

# INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY



Accelerating the Growth of Renewable Energy

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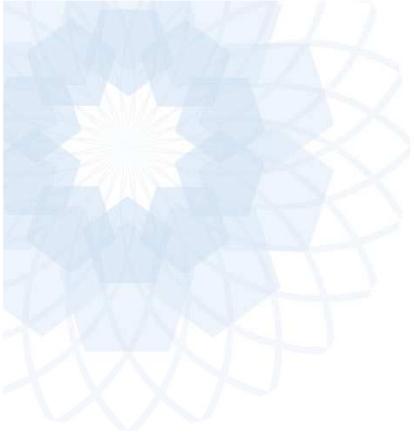
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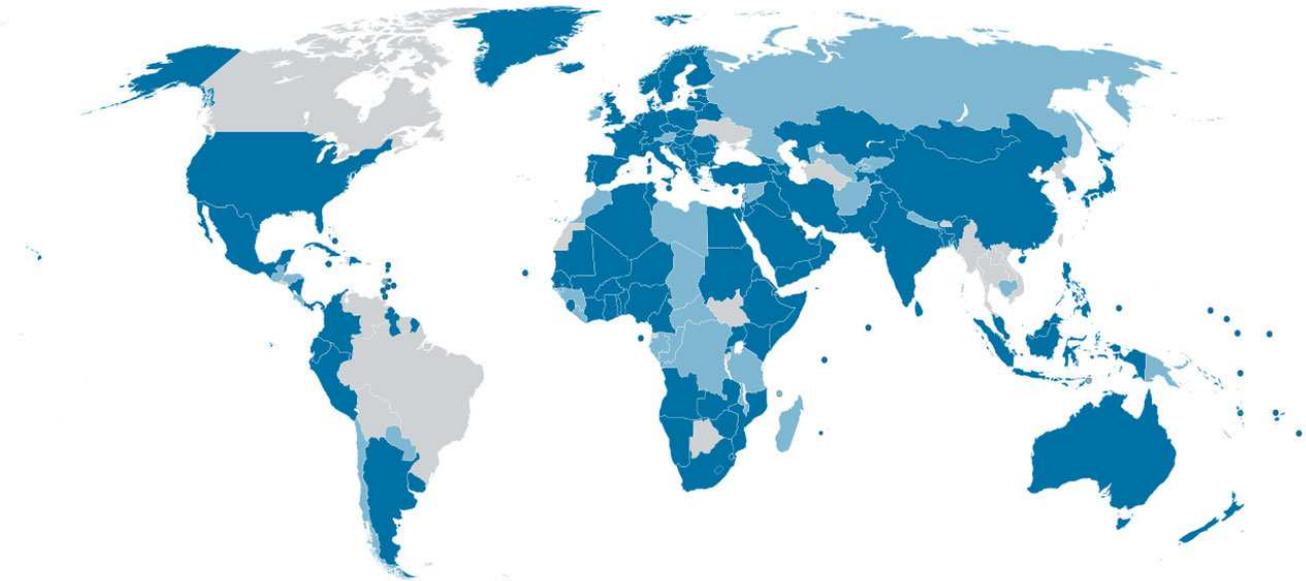
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## **Introduction of IRENA**

# The International Renewable Energy Agency



*The Voice, Advisory Resource and Knowledge Hub for 171 Governments*



Renewable energy can:

- Meet our goals for *secure, reliable* and *sustainable* energy
- Provide *electricity access* to 1.3 billion people
- Promote *economic development*
- At an *affordable cost*

# Structure and Membership

Headquarters:

**Abu Dhabi,  
United Arab Emirates**

**Three Programmes:**

- **Innovation and Technology Centre (IITC) in Bonn, Germany**
- **Knowledge, Finance and Policy Centre in Abu Dhabi**
- **Country Support and Partnerships in Abu Dhabi**

***Foundation***

**26 January 2009 in Bonn**

**International Agency since April 2011**

**The only international RE agency worldwide**

***Scope***

**Hub, voice and source of objective information for renewable energy**

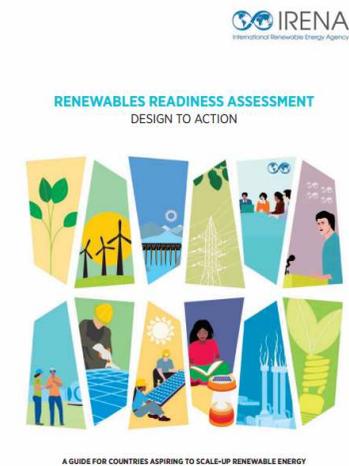
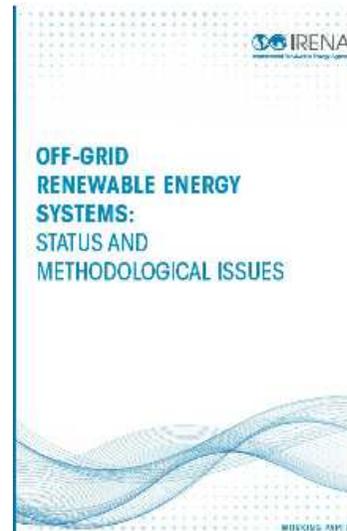
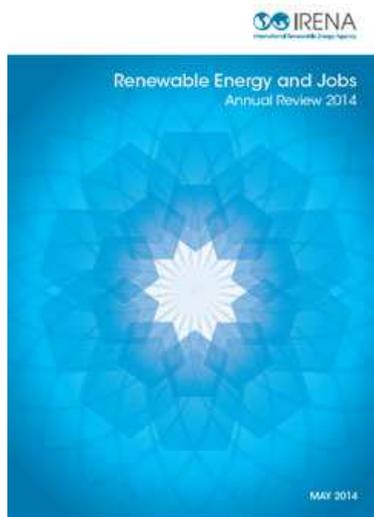
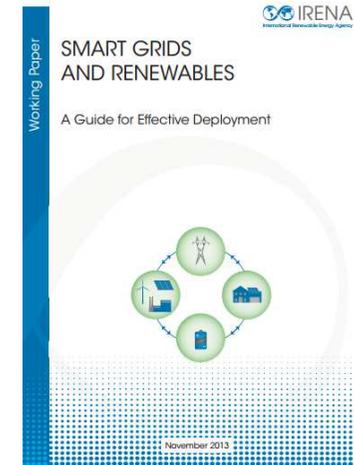
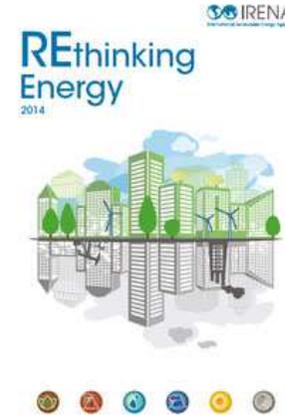
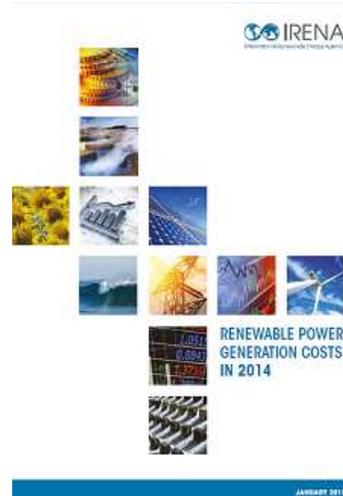
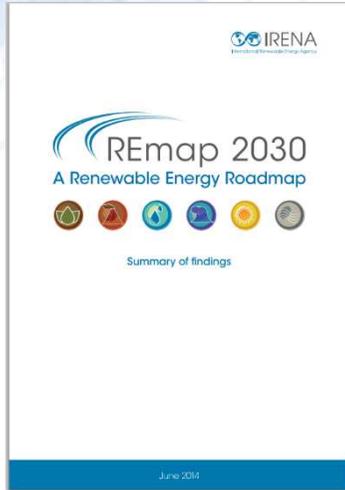
***Mandate***

**Sustainable deployment of the six forms of renewable energy resources  
(Biomass, Geothermal, Hydro, Ocean, Solar, Wind)**

# Thematic Areas of the Work Programme

- Planning for the global energy transition
- Gateway to knowledge on renewable energy
- Enabling RE investment and growth
- Renewable energy access for sustainable livelihoods
- Islands: lighthouses for renewable energy deployment
- Regional action agenda

# IRENA Publications

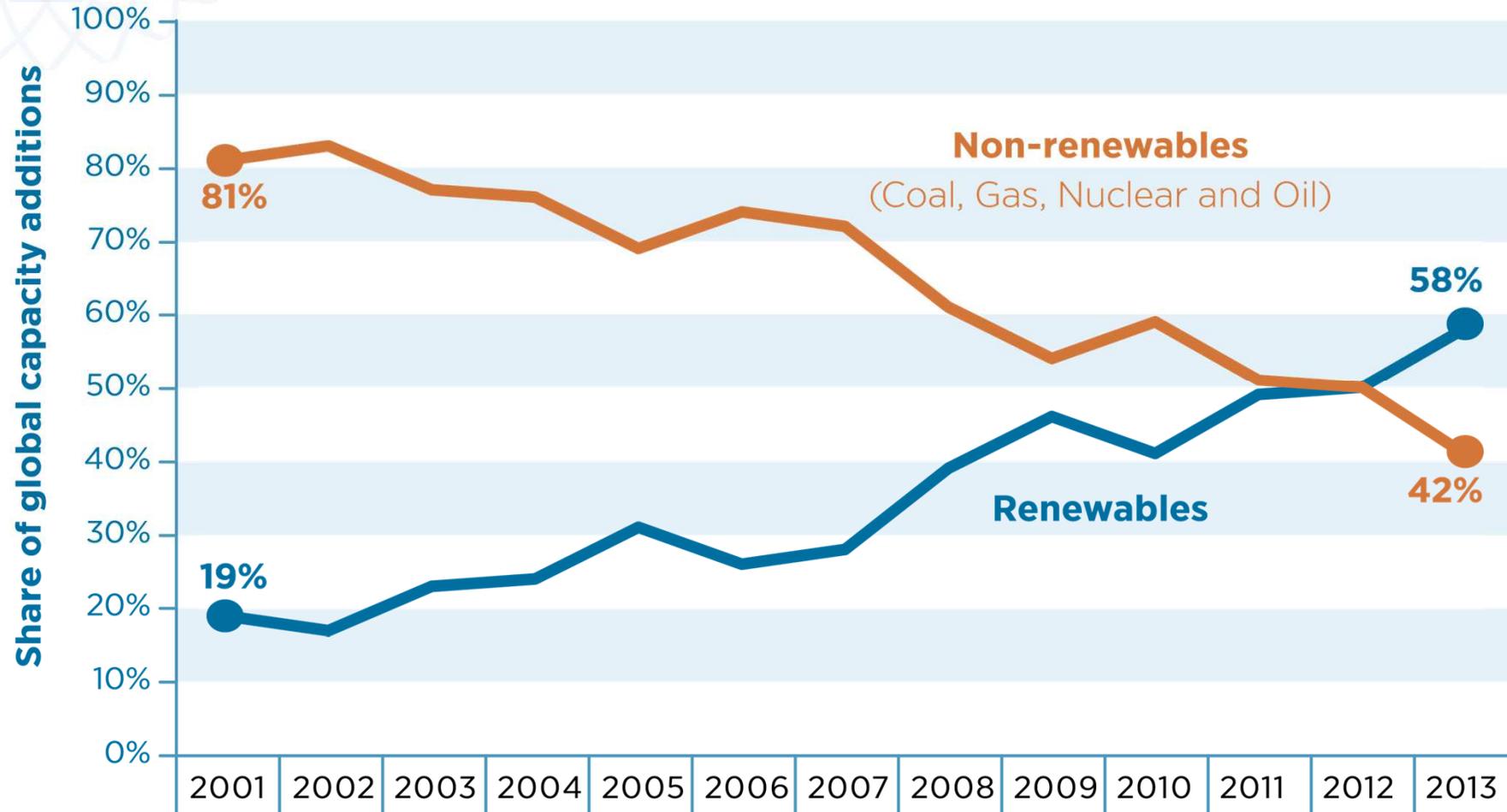




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## **Transitioning towards Renewable Power Generation**

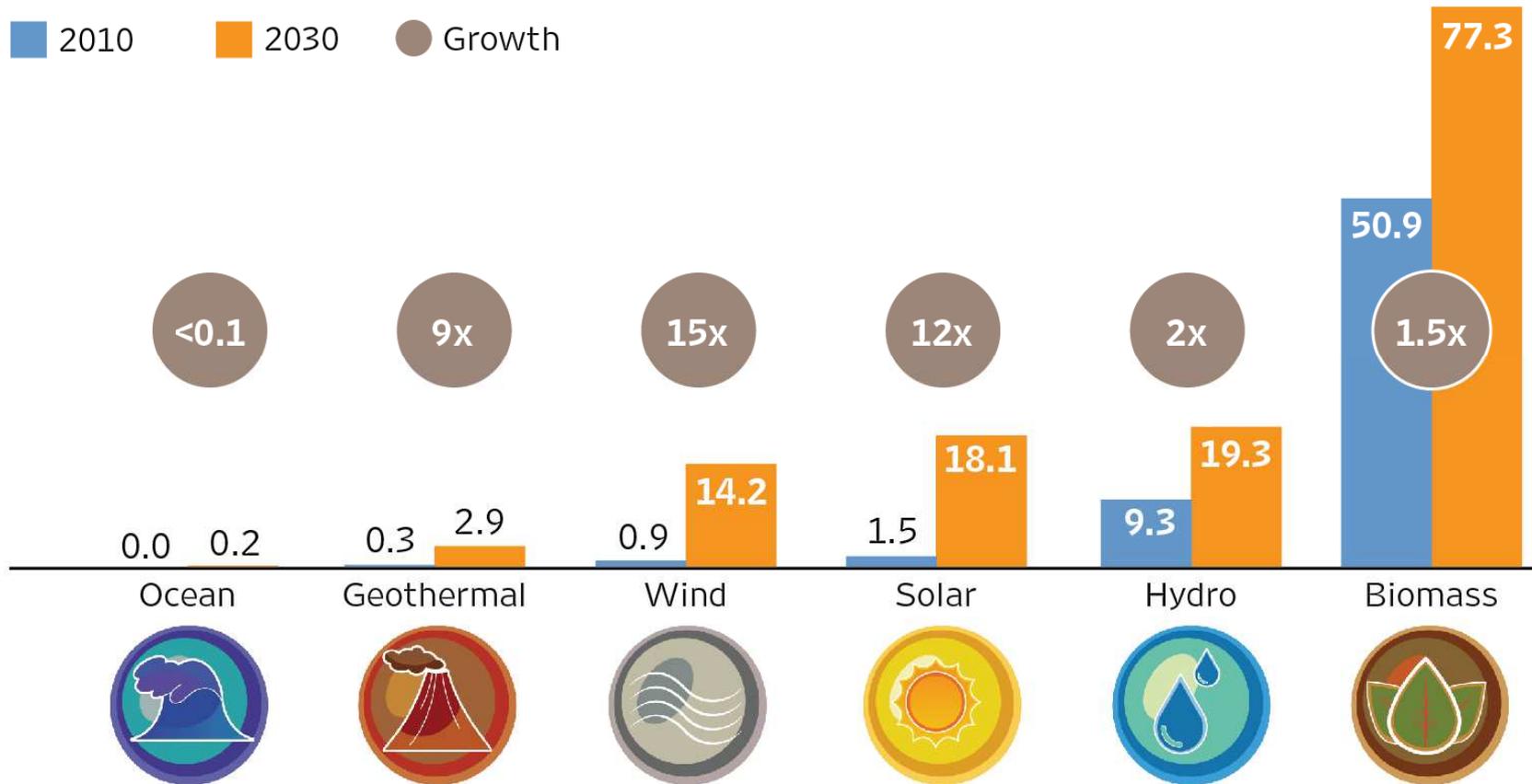
# Renewables Dominate New Capacity Additions



# Scaling-up all renewable energy sources

Global renewable energy use by resource (EJ/year)

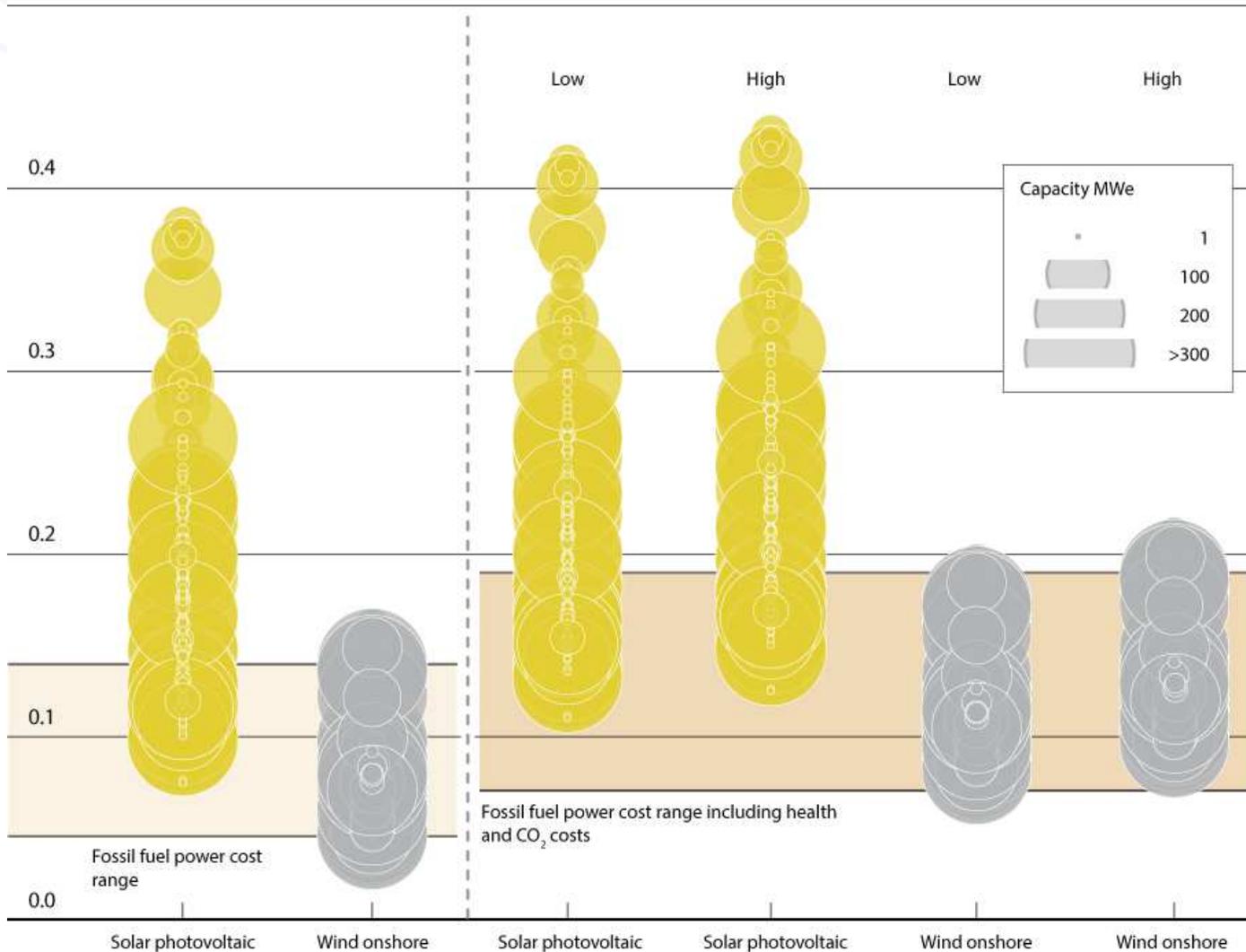
■ 2010 ■ 2030 ● Growth

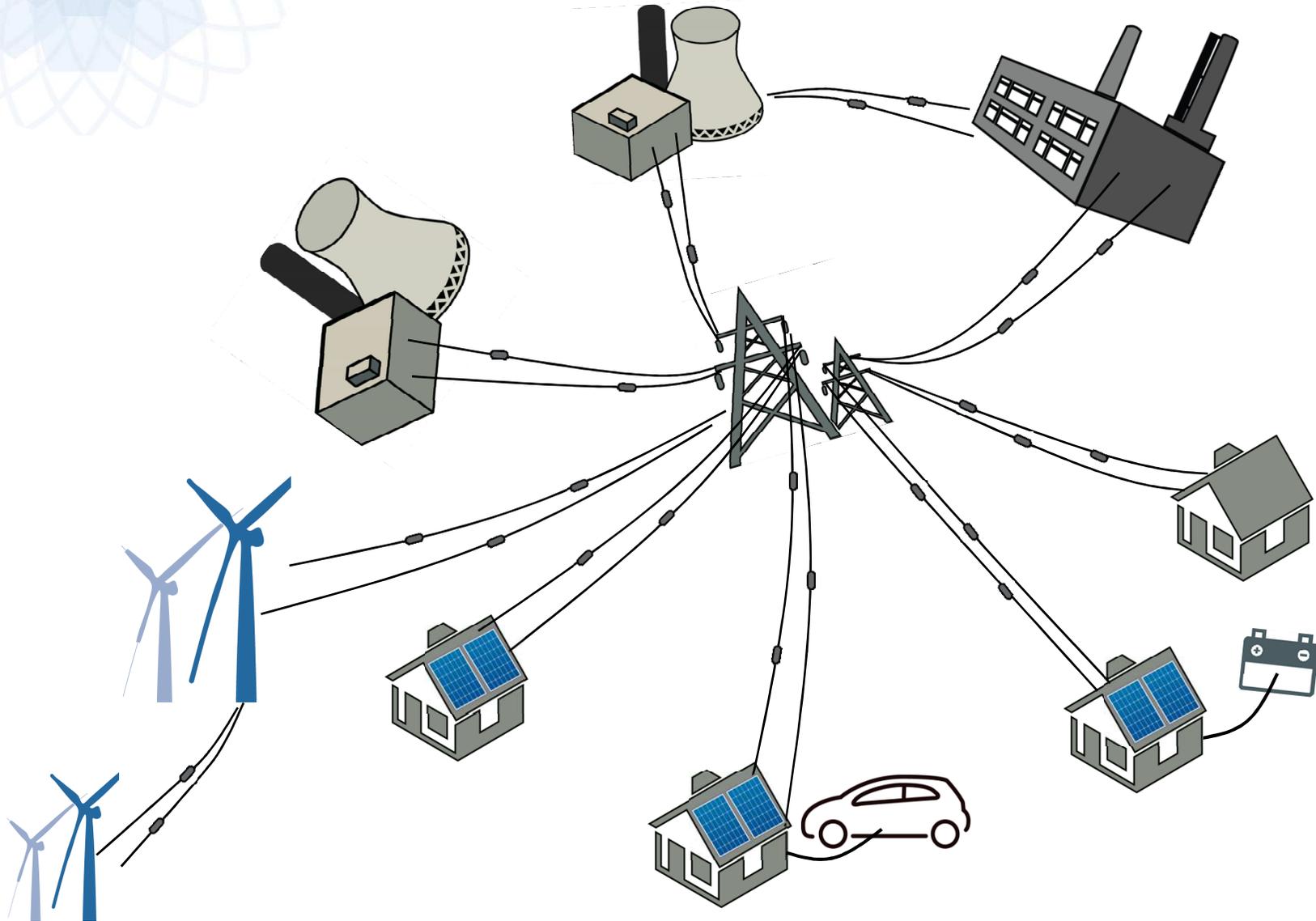


**Total global RE use in REmap 2030: 132 EJ/yr**

# High levels of variable renewables are competitive

2014 USD/kWh  
0.5







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## **REmap 2030**

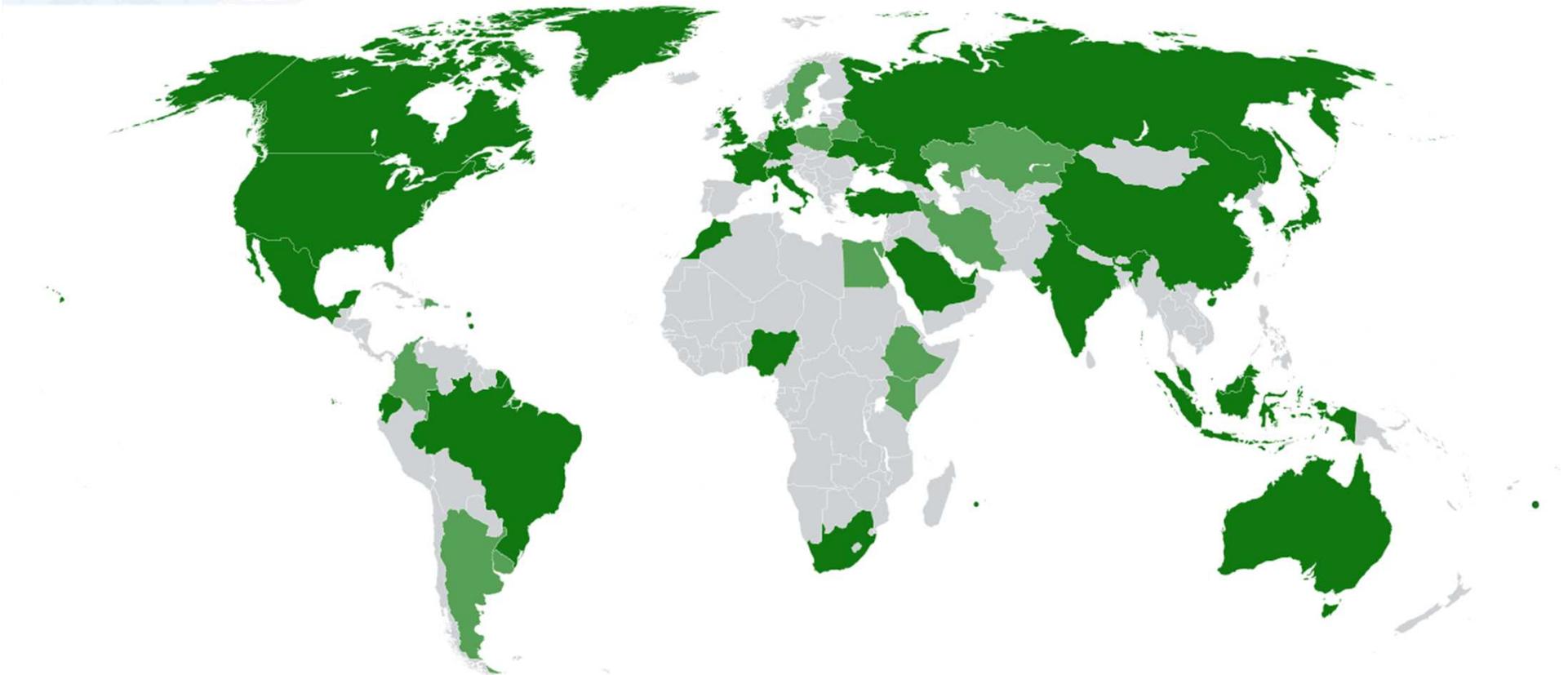
# REmap 2030 - A roadmap for doubling the RE share

- Originates from the United Nations global Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) initiative
- Three objectives, all to be achieved by 2030:
  - Universal energy access (rural electrification, modern forms of renewables)
  - Doubling the rate of energy intensity improvements
  - **Doubling the share of renewables in the global energy mix (compared to 2010 level)**
- Each objective has its own hub; IRENA is the thematic hub for renewables
- 2014-2024: UN decade of Sustainable Energy for All

# REmap 2030 - A roadmap for doubling the RE share

- REmap explores the **potential**, **cost** and **benefits** of doubling the renewables share in the global energy mix
- **Technology options**
  - No target setting; options characterised by their cost and potentials
  - Technology options can be combined into scenarios and translated into policy action
- Focuses on power, district heat and end-use sectors
- Coverage: **40 countries**; 80% of the global energy use
- Developed together with & validated by country experts

## REmap countries

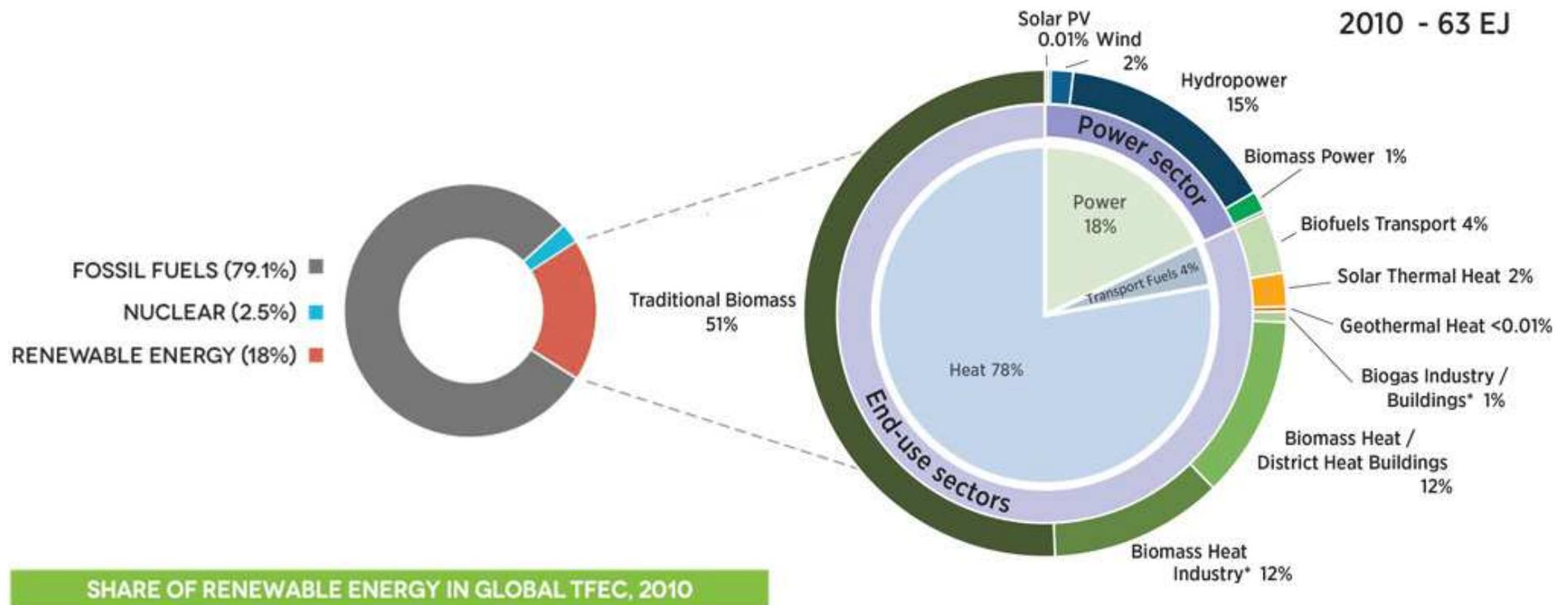


**Dark green:** Completed country analysis in June 2014 (26 countries)

**Light green:** Ongoing country analysis end of 2015 (14 countries)

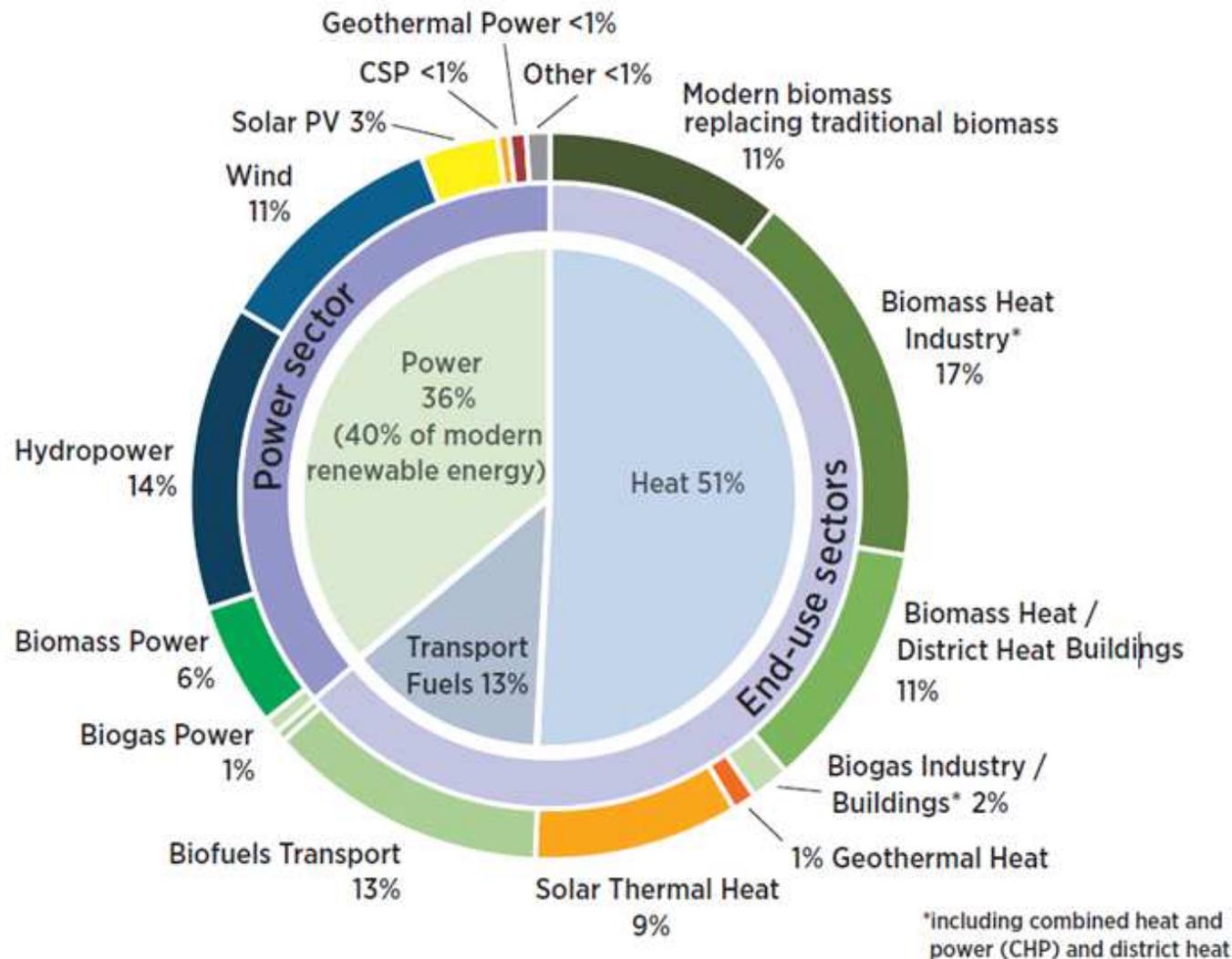
# Breakdown of Global Renewable Energy Use in 2010

**Globally 18% RE in Total Final Energy Consumption (TFEC)  
Half is traditional biomass, 8.4% modern renewables**



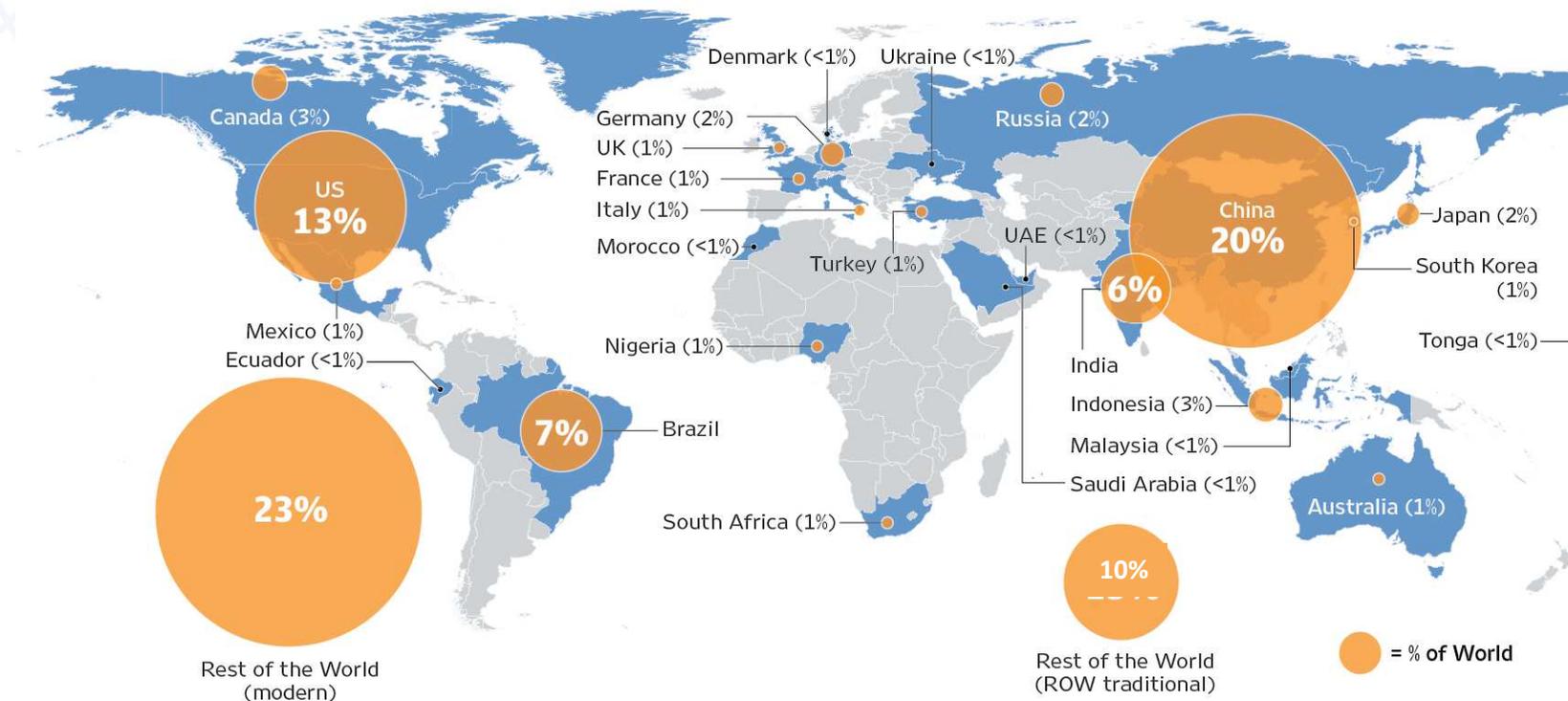
# Global RE Use in 2030 including REmap Options

Remap 2030 – 132 EJ (final energy) 60% is biomass



# Mapping Out the Renewable Energy Transition

Breakdown of Total Global Renewable Energy Use in 2030 (%)



26 countries – 75% of global energy consumption

China is the largest single market for global renewable energy use

# REmap 2030 key findings

- **Doubling the RE share from 18% in 2010 to 36% in 2030 is technically achievable with existing technologies**
  - Higher shares in power generation
  - More attention needed for heating and transportation fuels
- **Doubling is affordable when externalities are accounted for**
  - However these are not reflected in today's prices and markets are distorted because of energy subsidies
  - Macro-economic benefits include more jobs; economic activity; health benefits; a cleaner environment; a higher level of energy security
- **Biomass is key resource**
- **Potential exists in all countries, and differentiated action**

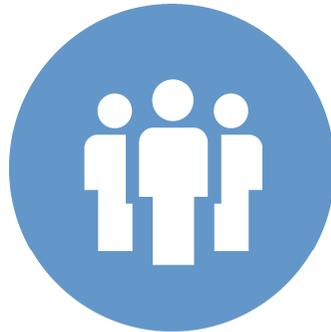
# Benefits for Health, Environment and the Economy

↓ **\$200bn**



Global health-related costs can be reduced up to \$200 billion annually

↑ **900,000 jobs**



Doubling the global share of renewable energy would create a net gain of 900,000 jobs in the energy sector in 2030

↓ **15%**



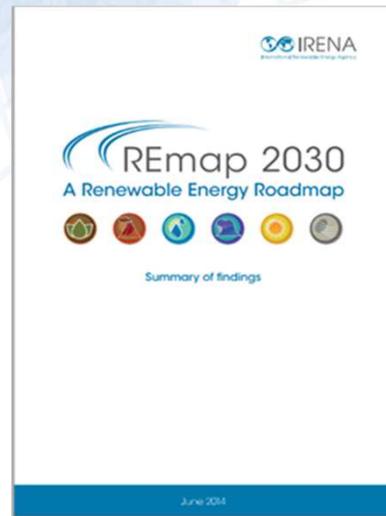
Demand for oil and natural gas can be reduced by around 15%, creating more energy security for fossil-fuel importing countries

↓ **26%**

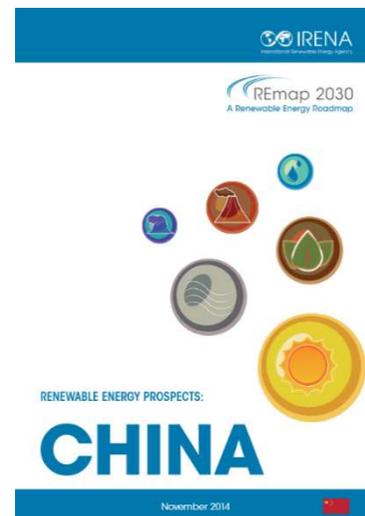


Demand for coal can decline by 26% resulting in reduced carbon emissions and cleaner air

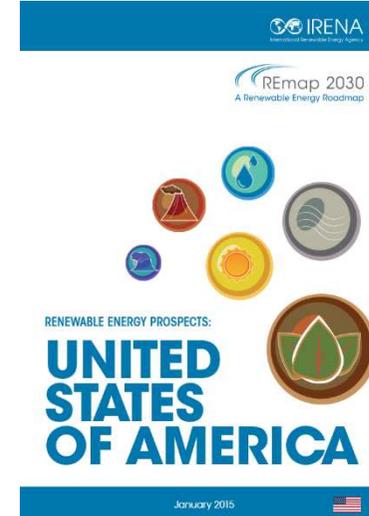
# Comprehensive REmap country reports



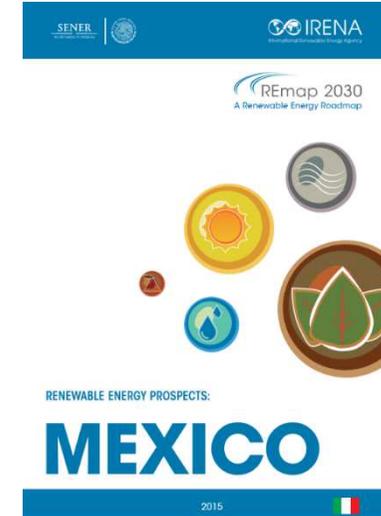
June 2014



November 2014



January 2015



May 2015

- Purpose: Translate analysis into actionable options
  - Areas for joint action to accelerate RE deployment
- China, Mexico, UAE, United States, Ukraine **completed**
- India, Poland, South Africa reports **in preparation**
- Discussion on-going with other countries



# 4 Capacity Building

# Technical Capacities for RE

- **RE on Power Grids (*implementing*):**
  - Certify installers to properly install PV
  - Train island utilities and regulators to understand grid stability analyses and potential for reliable RE integration
  - Train island utilities to operate grids with higher RE shares.
- **RE in Buildings (*envisioned*):**
  - Certify installers to properly install PV and SWH
  - Train auditors to conduct EERE audits
- **RE Systems (*envisioned*):**
  - Training in proper installation, operation and maintenance of renewable desalination and waste-to-energy systems.

# Entrepreneurial Capacities

- **RE in Electricity Markets:**
  - Training on how to follow wind measurement guidelines in developing bankable wind power projects (proposed)
  - Training to set up and operate PV businesses (ProSPER: Promoting a Sustainable Market for Photovoltaic Systems in the ECOWAS [Economic Community of West African States] Region) – focus on enterprise development and linkages with financial institutions.
- **RE in Buildings:**
  - Training to set up and operate ESCOs (proposed)

# Policy and Regulatory Capacities

- **RE in Electricity Markets (activities envisioned):**
  - Train policy-makers on how to **set targets** and meet them
  - Train regulators on setting rates for the power **utility**.
    - Appropriate Rate of Return (ROR)
  - Train regulators on market opening to **IPPs**
    - Design of Power Purchase Agreements
  - Train regulators on market opening to **prosumers**
    - Net billing to share rents between prosumers and utility

# Possible Areas for IRENA-APEC Cooperation on Capacity Building

- **Training for PV Installers:**
  - IRENA training seminars in cooperation with SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program)
  - APEC EGNRET [NRE142-6] APEC Building Mounted PV Best Practices and Latest Development Comparative Study (Proposed)
- **Business Models for PV Entrepreneurs:**
  - IRENA work on business models for mini-grids, in cooperation with Mini Grids High Impact Opportunity (HIO) of UN Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative.
  - APEC EGNRET [NRE142-2]: Innovative business models for scale-up application of solar photovoltaic technology in APEC (Proposed)



# 5

## **Renewable Readiness Assessment**

## RRA Approach

*“Problems cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them.”*

*---Albert Einstein*

## RRA Approach

- Taking a holistic and system approach
- But, focusing on key issues
- Formulating actionable activities/programs with multi-stakeholder participations

## Recommendations:

### Conduct Institutional capacity Analysis

1. A thorough map-out of *who is doing what* against *who is supposed to do*
2. Emerging issues are calling for additional skills and manpower: *are we there?*
3. Multi-stakeholders are offering multiple perspectives as well as various demands
4. What institutional capacity should be in place from a national and long-term perspective?

## Recommendations:

### **Effective use of GIZ PV Guidebook for the Philippines**

1. The guiding should be viewed as a dynamic process as the administrative procedures are evolving
2. Effective dissemination and communication may be helpful for investors/developers to better use the resources provided in the Guidebook
3. Feedbacks are always welcome and timely addressed

# Recommendations:

## Conduct country study on rural minigrids



### Contexts of the study

- a. *Energy supply by renewable resources providing more than just sources of energy*
- b. *Improved electrification rate is not enough*

# Recommendations:

## Conduct country study on rural minigrids

### **Objective:**

to facilitate the Philippines to create enabling environment for renewable energy-based mini-grid deployment to shift the paradigm for universal energy access as well as for enhanced energy security

### **Scope:**

covering the issues from estimation of physical potentials, policy and regulatory framework, technological options/guidelines, business models, to evaluation of long-term social and economic benefits that such systems can generate for the society as a whole

### **Focus:**

islands and remote/unelectrified regions where RE-powered mini-grids can be economic viable and also used for promoting rural development

# RE Minigrids for off grid island states and remote areas in Philippines

- **Off grid power generation dominated by diesel operated minigrids**
  - NPC-SPUG under their Missionary Electrification programme serves 213 islands and isolated grids (Feb, 2012)
- **Hybridization of diesel minigrids reduces generation costs**
  - Techno-Economic studies<sup>1</sup> of the 3.57 MW diesel power plant at Busuanga Island show that hybridization with a 3 MW solar PV system can reduce the LCOE from 34.7 to 29.8 USDc/KWh
  - Annual diesel consumption reduces by more than 1.2 million liters
- **Study on the potential of Minigrids for remote energy access**
  - IRENA to provide technical advisory as a follow up to the RRA; study the potential of RE hybridization of existing diesel based minigrids & RE minigrids for remote areas

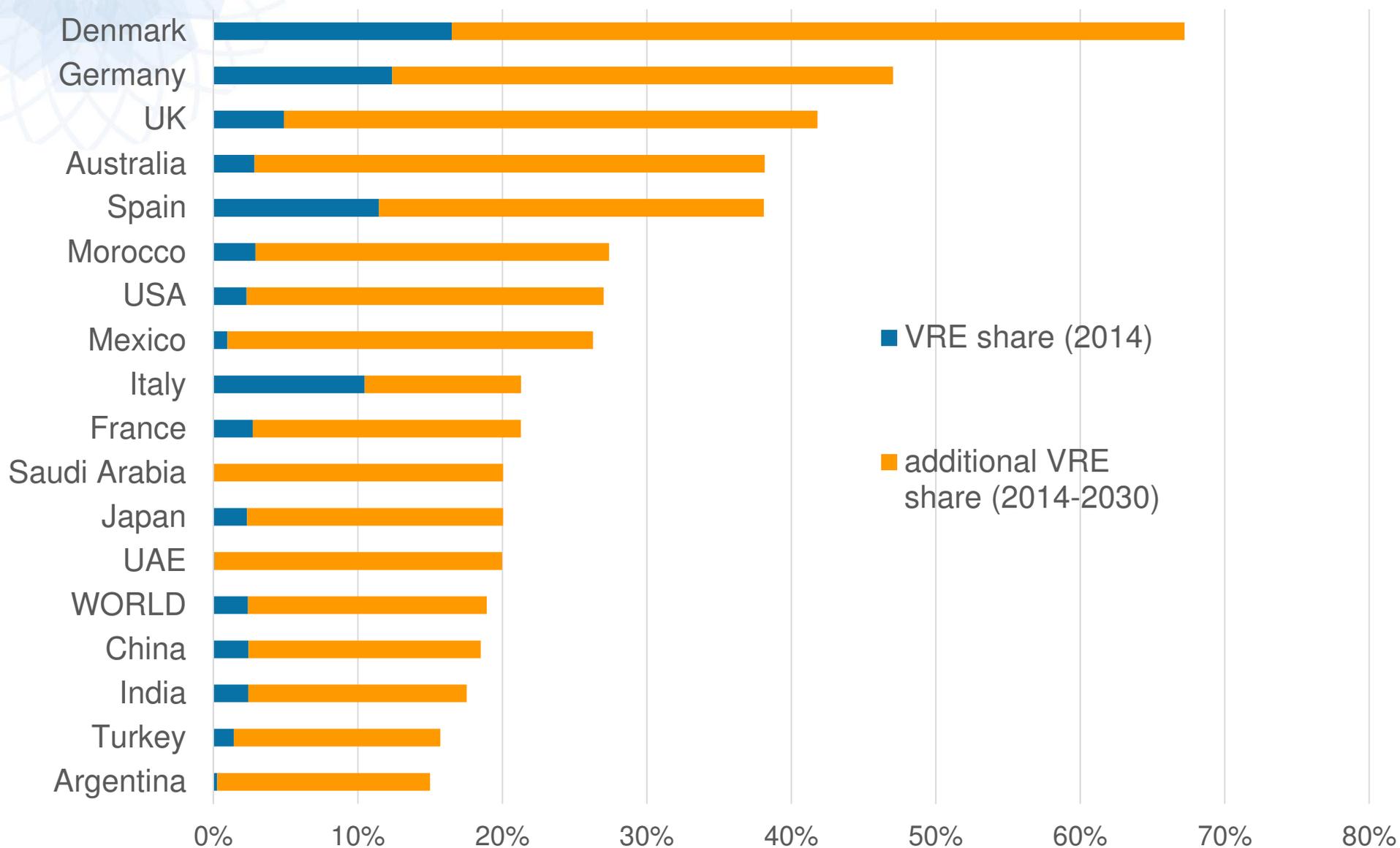
<sup>1</sup> RE in hybrid and isolated minigrids: Economic benefits and business cases



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## The Role of IRENA

# Sharing experiences



# Identify best practices

## Thailand

The Alternative Energy Development Plan aims to increase consumption of RE by the **deployment of DG (<10MW)**. **Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)** already in place.

## Hachinoe, Japan

Project to reduce the impact of VRE by **controlling DG output**

## Jeju Island, South Korea

Test-bed project. **Venture into new markets models** based on smart grids and RE

## Malaysia

New **Regulatory framework** with responsibilities for utility and RE developer

## Philippines

**Grid codes** in place that cover specific aspects to the grid integration of VRE

## Australia

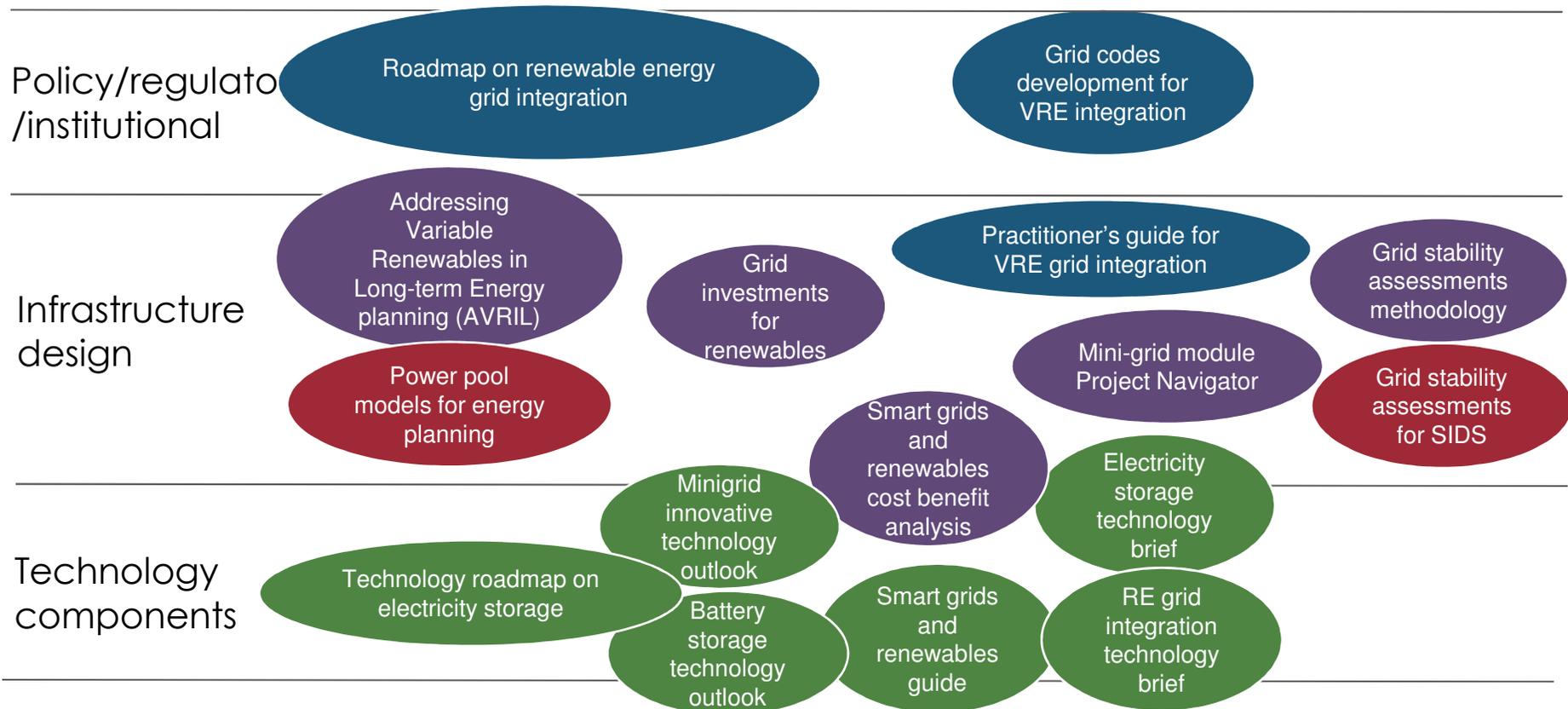
CSIRO convened the Future Grid Forum to assess the future high integration of RE and rise of the **prosumers**.

# From planning to operation

Developing a long-term strategy

Facilitating the implementation process

Supporting operation and management





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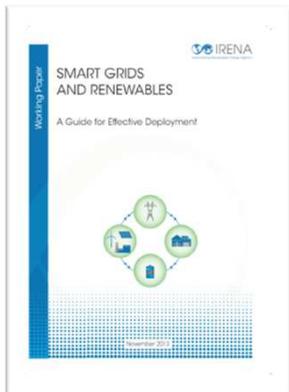


## **Appendix: Smart Grids and Renewables**

# Smart grids for variable renewables

## Technology options in five areas

- Transmission
- Distribution
- Generation
- Consumer
- Storage

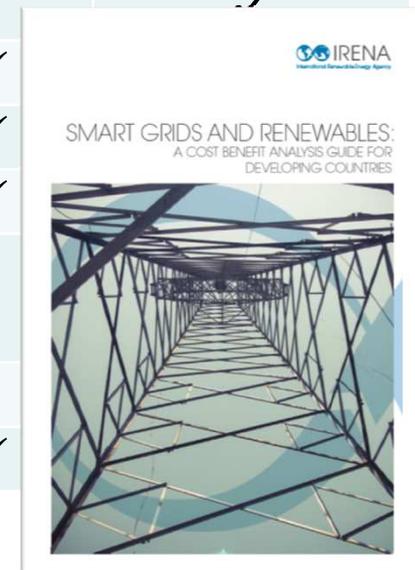


## Many technology options:

Advanced metering  
Better forecasting  
Demand response  
Distribution automation  
Dynamic line ratings  
Electricity storage  
Flexible AC transmission  
High voltage AC/DC lines  
Smart inverters  
Synchrophasors  
Variable electricity pricing  
Virtual power plants

# Benefits of smart grid functions

Benefits ↓	Functions →	Wide-area monitoring and visualization	Flow control	Automated voltage and VAR control
Reduced ancillary service cost		✓		
Deferred distribution investments		✓	✓	✓
Reduced equipment failures			✓	✓
Reduced distribution operations cost			✓	✓
Reduced electricity losses			✓	✓
Reduced sustained outages			✓	
Reduced major outages			✓	
Reduced restoration cost		✓	✓	
Reduced momentary outages		✓		
Reduced sags and swells				
Reduced wide-scale blackouts		✓	✓	

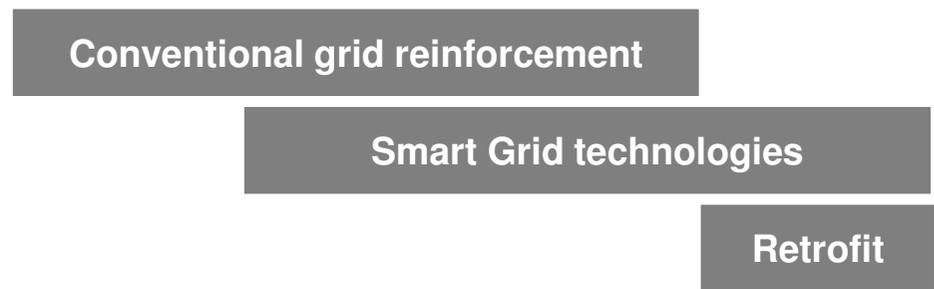


# Grid investment needs for smart grids

Network Categories	Wind	PV	Non-variable RE	Overload	Voltage	Phase imbalance	Backfeed (con. & prot)
Offshore	✓			●			
Bulk Transmission	✓	✓	✓	●			
Regional Distribution	✓	✓		●	●		●
Local Distribution		✓		●	●	●	●



Investment categories



# Storage for renewables

Application areas and experiences in South East Asia:



## Islands/minigrids

Energy Storage System launched in Sumba island (Indonesia). Increasing the penetration of VRE and improving dramatically the security of supply.



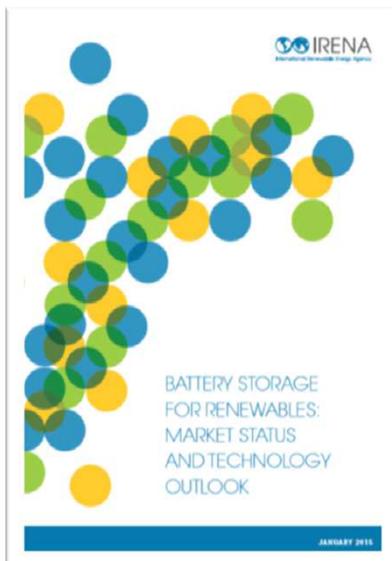
## Self-consumption

Sydney (Australia). Case studies coupling PV and storage, raising self-consumption considerably and relieving problems in the grid due to VRE



## Smoothing/supply shift

Okinawa (Japan). Okinawa Electric Power Company and Toshiba developed and installed a 23 MW flywheel system for frequency control in the Okinawa power grid



# Cities – opportunities

- 75% of final energy consumption
- 52% population lives in cities; 60% in 2030 (ca 1.4 billion more)
- 31 megacities (>10 mln), 19 in Asia
- 21% of urban population lives in large cities (>1 mln)
  - Average growth rate of 1.5% p.a.
- 50% of urban population lives in small cities (<0.5 mln)
  - Average growth rate of 4.9% p.a.
- 50% of urban energy consumption in non-OECD countries; 65% in 2030