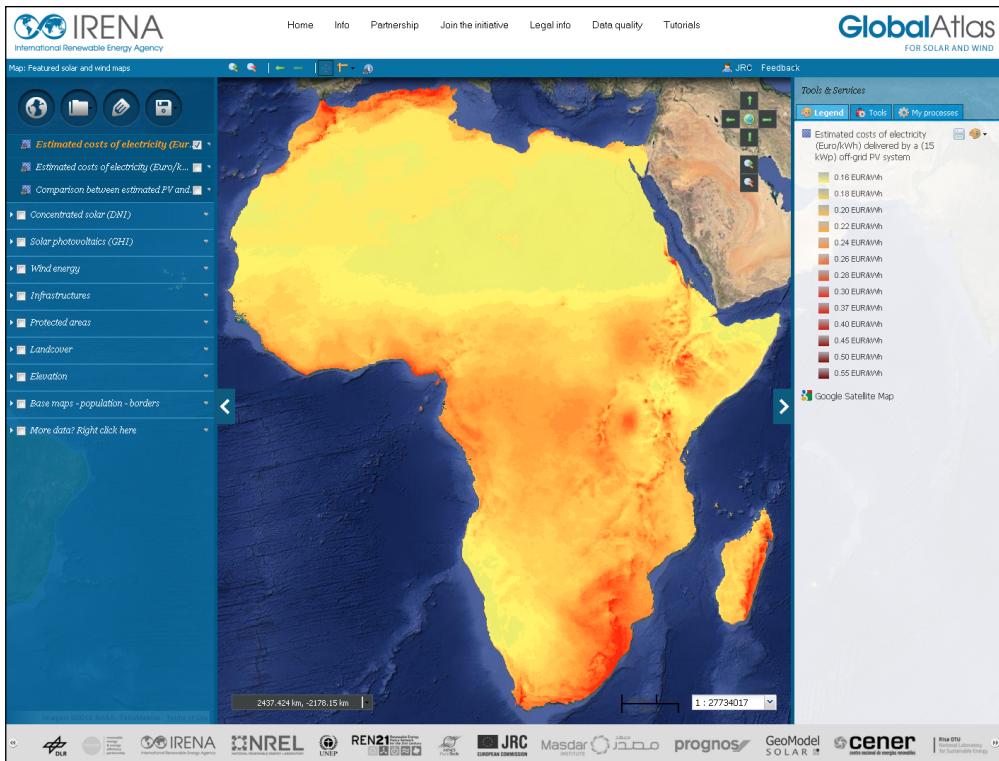
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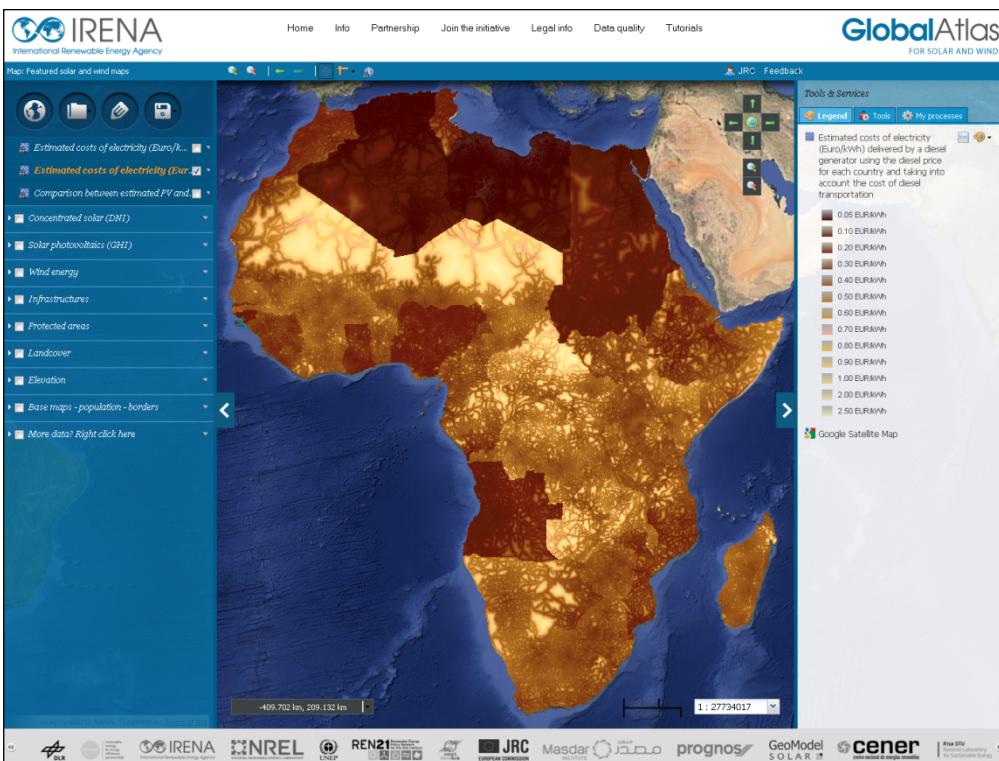
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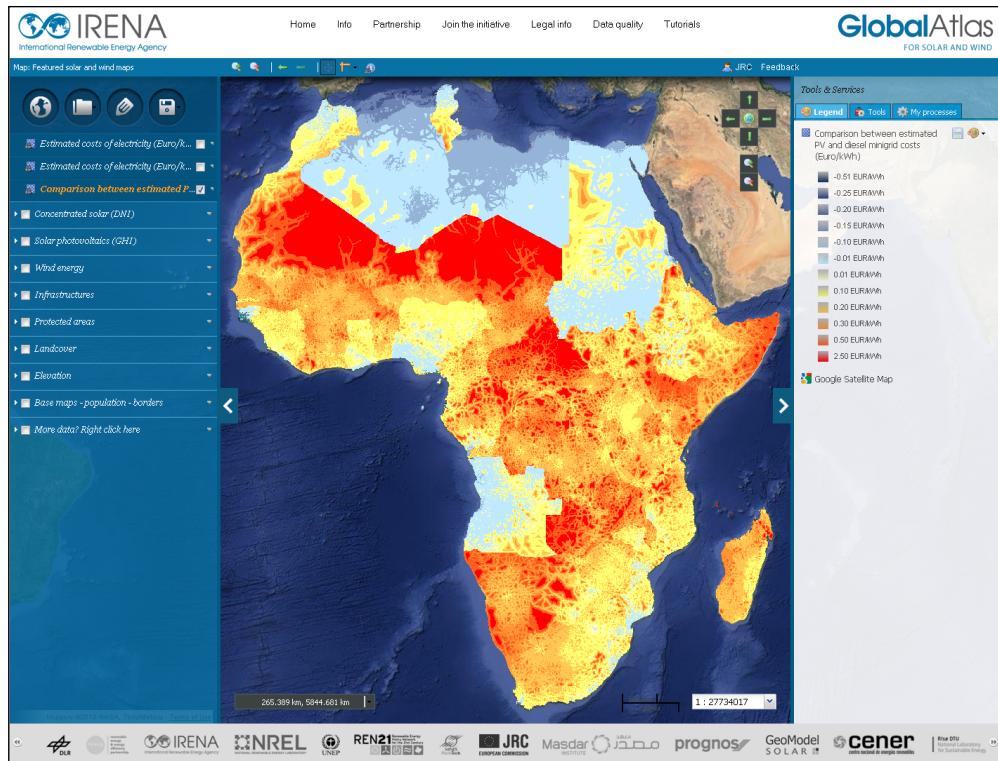
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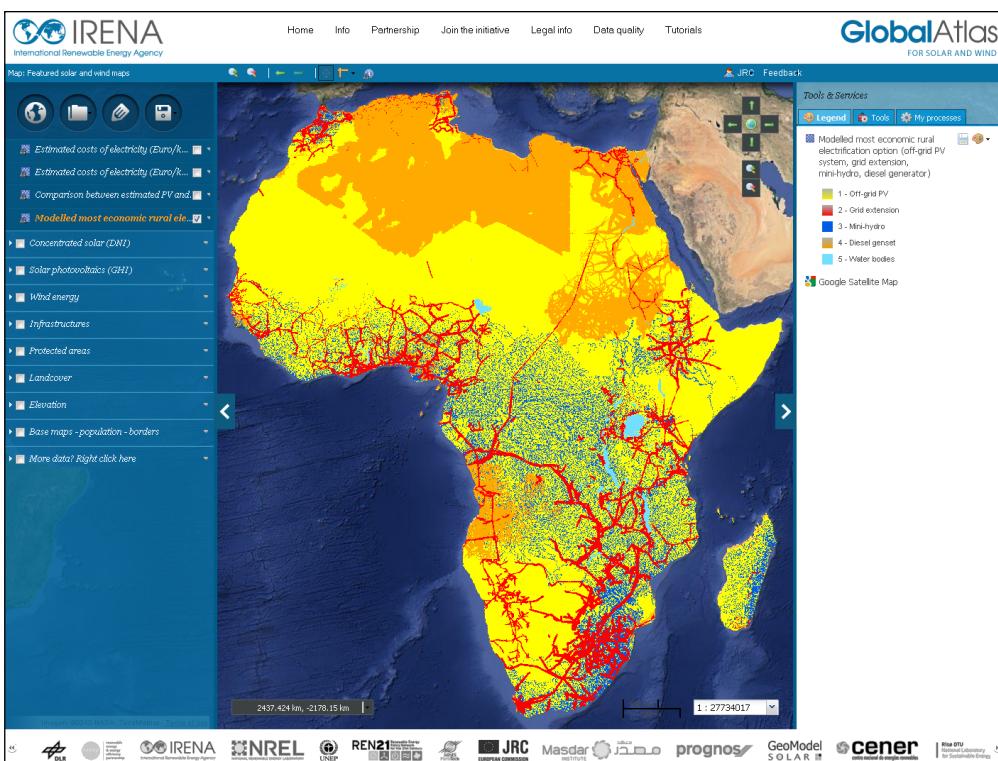
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*Estimated costs of electricity (Euro/kWh) delivered by a diesel generator using the diesel price for each country and taking into account the cost of diesel transportation*



*Comparison between estimated PV and diesel minigrid costs (Euro/kWh)*



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The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Global Atlas aims to provide access to a set of geographical information layers, which enables users to highlight areas of opportunity for developing renewable energy projects. The Renewable Energy Unit of the Institute for Energy and Transport (IET) of the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) provided thematic data layers to the publically available geoserver of IRENA. The data layers were resulted by research on renewable energy and rural electrification options in Africa. The research has been done within the framework of the ‘Renewable Energy Mapping and Monitoring in Europe and Africa’ action (REMEA) and the research program of the African Renewable Energy Technology Platform (AFRETEP).

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