

# Global Energy Transformation and Regional Action Plan for Latin America

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# **Energy transition has made progress but acceleration is needed**





Costs of renewable energy continues to decline rapidly.



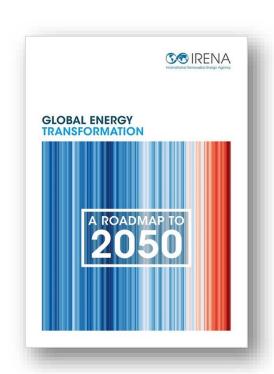
Wind and solar lead the power capacity expansion: wind and solar PV accounted for 84% of new power capacity in 2018.



**Economies are increasingly powered by renewables:** they provided 33% of electricity generation in the UK and around 40% in Germany and Spain in 2018.

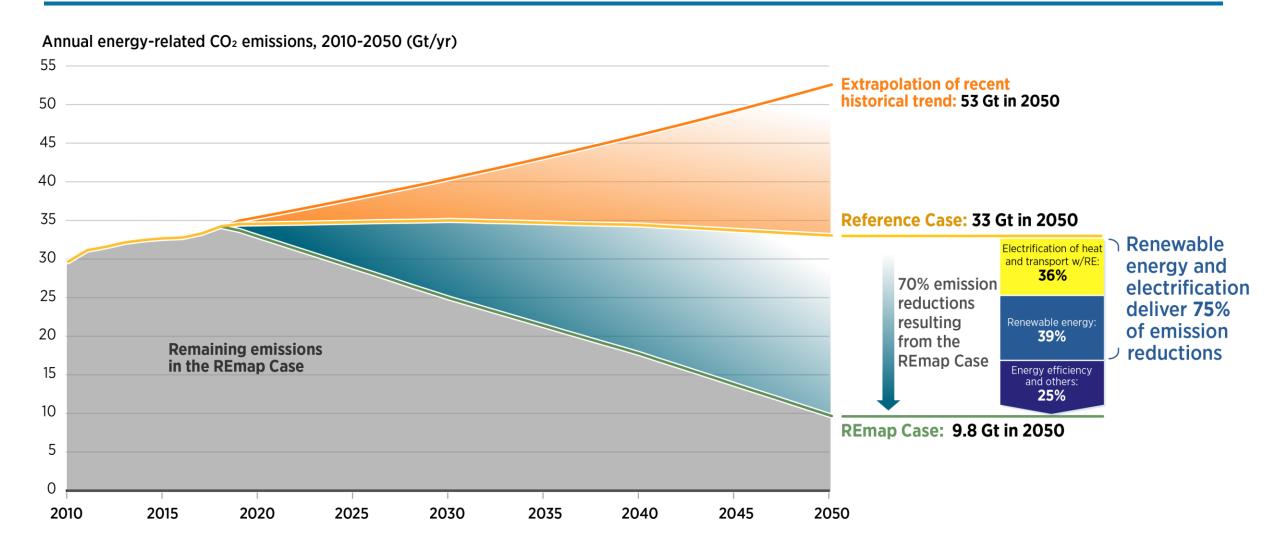


**Expanding electricity use can be the main driver for accelerating the energy transformation:** e.g. EV sales surpassed 2 million units in 2018.



# Renewables & electrification can deliver 75% of energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions needed

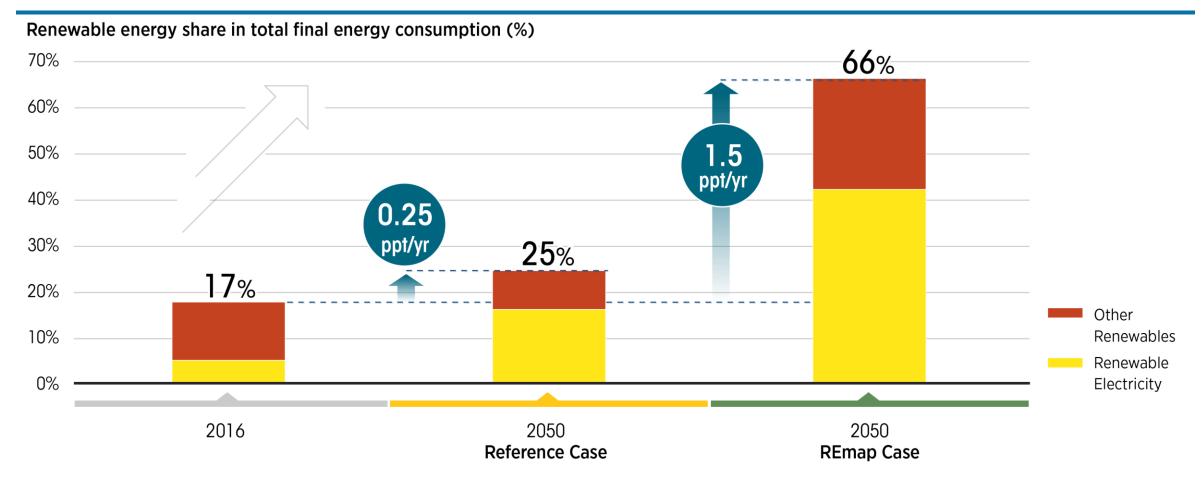




With energy efficiency included, this rises to over 90%.

## Renewables growth must increase six-fold





- The growth in renewable energy share must increase six-fold compared to current plans
- Energy intensity improvement needs to increase by a third, to 3.2% per year

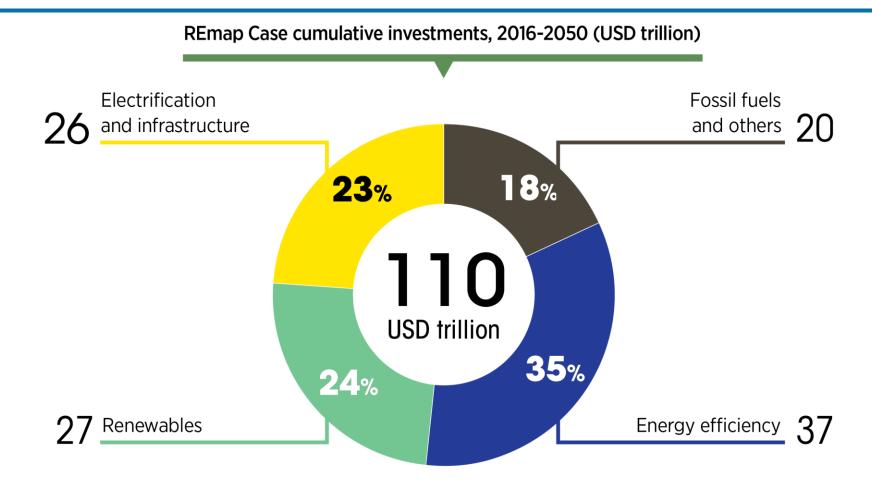
# Regional key indicators infographic for the Americas



			NORTH AMERICA REmap			LATIN AMERICA REmap		
			2016	2030	2050	2016	2030	2050
Energy use	TPES	EJ/yr	113	90	82	27	30	33
	TFEC	EJ/yr	82	69	58	22	22	21
RE shares	RE share in TFEC	%	10%	29%	68%	29%	47%	67%
	RE share in TPES	%	10%	30%	67%	31%	53%	73%
	RE share in power generation	%	22%	60%	85%	63%	85%	93%
Electri- fication	Share of electricity use in TFEC	%	20%	28%	52%	18%	26%	39%
	Share of electricity use in Industry	%	20%	21%	29%	22%	27%	33%
	Share of electricity use in Transport	%	0%	13%	57%	0%	9%	24%
	Share of electricity use in Buildings	%	48%	54%	78%	44%	61%	78%
Power capacity	Wind	GW	100	448	1 314	15	93	188
	Solar PV	GW	38	485	1728	3	108	281
Emissions	Energy-related CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Mt CO₂/yr	6 632	3 653	1 435	1234	951	551
	Avoided emissions (vs Ref Case)	Mt CO₂/yr	-	-2 925	-5 369	-	-484	-1124
	Reduction relative to 2016	%		-45%	-78%		-23%	-55%

## Additional investments are required upfront to realise the benefits

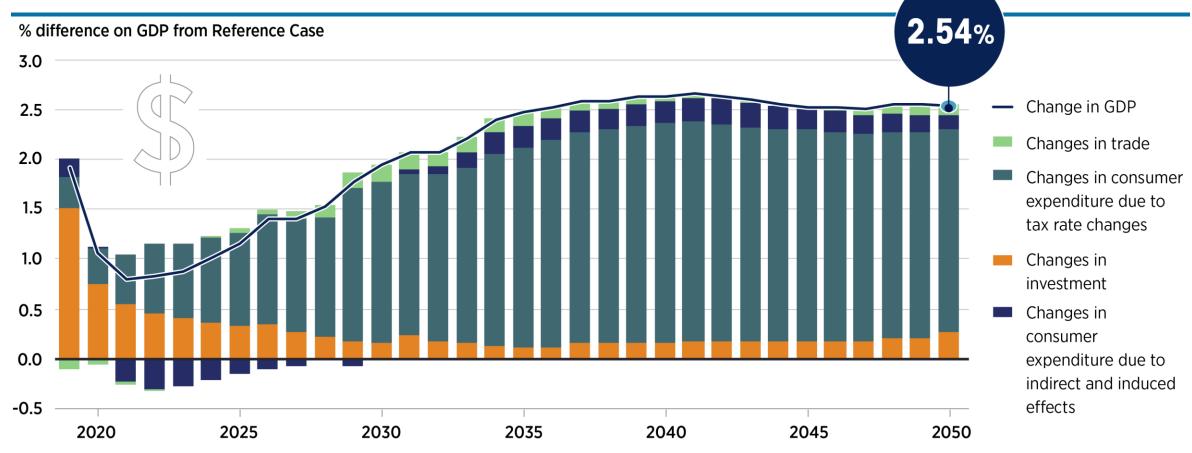




- USD 110 trillion needed by 2050 is equivalent to around 2% of global GDP/year over the period.
- Additional investments on top of the business-as-usual are USD 15 trillion from now to 2050.

# The energy transformation boosts global GDP

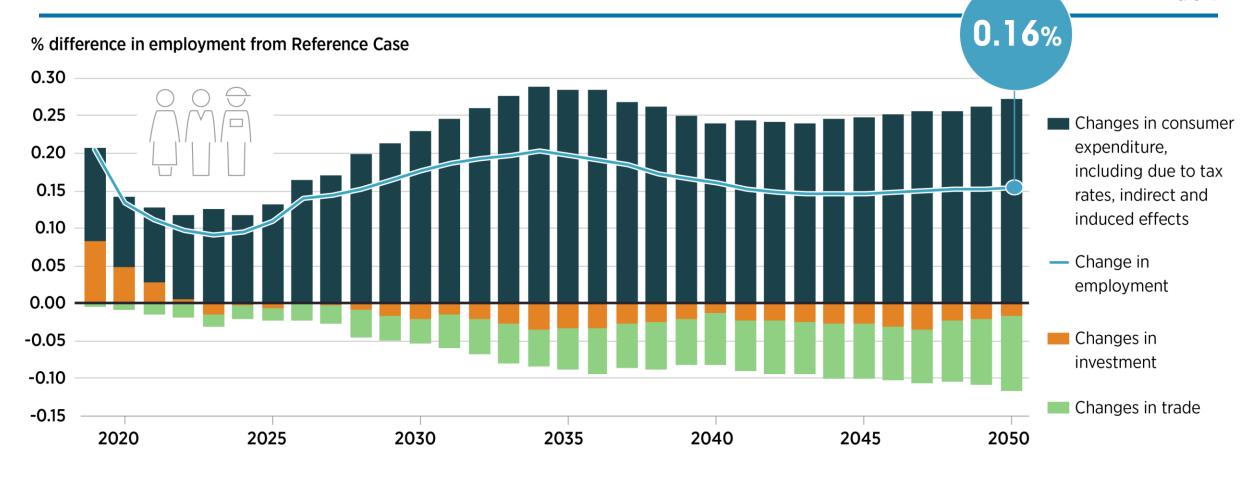




- Every dollar spent in the global energy transformation saves 3 to 7 USD.
- Global GDP is boosted by 2.5% in 2050, with a cumulative gain of USD 99 trillion from 2019-2050.
- Significant differences in regional footprints and the role played by the different drivers

# **Economy-wide employment witnesses growth**





- Global employment increases by 0.2% → 7 million jobs
- Sectoral and regional imbalances exist:
  - RE & EE experience a strong increase in employment
  - Jobs lost in fossil fuels & other sectors of the economy → actions needed for a just transition

# From global pathways to action on the ground



### **GET2050** recommendations

- Modernizing energy systems for the renewable energy age
- Aligning energy policies and climate objectives
- Unlocking investments and scaling-up renewable energy projects

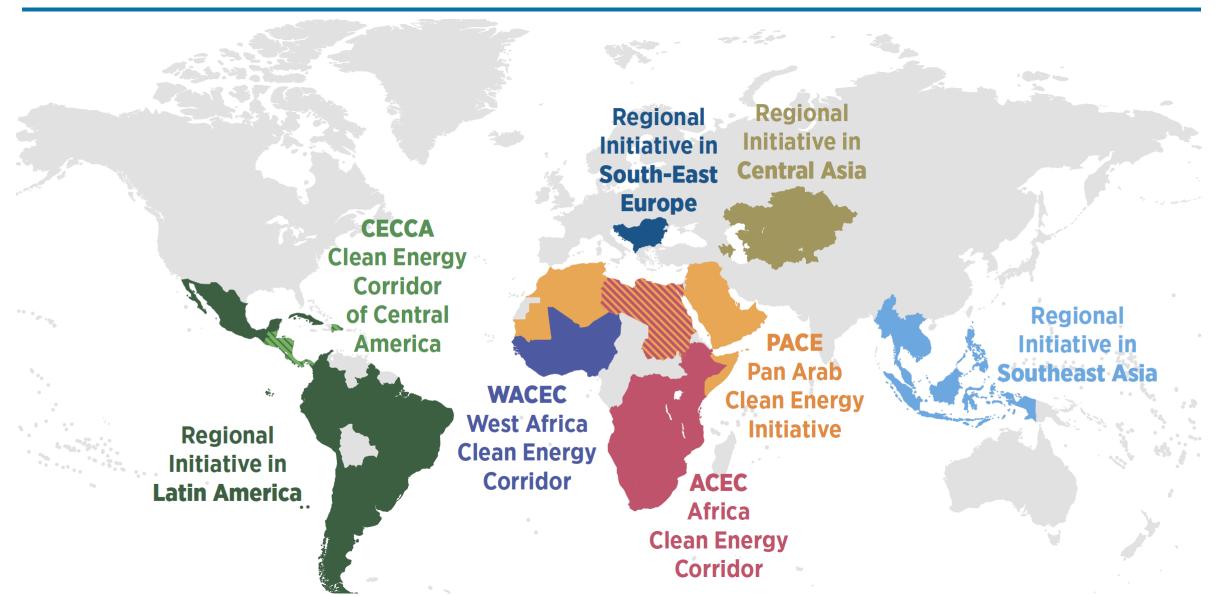


# IRENA driving the energy transition

- Facilitating high-level dialogue to establish the required investment framework
- Strengthening local capacities and fostering local ownership
- Strengthening international cooperation and partnerships, including with multilateral institutions and IFIs
- Providing technical assistance

# **IRENA Regional Initiatives**





# **Development of the Regional Action Plan for Latin**



Abu Dhabi Communique on Accelerating Renewable Energy Uptake in Latin America



Consultative process to develop Regional Action Plan





2015



2016



2018



2019



Regional Market
Analysis:
Latin America



Regional Action
Plan: Accelerating
Renewable Energy
Deployment in
Latin America

# **Regional Action Plan: Priority Areas of Cooperation**



#### 1. Long-term power sector planning

Enhance understanding of best practices for long-term power system planning and modelling with high shares of variable renewable energy

#### 2. Power system flexibility

Enhance power system flexibility and national electricity planning through the application of flexibility assessments

#### 3. Grid integration of variable renewable energy

Build capacity on operating and managing power systems with rising shares of variable renewable energy penetration

#### 4. Regional Renewable Energy Roadmap (REmap)

Evaluate all renewable energy options to support the energy transformation at the country, regional and global level

# 5. Enabling policy and regulatory frameworks, and socio-economic impacts

Support the development of enabling policy and regulatory measures to help create a conducive environment for renewable energy investments

#### 6. Project development and finance

Support development of bankable projects, facilitate access to finance and enhance understanding of risk mitigation measures

#### 7. Geothermal Energy

Promote geothermal energy in regional renewable energy engagements

#### 8. Clean Energy Corridor of Central America

Synchronise the implementation of CECCA with the Regional Action Plan for Latin America

# **Action Area: Project Development and Finance**



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#### **Site Appraisal Service**

- > Obtain reliable wind speed and solar irradiance data
- Assess annual energy production and financial feasibility



Technical guidelines for geothermal power projects, utility-scale solar PV projects and mini-grid applications under development (in Spanish)





#### Sustainable Energy Marketplace

- 11 projects in Central America
- ▶ 68 projects in South America
- Total installed capacity of 2.1 GW
- > Total investment size of USD 4.4 bn

# IRENA ADFD

➤ 7<sup>th</sup> cycle ongoing (Feb. 2019); USD 50 million available; Up to 50% project costs covered with 20-year loan period Cuba



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# Implementation and Operationalisation of Regional Action Plan ®



# The Regional Action Plan for Latin America will leverage key partnerships and regional forums / platforms



























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