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# Cooperation between European und African Universities - Capacity Building in the Field of Sustainable Energy

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# 1 Introduction

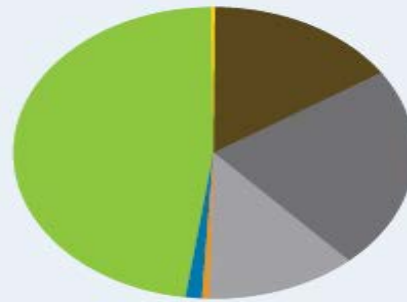
## Regions of Africa



## 2. Energy Challenges of Subsaharan Africa

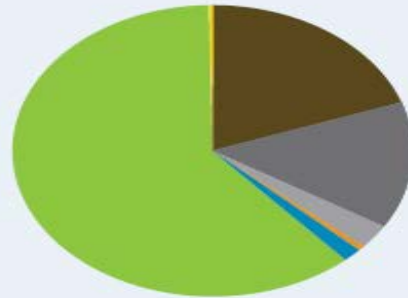
- Dependence on traditional biomass (firewood for cooking, warm water)
- Small share of modern commercial energies (oil, gas, electricity)
- Energy poverty – **lack of energy services** like space heating, cooling, transport, communication,
- Lacking access to electricity (especially in rural areas)
- Unreliable power supply in areas with grid power (power cut, power shading)....making back up systems necessary

# Share of Biomass in TPES 2009



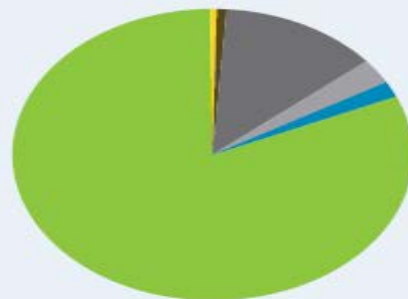
A) AFRICAN CONTINENT

Bioenergy	Shares
Solid biofuels	47.6%
Other renewables	0.2%
Coal and peat	15.7%
Oil	22.4%
Natural Gas	12.4%
Nuclear	0.5%
Hydro	1.3%



B) SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Bioenergy	Shares
Solid biofuels	61.2%
Other renewables	0.2%
Coal and peat	19.7%
Oil	14.1%
Natural Gas	2.7%
Nuclear	0.6%
Hydro	1.4%



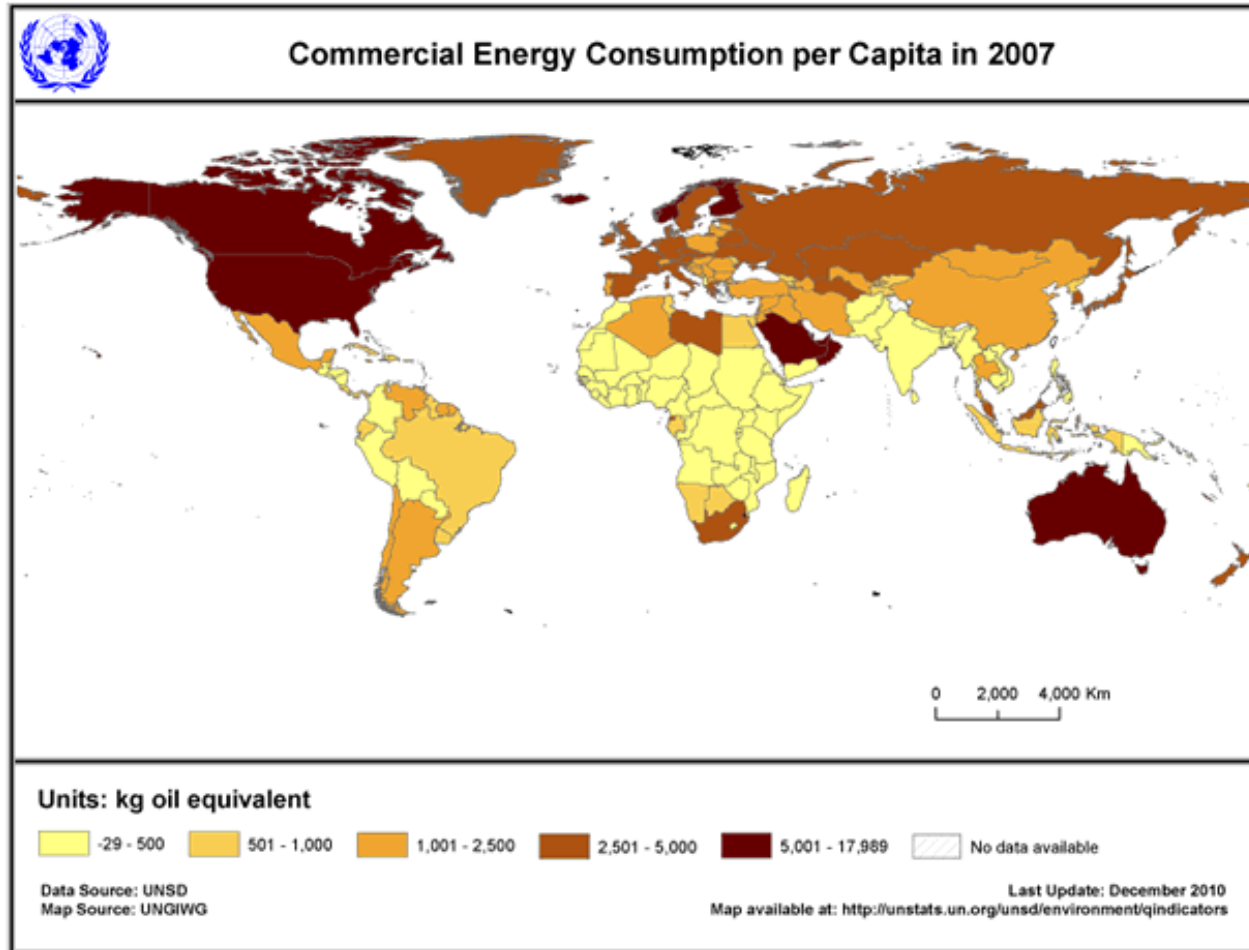
C) SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA  
(excl. SOUTH AFRICA)

Bioenergy	Shares
Solid biofuels	81.2%
Other renewables	0.3%
Coal and peat	1.0%
Oil	13%
Natural Gas	2.7%
Hydro	1.9%

[https://www.irena.org/DocumentDownloads/Publications/IRENA-DBFZ\\_Biomass%20Potential%20in%20Africa.pdf](https://www.irena.org/DocumentDownloads/Publications/IRENA-DBFZ_Biomass%20Potential%20in%20Africa.pdf)

Figure 1: Based on International Energy Agency (IEA) data for 2009. The charts show the shares of bioenergy in the total primary energy supply. (A) African continent. TPES: 673 Mtoe (28 177 PJ). (B) Sub-saharan Africa. TPES: 517 Mtoe (21 646 PJ) (77% of African TPES). (C) Sub-saharan Africa, excl. South Africa. TPES: 372 Mtoe (15 575 PJ) (55% of African TPES. 72% of Sub-saharan TPES)

# Commercial Energy Consumption per capita



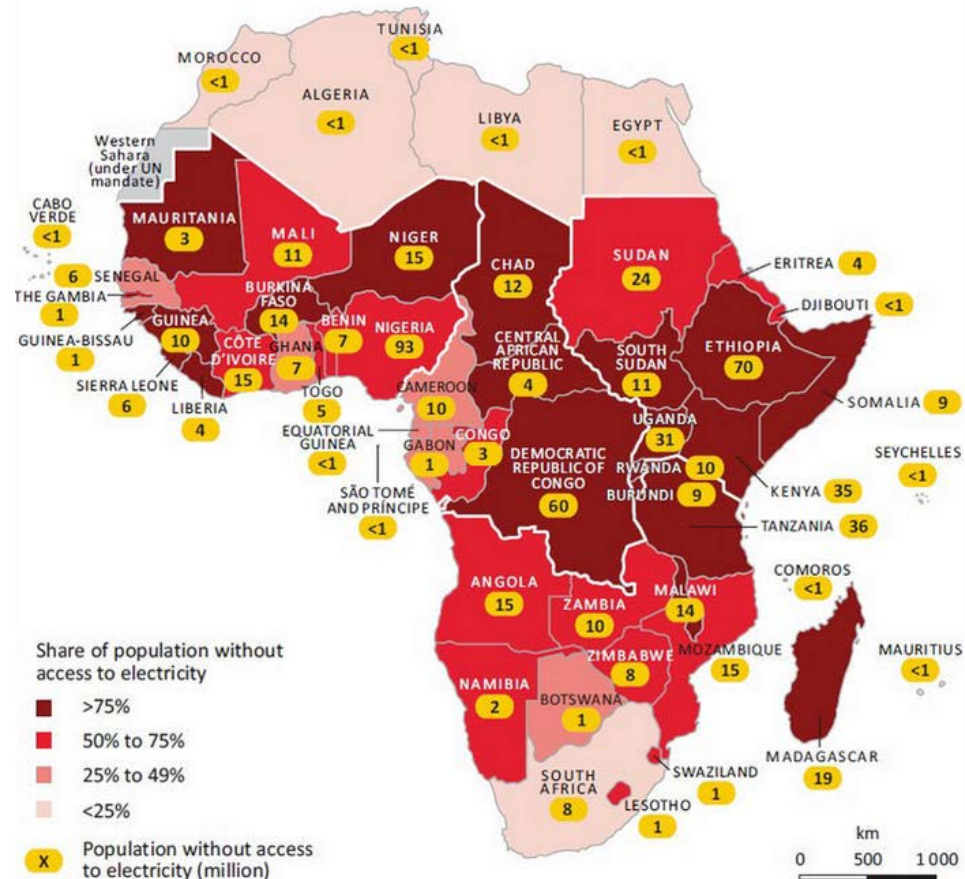
# Electricity access in 2013

SOURCE: IEA, World Energy Outlook 2015

## Electricity access in 2013 - Regional aggregates

Region	Population without electricity millions	Electrification rate %	Urban electrification rate %	Rural electrification rate %
<b>Developing countries</b>	<b>1.200</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>67%</b>
Africa	635	43%	68%	26%
<i>North Africa</i>	1	99%	100%	99%
<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>17%</b>
Developing Asia	526	86%	96%	78%
<i>China</i>	1	100%	100%	100%
<i>India</i>	237	81%	96%	74%
Latin America	22	95%	98%	85%
Middle East	17	92%	98%	79%
<b>Transition economies &amp; OECD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>1.201</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>70%</b>

## 2. Energy Challenges of Subsaharan Africa



This map is without prejudice to the status of or sovereignty over any territory, to the delimitation of international frontiers and boundaries and to the name of any territory, city or area.

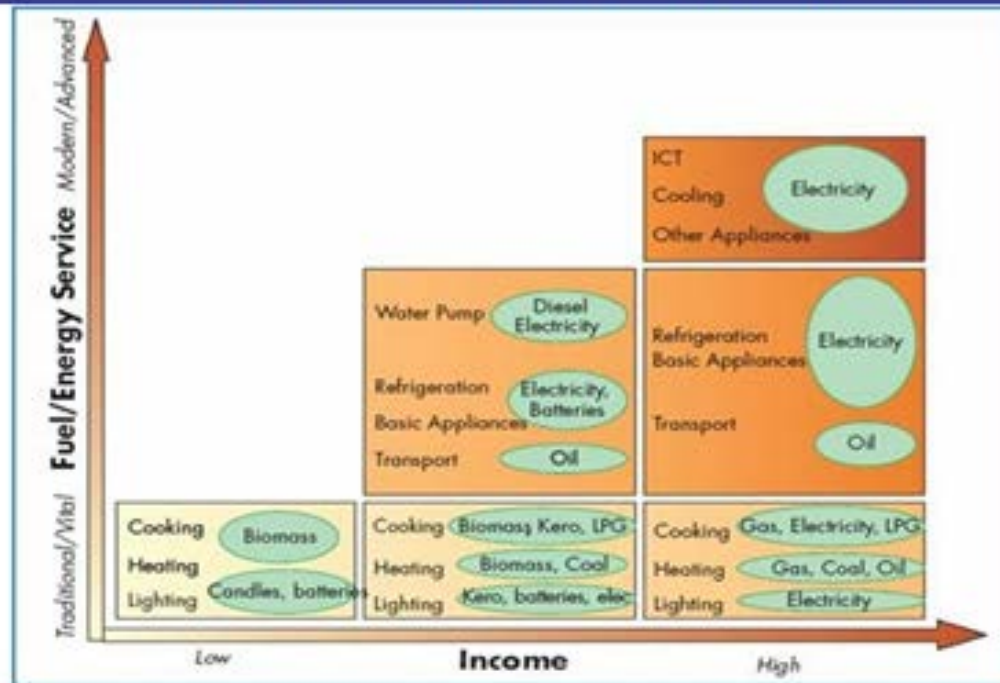


# Energy Challenges of Subsaharan Africa

## Central Africa:

- Low level of energy consumption / **energy services** (light, cooling, transport)
- Prevalence of Biomass
- Low effectiveness (low useful energy); 10 – 15% efficiency
- Indoor pollution
- The increasing population let the demand for firewood grow
- In many countries use of biomass is **not sustainable**
  - **Growing population**
  - **Longer ways to more remote areas for firewood**
  - **Rate of Harvest > Rate of Biomass Growth**

## Energy Ladder (source IEA, WEO, 2002)



# Energy Resources of Africa

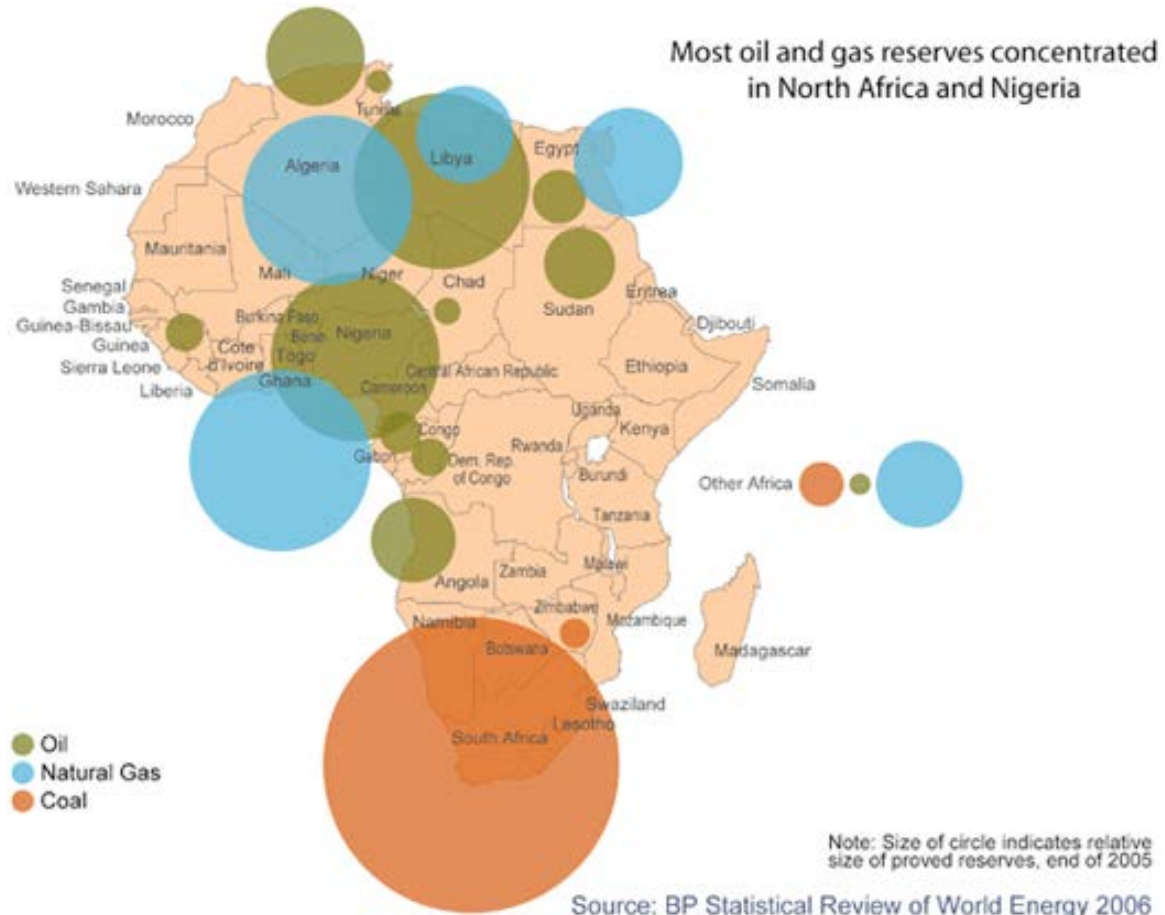
## Is Africa lacking energy resources?

No, in general no.

- Oil resources in North Africa, Nigeria, Angola...
- Natural Gas resources in North Africa, Mozambique, Namibia...
- Hard coal in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana...
- Hydro power in the tropical regions (North and South of the Equator)
- Biomass resources in tropical regions
- Wind energy in coastal regions (Marocco, Namibia, South Africa...)
- **Solar energy everywhere**

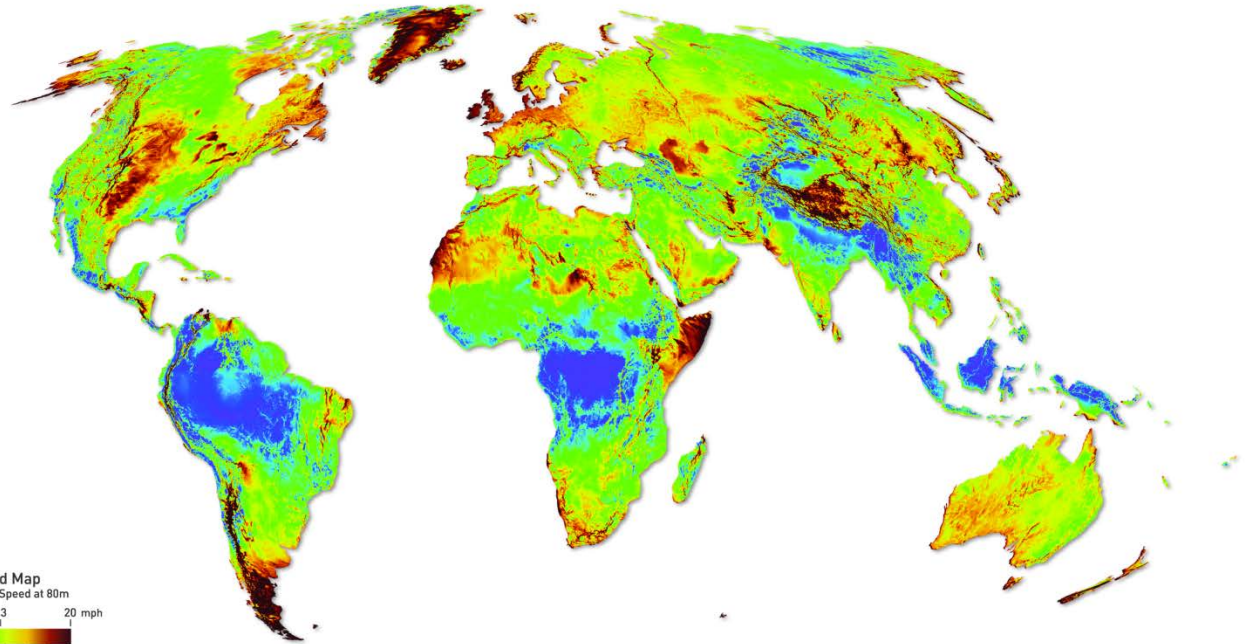
Conclusion: Enough energy resources, Africa is Net Exporter of Energy

# Fossil Fuel Resources 2006



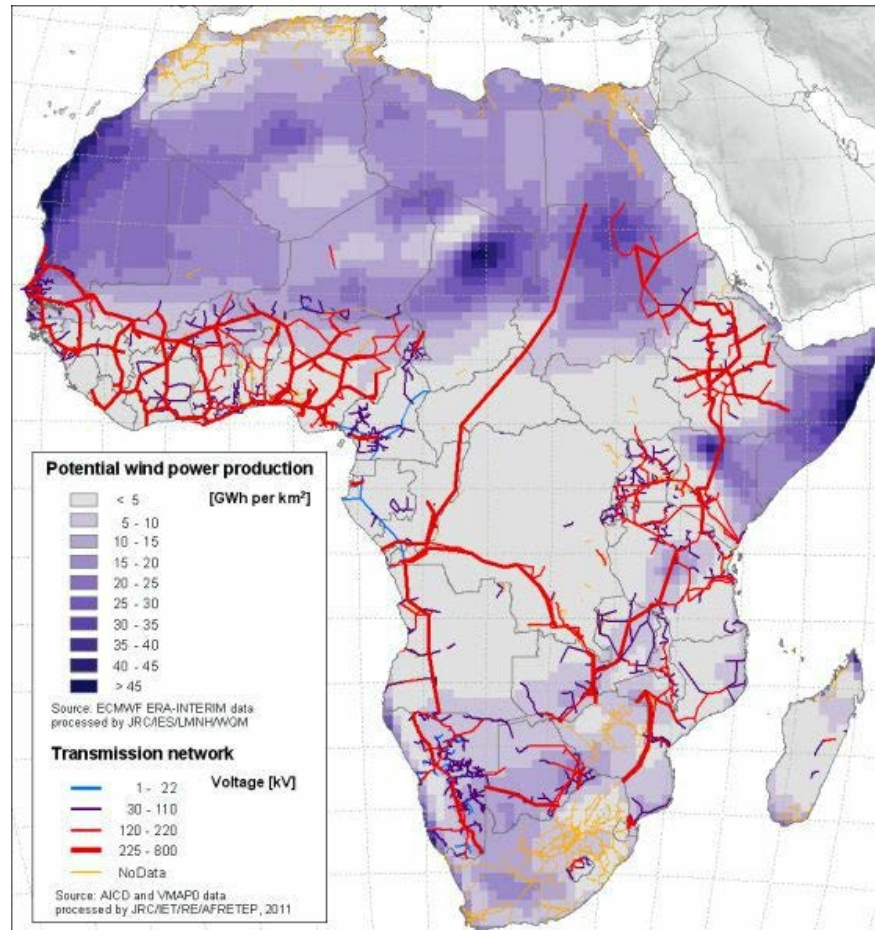
# Global Mean Wind Speed at 80m

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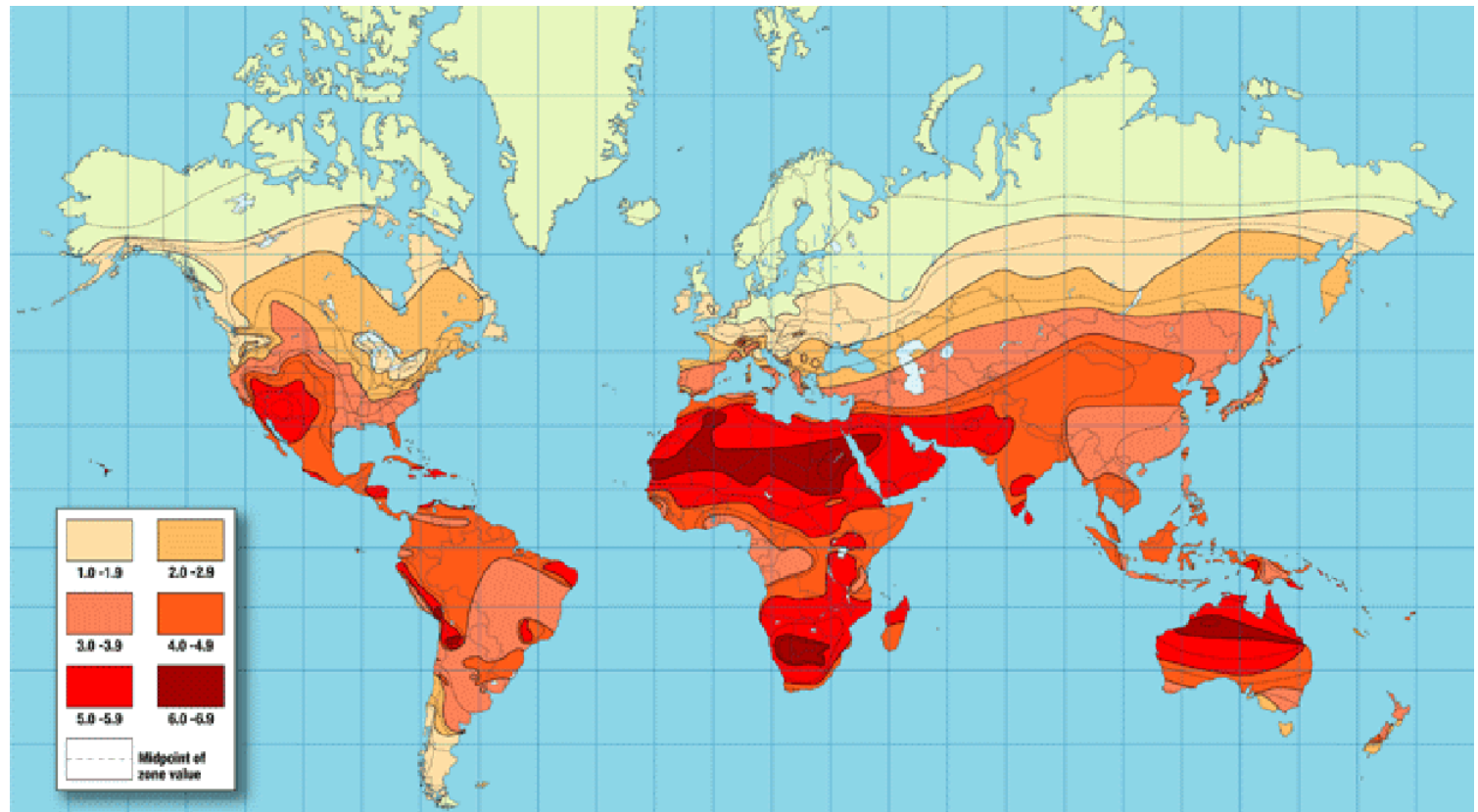


5km Wind Map  
Mean Wind Speed at 80m  
7 13 20 mph  
3 6 9 m/s

# Potential Wind Power Production Africa

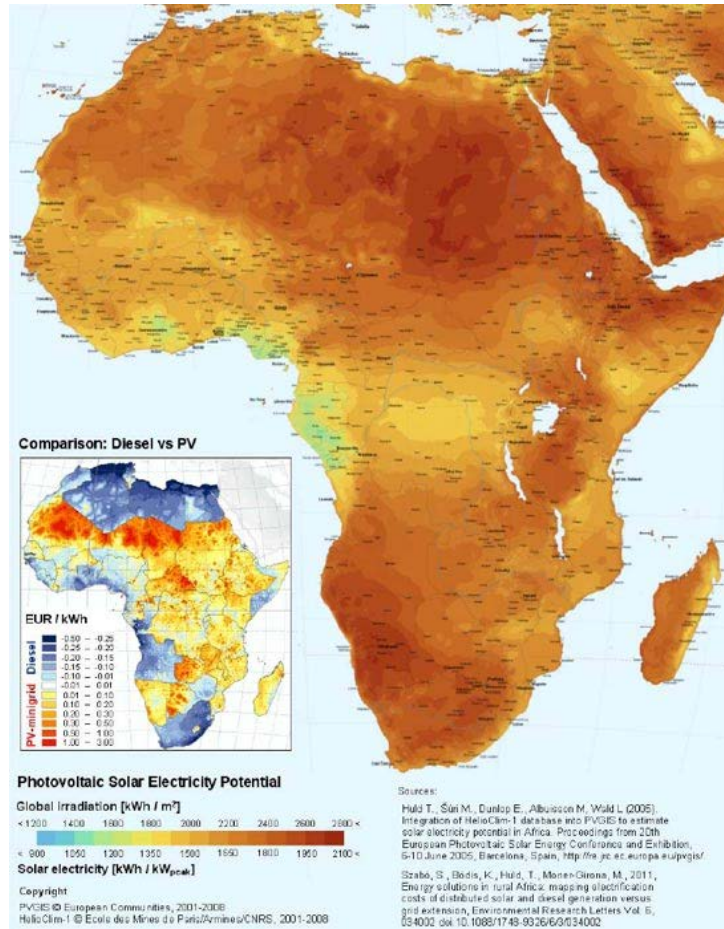


# World Solar Resources



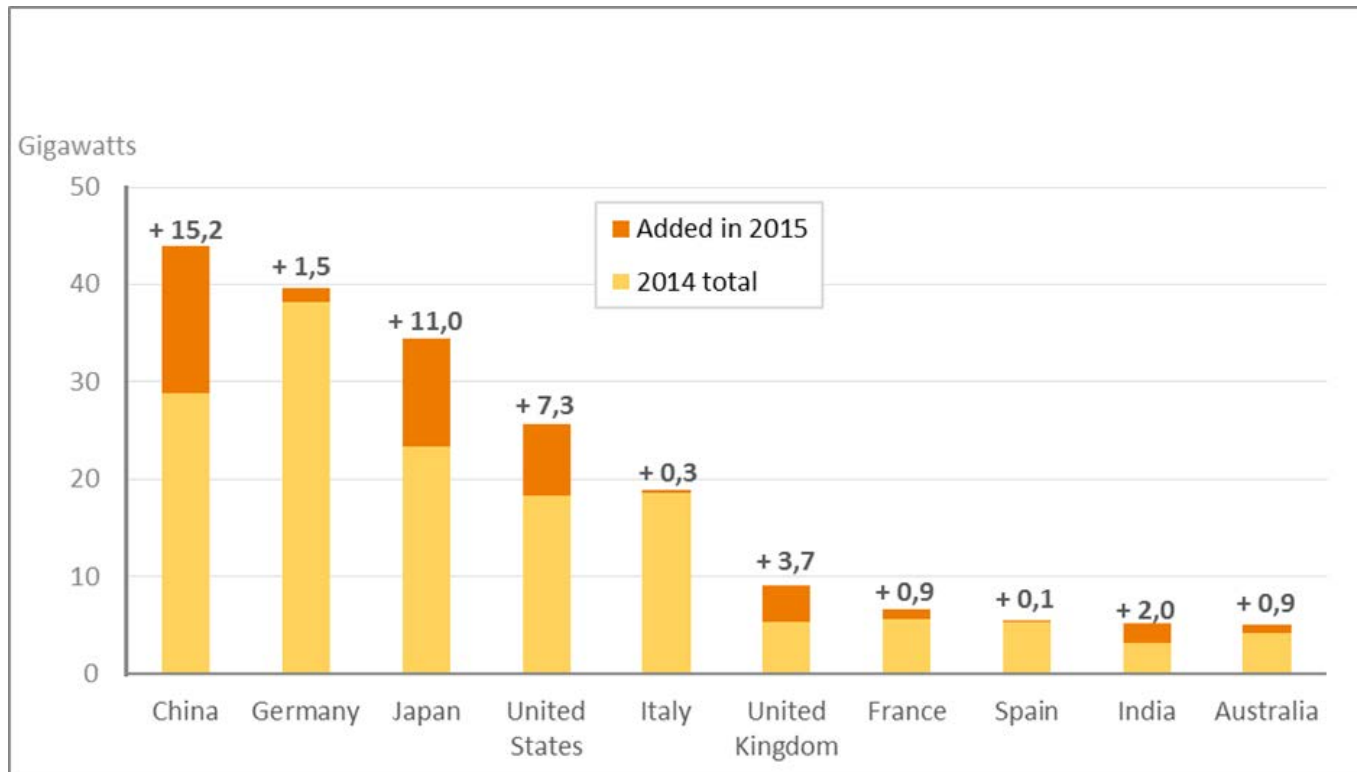
<http://www.solafuture.co.za/news/south-africas-solar-resource-compared-to-the-rest-of-the-world>

# Africas PV Potential





# Cumulative Solar Capacity and Capacity Additions in Top 10 Countries 2015



## Obstacles for the use of PV in Subsaharan Africa

Why is the use of PV technologies booming around the world...but hanging behind in Africa?

- Higher Prices for PV (customs, lacking competition, transport...)
- Lacking incentives (tax credits, FIT, Portfolio Standards)
- Image as Second best electrification (Solar home systems)
- Lack of adequate PV investment schemes (high interest rates, lacking colaterals, banks not interested in small loans)
- Lacking quality standards; poor quality

# Project „Southern African Sustainable Energy Initiative“ (SASEI)

Target: Capacity Building in Higher Education Institutions in the Field of Sustainable Energy

- Including 4 Universities
  - Namibia University of Science and Technology
  - University of Botswana
  - National University of Lesotho
  - University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt

Funded by EU (at least on European university)

3,5 years (Oct. 2013 – March 2017)

# Target: Capacity Building in the Field of Sustainable Energy

What does it specifically mean?

- Inception meeting (Roadmap for 3 years; allocation of funds)

**Stakeholder meetings** in 3 countries, in the capitals with all stakeholders of the energy sector

- Representatives of the energy ministry
- **Regulator.....National Power Company (Grid company)**
- research organizations
- project developer, renewable energy firms...

**What kind of Qualification does the country needs most?**

- master or bachelor programs in Renewable/Sustainable Energy?
  - joint master program or individual for each country?
  - Technical Training Short Courses?

# The team



# Inception meeting at University of Botswana/Gaberone



# University of Botswana



# Namibia University of Science & Technology (NUST)





# National University of Lesotho



## Outcomes on 4 Areas

1. University Programs
2. Further Education; Technical Training Programs
3. Energy Data Base
4. Research

# Solar Power Technologies and Markets

Solar Technology	Off-grid/on-grid	Useful energy	Rated power
PV Solar Lamp, PV Cooler, PV Pump	Off-grid	Light, Cooling, mechanical energy, communication	0 – 20 W
PV solar home system	Off-grid	Direct current for various purposes	20 – 300 W
PV back up system	Off-grid/on grid	Alternate power for various in-house purposes of firms	1 – 50 KW
PV small power generation (roof-top)	On-grid	Alternate power for in- house purposes of households and firms and the public grid	1 – 100 KW
Utility scale PV or CSP- plants	On-grid	Alternate power for the public grid	0,5 – 100 MW

# Outcomes I: University Programs



	Needs Assessment	Stakeholder Workshops	Curriculum Development	Advisory Board	Departmental Board	Faculty Board	APC / PD&QAU	Senate/ VC	Accreditation
Master of Sustainable Energy at NUST	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
Bachelor of Engineering modules at UB	√	√	√		√				
Masters at UB	√	√	√		√				
Sustainable Energy short courses at NUL	√	√	√		√	√		√	
Master of Science in Sustainable Energy at NUL	√	√	√	√	√	√			

# Outcomes II - Short Courses (Technical Training)

Learning materials for Short Courses (one week)

Provision of Short Courses on each Partner

<b>Modules</b>	<b>Training Dates</b>
1. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017
2. Solar Thermal Systems	20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017
3. Solar PV Systems	20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar, 2017
4. Wind Energy	24 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr, 2017
5. Energy Policy, Regulation and Environment	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017
6. Bio-Energy	19 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 2017
7. Energy Economics, Finance and Project Management	24 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 2017
8. Hydropower	21 <sup>st</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 2017
9. Electrical Power Systems	25 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep, 2017
10. Engineering Design for Rural Villages	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017

## Outcomes III – Energy Data Base

- Reports on Energy Markets and Energy Legislation for all 3 Countries
- Check of Energy Data Availability
- Manual to improve the Energy Balance
- Introduction of Energy Planning Programs (LEAP – Software) in all 3 universities

## Outcome IV - Research

- Annual Scientific Conferences (alternating in the 3 countries)
- Journal on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Regional Platform of Knowledge Sharing
- Preparation of more joint projects (another EU application)

## 4. Conclusion

EU Interest as financing institution: Are the outcomes sustainable? - YES

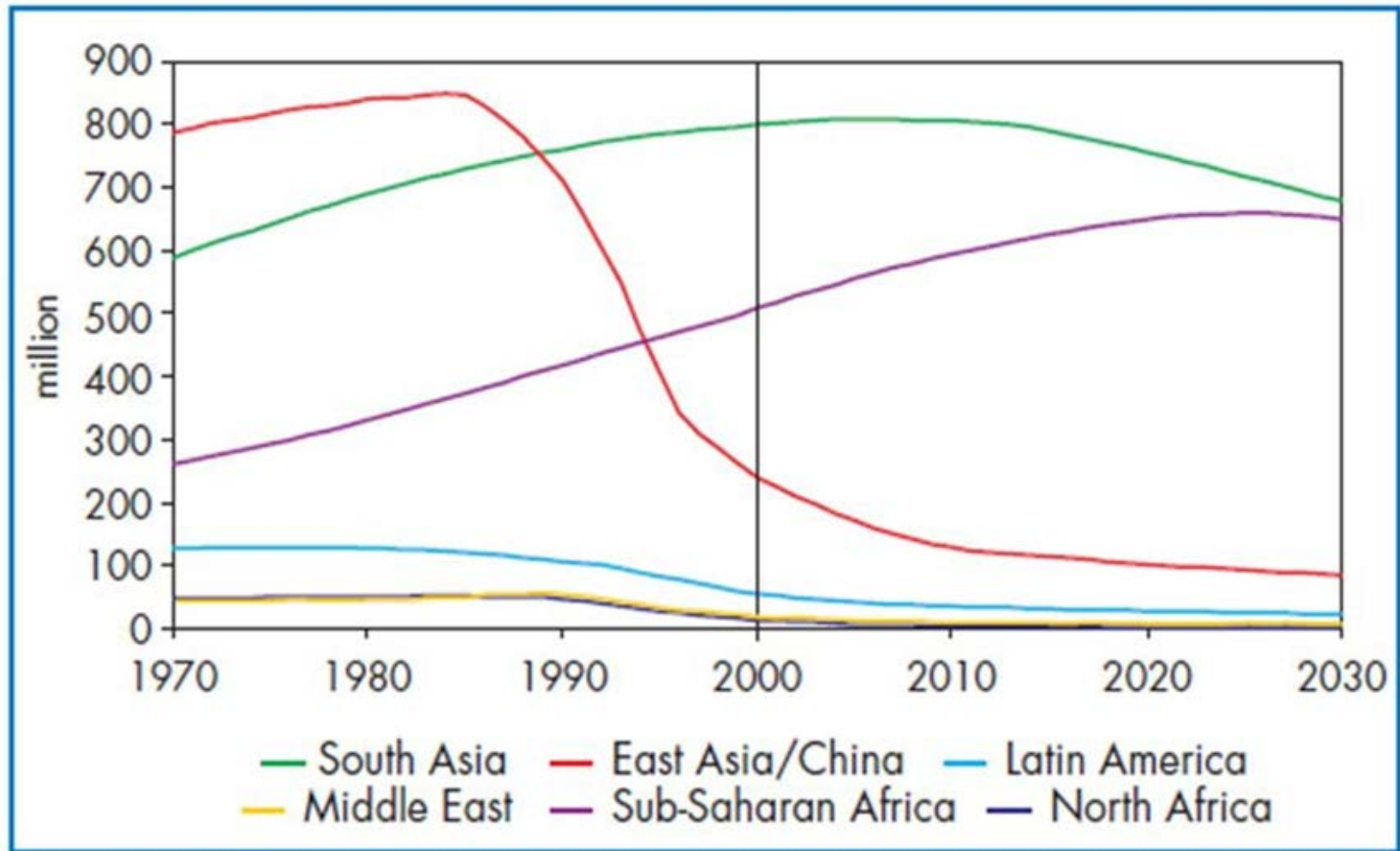
- Journal
- Annual conferences
- Improved data based for political planning and energy research
- University programs
- Technical training short courses

Hope all this will help to speed up the development of markets for renewable energy technologies

And encourage applied research projects



## People not connected to the grid by regions – projection 2002



Source: IEA analysis.

# Price drop of PV systems

## How Germany helped bring down the cost of PV for the world

When PV was still expensive, Germany built PV massively, accounting for up to two thirds of global installations

Source: BP, DGS, photovoltaikumfrage.de, BSW, Öko-Institut e.V.

