

Renewable Energy Policies in Southeast Asia

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RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET ANALYSIS

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Rising energy demand to sustain development in Southeast Asia



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1	GDP reached USD 2.5 trillion in)	Economies undergoing structural	Ő	Poverty rate has fallen from 47% in
	2016 – triple what it was in 2005		transformations, rising share of		1990 to 14% in 2015
•	Estimated to reach USD 3.5 trillion in 2020 and USD 5.4 trillion in 2030		industry and services in GDP Important differences within the	•	Population expected to increase by 25% by 2050
			region between countries	•	Urbanisation rate likely to increase from 48% to 64% in 2050

Expected increase in energy demand between 2014 and 2025 (over 4% per year)



Note: ASEAN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations; TFEC = total final energy consumption; TPES = total primary energy supply.

Drivers for diversification of the energy International Renewable Energy Agency mix in Southeast Asia - Environment



Total primary energy supply by energy source, 1995-2015

Source: Based on IEA, 2017c.

Note: The ASEAN figures do not include Lao PDR due to non-availability of data. ASEAN = Association of Southeast Asian Nations; CMV = Cambodia, Myanmar and Viet Nam. ASEAN-5 comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Human health and environmental Degradation

- **Emissions** from energy could rise by **61%** in the region by 2025, driven mainly by coal-fired electricity production followed by the industry and transport sectors.
- ASEAN Member States have made commitments to reduce their emissions as part of COP 21 climate process
- Need to improve air quality

Electricity generation by energy source, 1995-2015



Source: Based on IEA, 2017c. Note: The ASEAN figures do not include Lao PDR due to non-availability of data. CMV = Cambodia, Myanmar and Viet Nam. ASEAN-5 comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.







Primary energy from domestic resources, as share of total, 2013 and 2040

Source: NBR, 2016 based on APEC Energy Demand and Supply Outlook; and IEA, Key World Energy Statistics 2015. Note: BAU = business as usual.

Energy security - with rising domestic energy demand and decreasing domestic resources, the self-sufficiency is expected to decline over the next decades.



Drivers for renewable energy deployment in Southeast Asia - Benefits

Renewables, coupled with energy efficiency, offer a viable option to expand energy access and also realise socio-economic benefits.

Energy access

Number of people using traditional biomass for cooking and without access to electricity, 2016



Source: Based on IEA, n.d.

Socio-economic benefits

Renewable energy jobs estimated at 611 000 in 2016



- Scaling-up renewables would have a positive impact on the region's GDP (up to +0.03% by 2030)
- Could increase direct and indirect employment in the sector to 2.2 million by 2030







Drivers for renewable energy deployment in Southeast Asia - costs

Electricity from hydro, geothermal and bioenergy in range of fossil-fuel costs. Solar PV and wind seeing rapid reductions.

Cost competitiveness

Investment costs of selected renewable energy technologies, 2016



- Solar PV most significant cost reduction 45% decline in four years, in line with the global average
- **Onshore wind** also decreased an **11% difference** also in line with the global average
- Geothermal only technology that has seen a slight increase in weighted average investment costs - 8% most likely because of the quality of sites being developed in 2014 and 2016
- Hydro costs virtually stayed the same from 2011 to 2016
- Bioenergy projects capital costs vary significantly depending on size and location. Cost for 53 projects commissioned between 2010 and 2016 ranged between USD 900/kW and USD 2 433/kW with a weighted average of USD 1 660/kW.



Growing renewable energy deployment but not reaching target

Based on current plans and policies, the share of renewables in TPES would increase to just under 17% by 2025





According to plans, gap of 6% in TPES

Source: IRENA and ACE, 2016



Overview of renewable energy policies in Southeast Asia

+		National policy						Fiscal incentives					Grid access			Regulatory instruments				Others		
	Renewable energy target	Renewable energy law/strategy	Solar heating law/programme	Solar power law/programme	Wind power law/programme	Geothermal law/programme	Biofuels law/programme	Vat exemption	Income tax exemption	Import/export fiscal benefit	Carbon tax	Accelerated depreciation	Other fiscal benefits	Priority/dedicated transmission	Grid access	Preferential dispatch	Guaranteed offtake via feed-in tariff or auctions	Quota (e.g. renewable portfolio standards)	Renewable energy certificate system	Net metering	Renewable energy in rural access programmes	Local content requirements for equipment
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Cambodia																	*					
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- All countries have set renewable energy targets and have adopted some form of policy to meet them
- Fiscal incentives are widely spread
- Geothermal and biofuel laws
- Priority transmission, grid access and preferred dispatch
- Feed-in policies main instrument for solar power

Source: based on ACE, 2016b. * = under planning C = under Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)





Structure of electricity markets in Southeast Asia



Source: Based on KPMG, 2015.

- Single-buyer model with IPPs is most prevalent
- In several countries, national and state utility companies monopolise their respective jurisdictions and act as sole offtakers for IPPs
- IPPs contribute more than half of aggregate installed capacities in the ASEAN-5
- In Vietnam, as of 2016, power generators can sell electricity to the only buyer, Viet Nam Electricity
- Singapore and the Philippines operate liberalized retail electricity markets.
 Electricity tariffs are market driven and among the highest in the world.
- In other countries, tariffs are regulated and controlled by the government
- Tariffs, in particular residential, in Brunei Darusselam, Lao PDR, Myanmar and

Thailand are among the lowest in the region



Growing renewable energy deployment in the power sector

Renewable energy sources accounted for 17% of the region's electricity generation in 2015



- Large hydropower comprised the majority share, although share in total capacity is decreasing
- Non-hydro renewables growing, with capacity more than doubling in a decade. Solar PV and wind still a small share of the mix
- Electricity trade growing with infrastructure development
- Bioenergy use for heat/cogeneration in industry. Share of renewables in transport small, primarily liquid biofuels.



Bridging the gap through enabling policy and investment frameworks

Between 2006 and 2016, over USD 27 billion has been invested in the (non-large hydro) renewable power sector

- The capital mix and the variety of financing institutions has evolved. Changing role for development finance with greater private sector investment
- A focus on project readiness and attractiveness, improving access to capital at the local level, and mitigating investment risks needed

billion) USD billion 100% 80% Solar Small hvdro 60% Geothermal Wind Bioenergy 40% 20% 0% 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 Source: Based on BNFF investment data

Investment in renewable energy in the power sector by technology, 2006-16 (USD



Bridging the gap through enabling policy and investment frameworks – FIT/FIP

Strong correlation between policy and regulatory environment and investment flows

- Most countries have introduced feed-in tariffs. New mechanisms, such as the auctions, are being introduced
- Adaptations need to be well-managed to minimise uncertainty.



Investment in solar PV in selected countries driven by FIT

Source: Based on BNEF investment data





Bridging the gap through enabling policy and investment frameworks – Auctions

Some countries in the region have moved from an administratively set to a competitively set tariff

Solar PV auctions in Southeast Asia



- Vietnam and Lao PDR in the process of designing pilot auctions
- Thailand auctioning firm capacity (hybrid with agricultural waste)
- Malaysia first round oversubscribed
- Indonesia first round used ceiling price 85% of current cost of production
- Philippines awarded hybrid firm capacity for USc 5.8/kWh, competing with natural gas, and offering potential to reduce electricity rates by up to 30%.



Bridging the gap through enabling policy and investment frameworks – Industry

Many efforts to develop a local solar industry

Malaysia aims to be the second-largest producer of PV modules by 2020. In 2015, third-largest exporter, contributing to 12% of total global shipments with almost 51 MW:

- Malaysia's National Renewable Energy Policy and Action Plan coordinating education, training, finance, etc.
- FiT provided additional USc 1/kWh for the use of locally manufactured or assembled PV modules and additional USc 1/kWh for the use of locally manufactured or assembled solar inverters.
- Auction capped foreign participation at 49%.

Indonesian FiT provided additional tariffs for ensuring a minimum local content of 43.8%.





Bridging the gap through enabling policy and investment frameworks in end-use sectors



Comprehensive frameworks also needed for end-use sectors. Deployment policies represent part of a broader mix of policies.

Transport

Policies for sustainable transport in Southeast Asia

	Biofuels blending policy mandate	Fuel economy standards or vehicle efficiency incentives	Electric Vehicle (EV) target	Fiscal incentive or tax exemption for EVs	Sustainable public transport strategy or incentive		
Brunei							
Cambodia							
Indonesia	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Lao PDR	Х				Х		
Malaysia	Х	Х	Х		Х		
Myanmar							
Philippines	Х		Х	Х	Х		
Singapore		Х		Х	Х		
Thailand	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Viet Nam	Х	Х		Х	Х		

Sources: CNN, 2017; FT Confidential Research, 2017; LTA (n.d.);

Heating and cooling

With additional targets and supporting policy structures, Southeast Asian countries could better position themselves to take advantage of efficient, cost-effective renewable technologies for heating, cooling and cooking

- Financial incentives, tax exemptions or purchase guarantees for bioenergy process heat generation, the co-generation of power and heat, and solar thermal options for relatively low-temperature industrial processes.
- Tax exemptions or other incentives can help promote solar water heating
- Robust policy frameworks to support clean cooking are needed, as nearly 40% of the population still relies on inefficient fuel wood and charcoal for cooking.



The way forward

Recognising the role for renewable energy in the energy agenda

Establishing an enabling policy and regulatory framework

Focusing on renewable energy deployment across all end-use sectors

Catalysing investments in the renewable energy sector

Building institutional and human capacities

Planning for higher shares of variable renewable energy

Supporting decentralised renewable energy for livelihood impact

Leveraging cooperation to accelerate renewable energy towards SDGs





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