# South Africa









2017

2018

2015

2016



2018

2019



11.6.2 Air particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)



Total Energy Supply (TES) 2015 2020 Non-renewable (TJ) 5 334 037 5 187 258 Renewable (TJ) 386 951 317 462 Total (TJ) 5 720 988 5 504 720 Renewable share (%) 7 6 Growth in TES 2015-20 2019-20

2019 2020

person

Non-renewable (%)	-2.8	-7.1
Renewable (%)	-18.0	-20.5
Total (%)	-3.8	-7.9

Primary energy trade	2015	2020
Imports (TJ)	1 478 481	1 236 088
Exports (TJ)	2 111 417	1 897 749
Net trade (TJ)	632 936	661 661
Imports (% of supply)	26	22
Exports (% of production)	32	30
Energy self-sufficiency (%)	115	115

TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES)

6% 14% 3% Oil Gas Nuclear Coal + others Renewables 75%

# Renewable energy supply in 2020

Total energy supply in 2020





## RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (TFEC)

Renewable TFEC trend Electricity Commercial heat Bioenergy 500 445 441 427 424 406 363 400 Petajoules (PJ) 300 200 100 2017 2015 2016 2018 2019 2020 Consumption by sector 2020 2015 Industry (TJ) 159 917 69 401 Transport (TJ) 298 500 Households (TJ) 166 765 143 960 79 429 Other (TJ) 149 466



# ELECTRICITY CAPACITY



## Net capacity change in 2022 (MW)

Non-renewable		Hydro and marine	
	0		0
Solar		Wind	
	+ 10	H	- 147
Bioenergy		Geothermal	
	0		0

■ Hydro/marine 7% Solar 30% Wind Bioenergy 61% Geothermal

# Net capacity change (GW)



# Capacity utilisation in 2021 (%)



Renewable capacity in 2022

#### **ELECTRICITY GENERATION**



**ENERGY AND EMISSIONS** 



RE Avoided CO2

Emitted CO2

2018

Avoided emissions based on fossil fuel mix used for power

2019

2020

300

250

Emissions 150

100

50

2016

2017

Mt CO,





Elec. & heat generation CO2 emissions in





#### RENEWABLE RESOURCE POTENTIAL



# Distribution of wind potential World South Africa 100% 80% 60% 60% 40% 20% <260</td> 260-420 40% 20% <260</td> 260-420 South Africa 100%

#### Biomass potential: net primary production



#### Indicators of renewable resource potential

**Solar PV:** Solar resource potential has been divided into seven classes, each representing a range of annual PV output per unit of capacity (kWh/kWp/yr). The bar chart shows the proportion of a country's land area in each of these classes and the global distribution of land area across the classes (for comparison).

**Onshore wind:** Potential wind power density (W/m<sup>2</sup>) is shown in the seven classes used by NREL, measured at a height of 100m. The bar chart shows the distribution of the country's land area in each of these classes compared to the global distribution of wind resources. Areas in the third class or above are considered to be a good wind resource.

**Biomass:** Net primary production (NPP) is the amount of carbon fixed by plants and accumulated as biomass each year. It is a basic measure of biomass productivity. The chart shows the average NPP in the country (tC/ha/yr), compared to the global average NPP of 3-4 tonnes of carbon

Sources: IRENA statistics, plus data from the following sources: UN SDG Database (original sources: WHO; World Bank; IEA; IRENA; and UNSD); UN World Population Prospects; UNSD Energy Balances: UN COMTRADE; World Bank World Development Indicators; EDGAR; REN21 Global Status Report; IEA-IRENA Joint Policies and Measures Database; IRENA Global Atlas; and World Bank Global Solar Atlas and Global Wind Atlas.

Additional notes: Capacity per capita and public investments SDGs only apply to developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided emissions from renewable power is calculated as renewable generation divided by reported emissions from the power sector. This assumes that, if renewable power did not exist, fossil fuels would be used in its place to generate the same amount of power and using the same mix of fossil fuels. In countries and years where no fossil fuel generation occurs, an average fossil fuel emission factor has been used to calculate the avoided emissions.

These profiles have been produced to provide an overview of developments in renewable energy in different countries and areas. The IRENA statistics team would welcome comments and feedback on its structure and content, which can be sent to statistics@Irena.org.

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