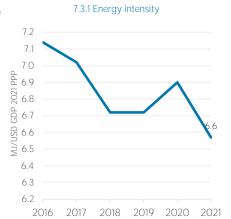
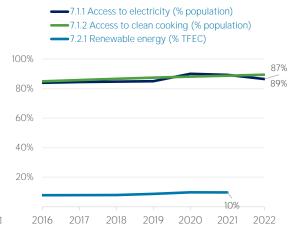
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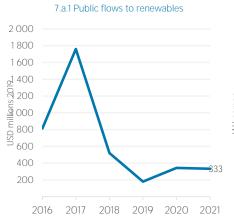


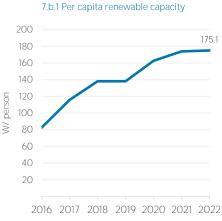


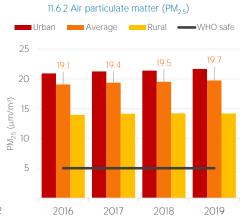












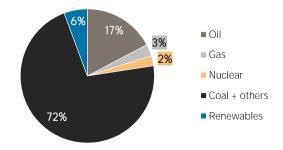
#### **TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES)**

Total Energy Supply (TES)	2016	2021
Non-renewable (TJ)	5 378 953	5 147 379
Renewable (TJ)	397 016	307 358
Total (TJ)	5 775 969	5 454 737
Renewable share (%)	7	6

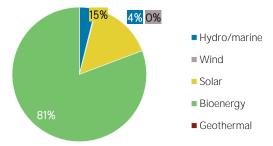
Growth in TES	2016-21	2020-21
Non-renewable (%)	-4.3	-0.8
Renewable (%)	-22.6	-3.6
Total (%)	-5.6	-0.9

Primary energy trade	2016	2021
Imports (TJ)	1 330 833	1 224 357
Exports (TJ)	2 041 630	1 650 753
Net trade (TJ)	710 797	426 396
Imports (% of supply)	23	22
Exports (% of production)	31	28
Energy self-sufficiency (%)	115	107

# Total energy supply in 2021



# Renewable energy supply in 2021



# **RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (TFEC)**

# **Renewable TFEC trend** ■ Electricity ■ Bioenergy ■ Commercial heat 427 371 364



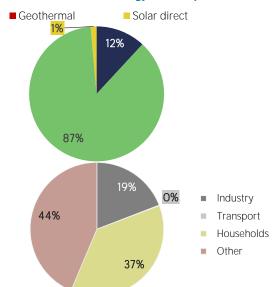
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400

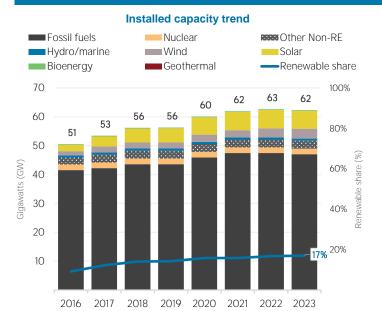
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Petajoules (PJ) 300 200 424

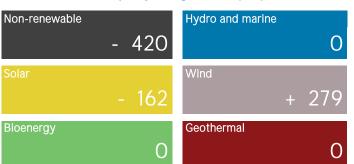
## Renewable energy consumption in 2021



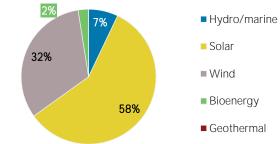
# **ELECTRICITY CAPACITY**



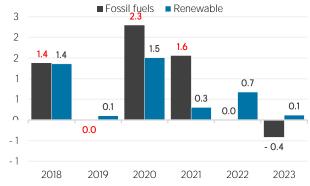
#### Net capacity change in 2023 (MW)



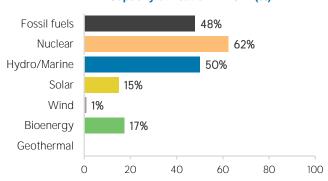
# Renewable capacity in 2023



# Net capacity change (GW)

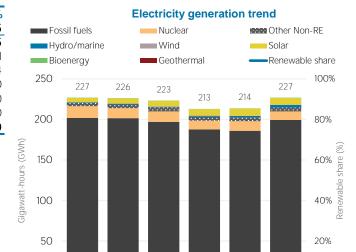


#### Capacity utilisation in 2022 (%)



#### **ELECTRICITY GENERATION**

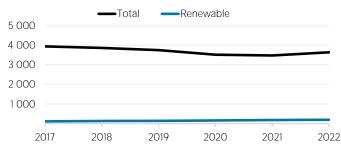
Generation in 2022	GWh	%
Non-renewable	214 636	95
Renewable	12 261	5
Hydro and marine	3 303	1
Solar	8 329	4
Wind	224	0
Bioenergy	405	0
Geothermal	0	0
Total	226 897	100



0%

2022

#### Per capita electricity generation (kWh)



#### LATEST POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND LEGISLATION

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2017

2018

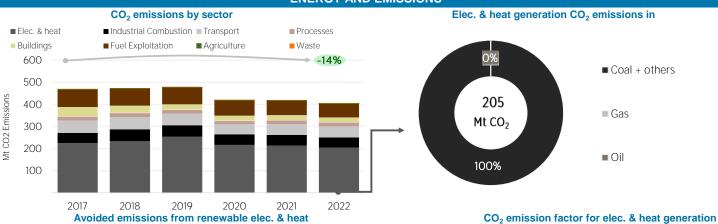
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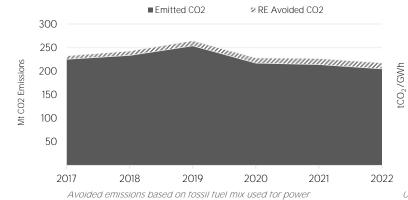
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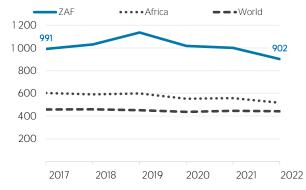
2021

1 2022 General Fuel Levy freeze & reduction	2022
2 Exploration Strategy for the Mining Industry of South Africa	2022
3 Hydrogen Society Roadmap	2022
4 National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2022 Amendment	2022
5 Targeted Critical Minerals and Metals List	2022

# **ENERGY AND EMISSIONS**





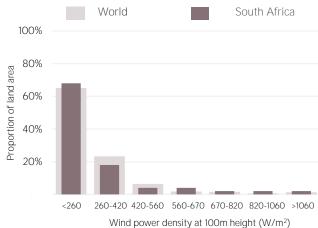


Calculated by dividing power sector emissions by elec. + heat gen.

#### RENEWABLE RESOURCE POTENTIAL

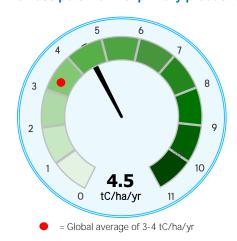
## Distribution of solar potential South Africa World 100% 80% Proportion of land area 60% 40% 20% <12 12 - 14 14 - 16 16 - 18 18 - 19 19 - 20 >20

# Distribution of wind potential



## Biomass potential: net primary production

Annual generation per unit of installed PV capacity (MWh/kWp)



#### 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/m²) 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; REN2I 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 (H5). 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 fossil fuel generation multiplied 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 <a href="statistics@irena.org">statistics@irena.org</a>.

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