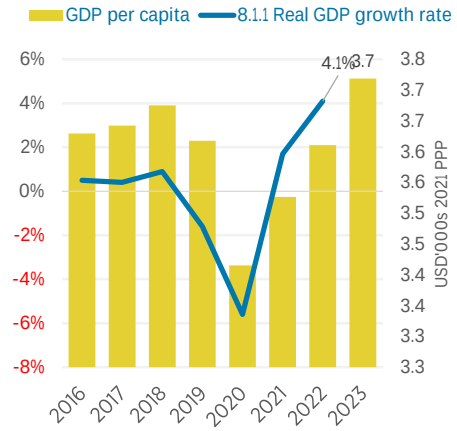
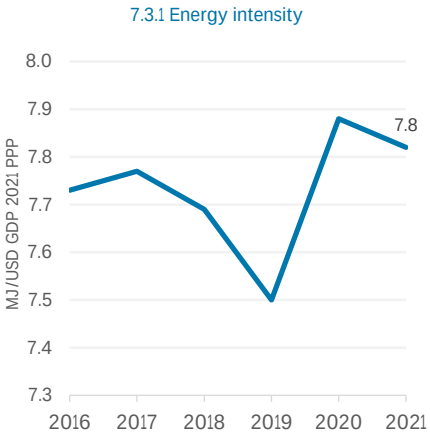
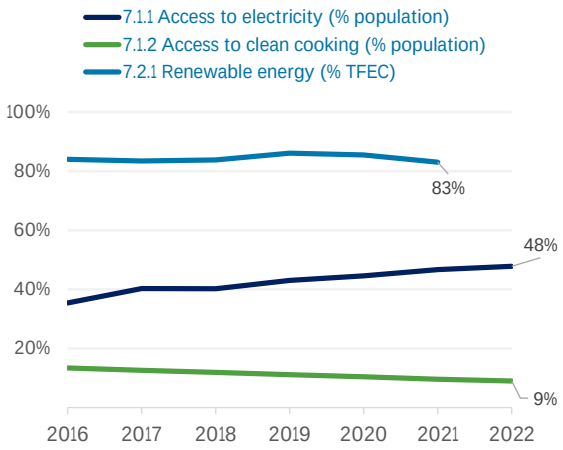
ENERGY PROFILE

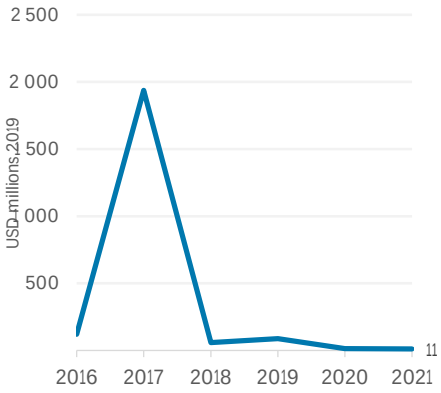
Zambia

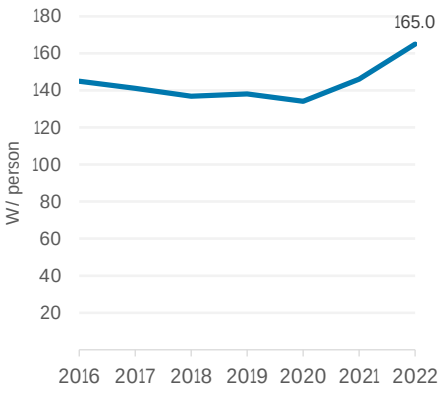
COUNTRY INDICATORS AND SDGS

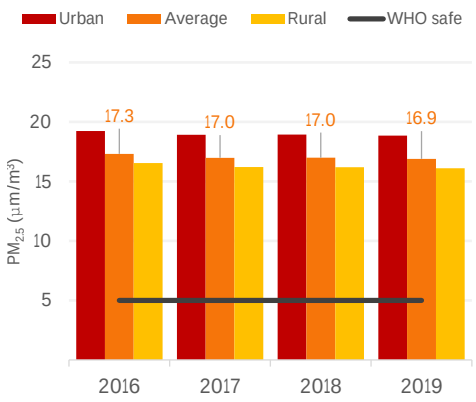












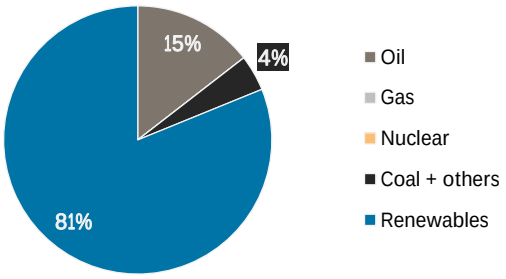
TOTAL ENERGY SUPPLY (TES)

Total Energy Supply (TES)	2016	2021
Non-renewable (TJ)	71 801	91 425
Renewable (TJ)	356 529	393 774
Total (TJ)	428 330	485 199
Renewable share (%)	83	81

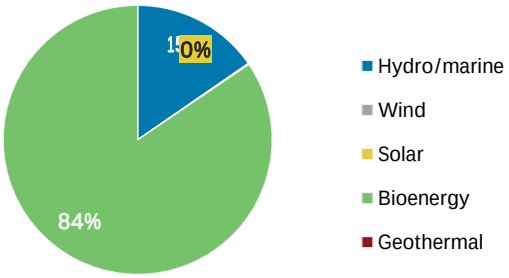
Growth in TES	2016-21	2020-21
Non-renewable (%)	+27.3	-2.5
Renewable (%)	+10.4	+1.9
Total (%)	+13.3	+1.1

Primary energy trade	2016	2021
Imports (TJ)	70 126	72 352
Exports (TJ)	3 042	7 804
Net trade (TJ)	- 67 084	- 64 548
Imports (% of supply)	16	15
Exports (% of production)	1	2
Energy self-sufficiency (%)	84	87

Total energy supply in 2021

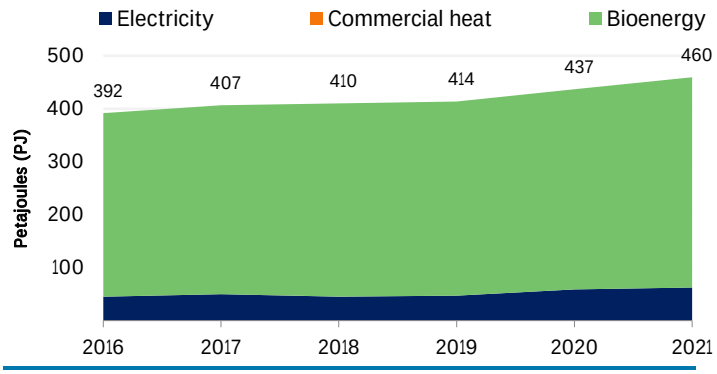


Renewable energy supply in 2021



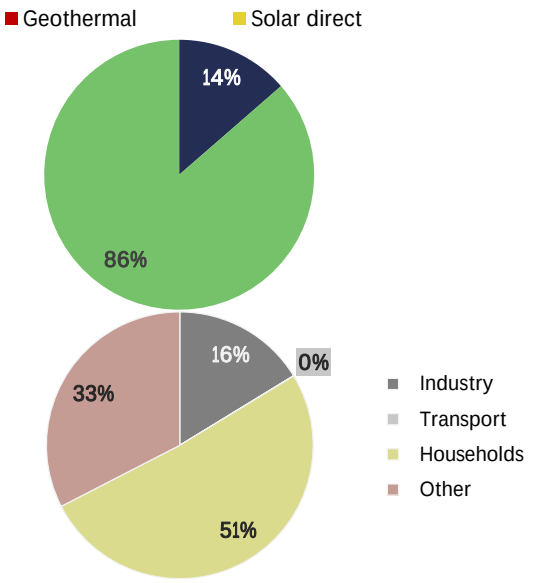
RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSUMPTION (TFEC)

Renewable TFEC trend



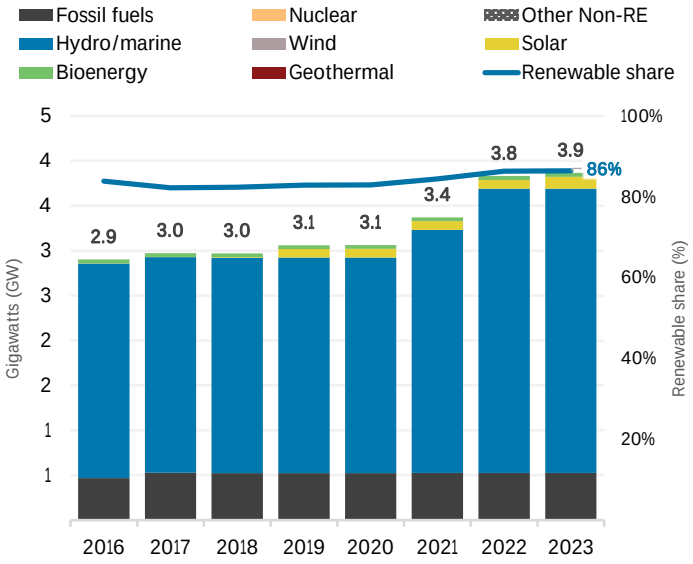
Consumption by sector	2016	2021
Industry (TJ)	64 650	74 731
Transport (TJ)	117	156
Households (TJ)	205 446	234 995
Other (TJ)	121 525	149 641

Renewable energy consumption in 2021

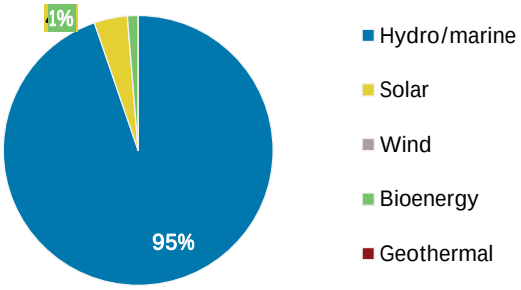


ELECTRICITY CAPACITY

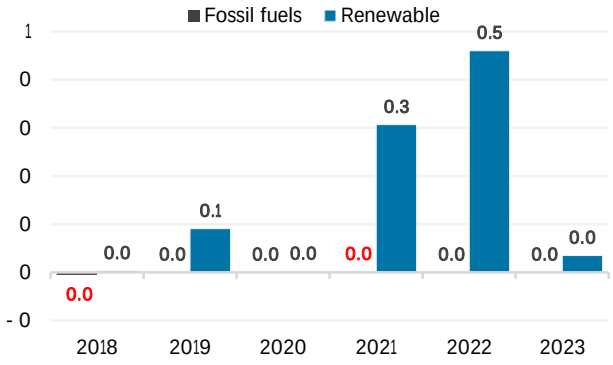
Installed capacity trend



Renewable capacity in 2023



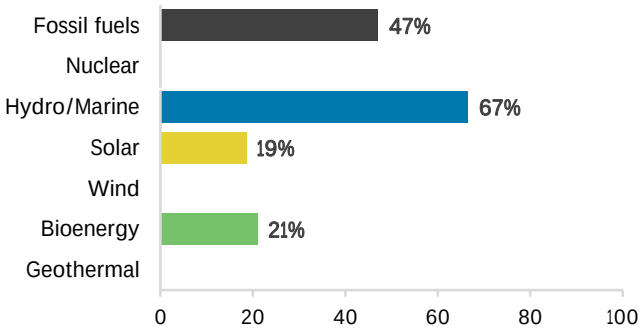
Net capacity change (GW)



Net capacity change in 2023 (MW)

Non-renewable: 0	Hydro and marine: 0
Solar: + 35	Wind: 0
Bioenergy: 0	Geothermal: 0

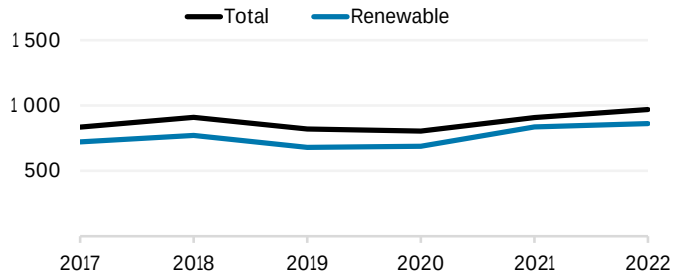
Capacity utilisation in 2022 (%)



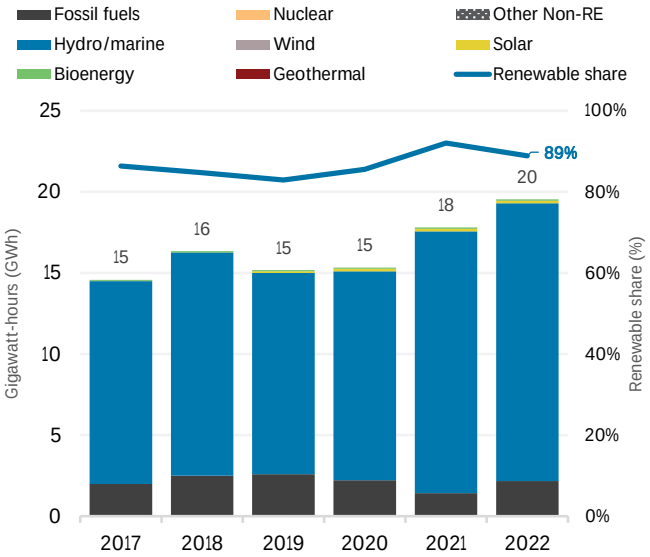
ELECTRICITY GENERATION

Generation in 2022	GWh	%
Non-renewable	**2 167**	**11**
Renewable	**17 368**	**89**
Hydro and marine	17 130	88
Solar	159	1
Wind	0	0
Bioenergy	79	0
Geothermal	0	0
Total	**19 535**	**100**

Per capita electricity generation (kWh)



Electricity generation trend

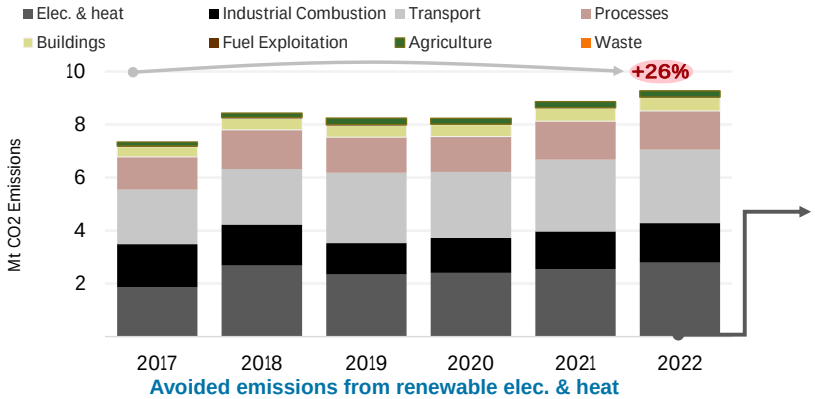


LATEST POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND LEGISLATION

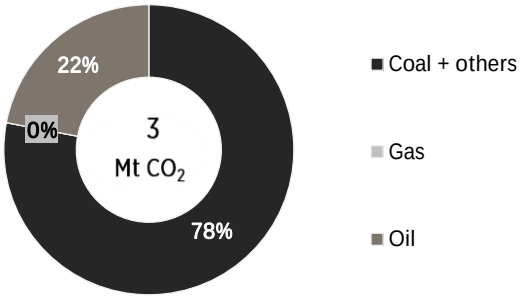
1	Zambia - EU Strategic Partnership on sustainable raw materials value chains	2023
2	EITI Standard	2019
3	Zambia Solar PV Tender	2016
4	Zambia Scaling Solar Programme	2015
5	Biodiesel Standards	2008

ENERGY AND EMISSIONS

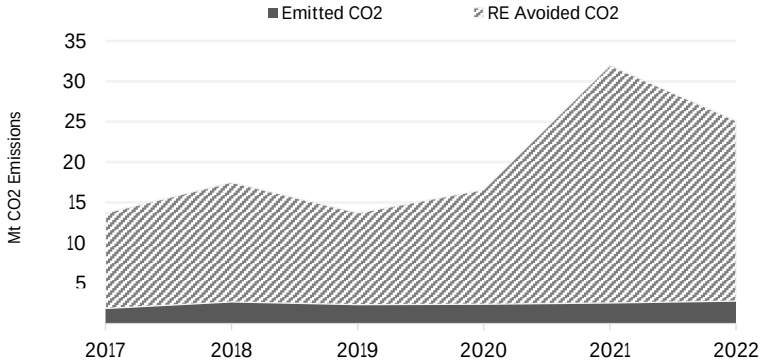
CO_2 emissions by sector



Elec. & heat generation CO_2 emissions in

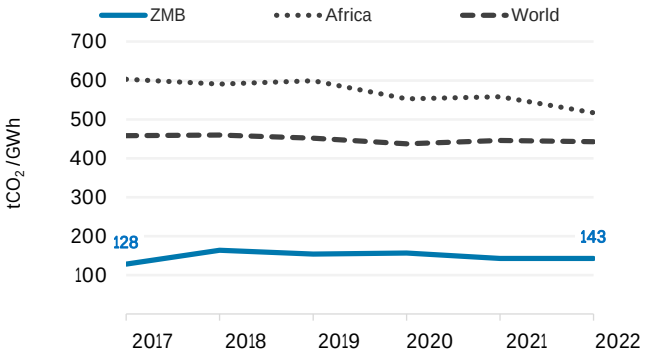


Avoided emissions from renewable elec. & heat



Avoided emissions based on fossil fuel mix used for power

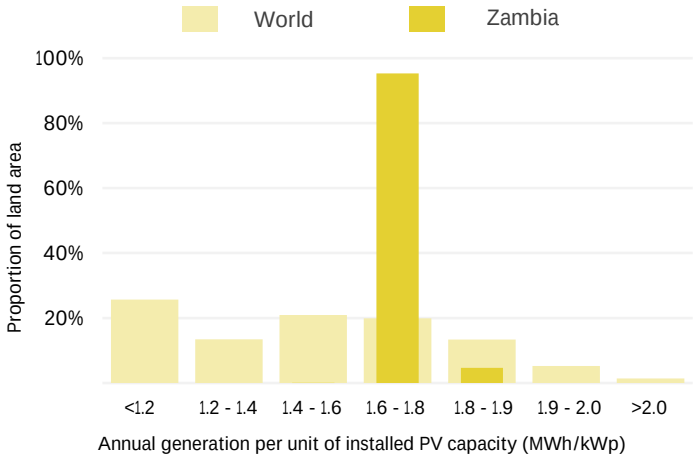
CO_2 emission factor for elec. & heat generation



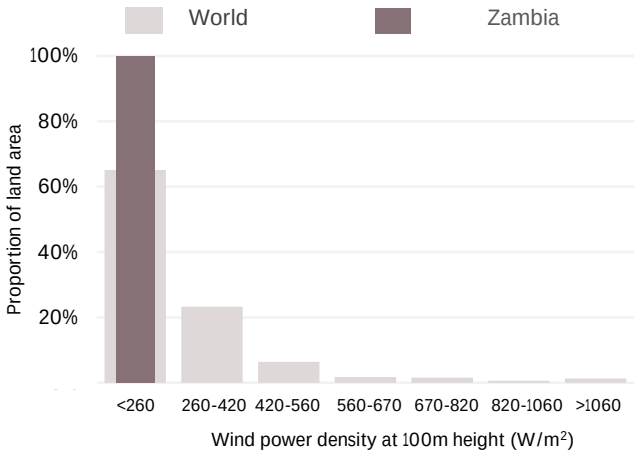
Calculated by dividing power sector emissions by elec. + heat gen.

RENEWABLE RESOURCE POTENTIAL

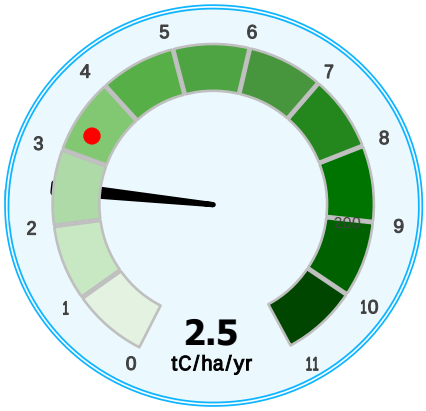
Distribution of solar potential



Distribution of wind potential



Biomass potential: net primary production



= Global average of 3-4 tC/ha/yr

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; 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 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.

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