Energy transition in developing world – sub Saharan Africa

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Sub-Saharan Africa



Fundamentals

- Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 4.5% of global energy demand, having 14% of the world's population.
- Rapid population growth -180 million in 2050; 1.05 bn. in 2017; (expected) 2.2 bn. in 2050, and (expected) 3.9bn in 2095.
- Urbanisation by 2030, more than 50% of people in cities, by 2050 more than 60%.
- Region is rich with resources (both fossil and renewables) but poor with energy.
- Potential advantage is growing working-age population.
- The economy of the region is still smaller than that of Germany (sic). Agriculture 65% of employment, mining for export.
- Significant role (FDI, trade) of the EU, growing role of China (oil-related investments in Angola, Chand and Uganda, gas investment in Mozambique, or hydro in Ethiopia and Nigeria).
- Governance shortomings preventing foreign investments low-quality institutions.

Energy sector

- Solid biomas (incl. charcoal in urban areas) makes up over half of total primary energy demand (mainly household cooking).
- Coal (largely concentrated in SA) and oil account for roughly equal shares, together they meet about 1/3 of total primary demand.
- Modern RES (incl. modern use of biomas) 18%.
- Natural gas about 4% (2/3 in Nigeria).
- Significant role of back-up diesel generators. ...(data for 2016).

Energy access

- Reliable supplies of electricity essential economic development. (590 million people without electricity, 80% of them in rural areas).
- Electricity prices very high by world standards, despite being often bellow the costs of supply (subsidies for oil).
- Number of people without access to electricity stopped increasing in 2013, is decreasing slowly.



Population without access to electricity, 2016



Energy access

- Clean cooking health and environmental improvements, economic opportunities for women. (4/5 of the people rely on solid biomas for cooking now, 78% million).
- This increased by nearly 50% since 2000.
- 6% of people using kerosene.



Population relying on solid biomass for cooking, 2015



Hydrocarbon resources

- Niger Delta Basin oil and gas; Nigerian waters, Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea. 12th richest basin in undiscovered oil resources in the world.
- East African Rift Uganda, also Kenya, DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania and Ethiopia.
- East African Coastal over 5 tcm of gas resources in waters off Mozambique and Tanzania.
- West Africant Transform Margin Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivore.
- West Coast Pre-Salt Gabon, Congo, Angola. Natural gas primarily.

= The whole region around 65 bn. barrels of proven oil reserves (about 5% of the world). $\frac{3}{4}$ in Nigeria and Angola.

- = 9 tcm (5% of the global total) of natural gas, often flared (1/3 of the whole production).
- = estimated 120 bn. tons of coal (less than 1% of world reserves) in the southern part of the continents, lack of exploration and data. SA, Mozambique etc.
- = Uranium resources in Namibia, Niger, SA.

Renewable potential



1) Electricity access

- In 2013 the trend of population growth outpacing electrification reversed.
- By 2040, 950 million people to gain access to electricity. Mainly in urban areas.
- Increasing role of renewables. Decentralized systems, off-grid systems?
- Still 530 million people in mainly rural areas without electricity by 2040.
- Electrification undermining development goals of clean energy and climate action?



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Installed power generation capacity, New Policies Scenario of IEA



2) Future role of biomass

- Solid biomass (fuelwood, straw, charcoal, dried animal and human waste) accounts for about 70% of final energy use in the region (80% with SA excluded).
- Cooking primarily.
- Environmental consequences, health effect.
- Policy actions and wood scarcity may encourage usage of LPG and more efficient cookstoves, but 650 million people still cooking with biomass in 2040.

	Investment cost (\$)	Efficiency	Daily hours for cooking	Consumption per household (toe/year)
Traditional cookstoves				
Charcoal	3 - 6	20%	2 - 4	0.5 - 1.9
Fuelwood, straw	0 - 2	11%	2 - 4	1 .0 - 3 .7
Alternative cookstoves				
Kerosene	30	<mark>4</mark> 5%	1 - 3	0.1 - 0.2
LPG	60	55%	1 - 3	0.08 - 0.15
Electricity	300	75%	1.2 - 2.4	0.07 - 0.13
Biogas digester	600 - 1 500	65%	1 - 3	0.07 - 0.14
Improved cookstoves:				
Charcoal	14	26%	1.5 - 3	0.4 - 1.5
Fuelwood	15	25%	1.9 - 3.8	0.5 - 1.6

3) Nigeria and its oil

- Angola is overtaking Nigeria as the largest sub-Saharan oil producer.
- In Nigeria, regulatory uncertainty, militant aktivity, oil theft (bunkering) in the Niger Delta compromise production.
- Oil theft estimated at 150 kb/d plus oil spills due to sabotages (= 14% of output) lost revenue of more than USD 5bn/y. Situation getting worse in the last two years.
- Nigeria as a rentier state largest economy in the region but several key human development indicators (education, life expectancy) on the regional average.

4) South Africa, Mozambique and Tanzania

South Africa

- High dependency on coal around 70% of primary energy demand and around 90% of electricity output (electricity prices used to be one of the lowest in the world). However, easily accessible reserves getting depleted, rising costs of transportation.
- Diversification efforts include renewables, natural gas and, potentially, also nuclear.
 Mozambique, Tanzania
- Recent natural gas discoveries expected to facilitate economic development.
- LNG facilities for export, incentives to increase domestic consumption.

Average annual investment in energy supply, New Policies Scenario of IEA



Diesel generators vs. PV units

- Diesel generators used to back-up the (unreliable) grid outages for 6% of the time on average, in some countries (Nigeria, Guinea, Central African Republic) much higher figures.
- Nigeria the largest African importer of the generators, spending almost USD 22 bn. for fuel only (5bn above the price of electricity).

Prospects?

- Energy is interlinked both with economic growth of the region and global climate.
- Socially, economicaly and environmentaly sustainable growth needs stable and predictable institutions.
- Enormous investments needed. (Green climate fund?)
- Population growth challenge to economic stability.
- Energy transition to renewable energy? Is coal to be used in the energy mix?

CO2 emissions per capita, 2016



Average carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions per capita measured in tonnes per year.



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