# **Energy Mix 2.0: The Potential for a New Paradigm** Presentation at the SANEA Action for Energy Event

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# World: In 2016, 124 GW of new wind and solar PV capacity installed globally



This is all very new: Roughly 80% of the globally existing solar PV capacity was installed during the last five years

# World: Significant cost reductions materialised in the last 5-8 years



# South Africa: From 2013 to 2016, 3.1 GW of wind, solar PV and CSP commissioned



Notes: RSA = Republic of South Africa. Solar PV capacity = capacity at point of common coupling. Wind includes Eskom's Sere wind farm (100 MW) Sources: Eskom; DoE IPP Office

# South Africa: In 2016, almost 7 TWh electricity produced from wind, solar PV & CSP



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## 2016: Wind, solar PV and CSP supplied 3% of the total RSA system load

Actuals captured in wholesale market for Jan-Dec 2016 (i.e. without self-consumption of embedded plants)



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## Actual tariffs: new wind/solar PV 40% cheaper than new coal in RSA

Results of Department of Energy's RE IPP Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) and Coal IPP Proc. Programme

... have made new solar PV & wind power 40%



Significant reductions in actual tariffs ...

Notes: Exchange rate of 14 USD/ZAR assumed Sources: http://www.energy.gov.za/files/renewable-energy-status-report/Market-Overview-and-Current-Levels-of-Renewable-Energy-Deployment-NERSA.pdf; http://www.saippa.org.za/Portals/24/Documents/2016/Coal%20IPP%20factsheet.pdf; http://www.ee.co.za/wp-

content/uploads/2016/10/New Power Generators RSA-CSIR-14Oct2016.pdf; StatsSA on CPI; CSIR analysis



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## Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) aims for optimal electricity mix for RSA

In-principle process of IRP planning and implementation



IRP process as described in the Department of Energy's Draft IRP 2016 document: least-cost Base Case is derived from technical planning facts



Case	Cost
Base Case	Base
Scenario 1	Base + Rxx bn/yr
Scenario 2	Base + Ryy bn/yr
Scenario 3	Base + Rzz bn/yr

1) Public consultation on costed scenarios

2) Policy adjustment of Base Case

3) Final IRP



# The CSIR has embarked on power-system analyses to determine the least-cost expansion path for the South African electricity system

#### The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is the expansion plan for the South African power system until 2050

- Starting point of the IRP Base Case: pure techno-economic analysis to determine least-cost way to supply electricity
- Later process steps: least-cost mix can be policy adjusted to cater for aspects not captured in techno-economic model

Draft IRP 2016 Base Case entails a limitation: Amount of wind and solar PV capacity that the model is allowed to build per year is limited, which is neither technically nor economically justified/explained (no techno-economical reason provided)

#### The CSIR is therefore conducting a study to determine the Least Cost electricity mix in RSA until 2050

- Majority of assumptions kept exactly as per the Draft IRP 2016 Base Case
- First and most important deviation from IRP 2016: no new-build limits on renewables (wind/solar PV)
- Second (smaller) deviation: costing for solar PV and wind until 2030 aligned with latest IPP tariff results
- Scope of the CSIR study: purely techno-economical optimisation of the costs directly incurred in the power system

#### Two scenarios from the Draft IRP 2016 are compared with the Least Cost case

- "Draft IRP 2016 Base Case" new coal, new nuclear
- "Draft IRP 2016 Carbon Budget" significant new nuclear
- "Least Cost" least-cost without constraints

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An hourly capacity expansion and dispatch model (incl. unit commitment) using PLEXOS

CSIR uses an industry standard software package for expansion planning of the power system – same package as used by DoE/Eskom

#### Commercial software used by DoE & CSIR ...

# **Co-optimisation of long-term investment & operational decisions in hourly time resolution from today to 2050**

- What mix to build?
- How to operate the mix once built?
- Objective function: least cost, subject to an adequate (i.e. reliable) power system



#### Key technical limitations of power generators covered

- Maximum ramp rates (% of installed capacity/h)
- Minimum operating levels (% of installed capacity)
- Minimum up & down times (h btw start/stop)
- Start-up and shut-down profiles

... covers all key cost drivers of a power system

#### Costs covered in the model include

- All capacity-related costs of all power generators
  - CAPEX of new power plants (R/kW)
  - Fixed Operation and Maintenance (FOM) cost (R/kW/yr)
- All energy-related costs of all power generators
  - Variable Operation and Maintenance (VOM) cost (R/kWh)
  - Fuel cost (R/GJ)
- Efficiency (heat rate) losses due to more flexible operation
- Reserves provision (included in capacity costs)

#### Costs not covered in the model currently used are

- Any grid-related costs (note: transmission-level grid costs typically ~10-15% of generation costs)
- Costs related to add. system services (e.g. inertia requirements, black-start and reactive power)

# CSIR team has significant expertise from power system planning, system operation and grid perspective



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# Draft IRP 2016 limits the annual build-out rates for solar PV and wind

The imposed new-build limits for solar PV and wind mean that the IRP model is not allowed in any given year to add more solar PV and wind capacity to the system than these limits

No such limits are applied for any other technology. No techno-economical reason/justification is provided for these limits. No explanation given why the limits are constant until 2050 while the power system grows

Year	System Peak Load in MW (as per Draft IRP)	New-build limit Solar PV in MW/yr (as per Draft IRP)	Relative new-build limit Solar PV (derived from IRP)	New-build limit Wind in MW/yr (as per Draft IRP)	Relative new-build limit Wind (derived from IRP)
2020	44 916	1 000	2.2%	1 600	3.6%
2025	51 015	1 000	2.0%	1 600	3.1%
2030	57 274	1 000	1.7%	1 600	2.8%
2035	64 169	1 000	1.6%	1 600	2.5%
2040	70 777	1 000	1.4%	1 600	2.3%
2045	78 263	1 000	1.3%	1 600	2.0%
2050	85 804	1 000	1.2%	1 600	1.9%

Note: Relative new-build limit = New-build limit / system peak load Sources: IRP 2016 Draft; CSIR analysis <u>Today</u>: Both leading and follower countries are installing more new solar PV capacity per year than South Africa's IRP limits for 2030/2050



**Today:** Both leading and follower countries are installing more new wind capacity per year than South Africa's IRP limits for 2030/2050



Sources: GWEC; CIGRE; websites of System Operators; IRP 2016 Draft; CSIR analysis

Solar PV penetration in leading countries <u>today</u> is 2.5 times that of South Africa's Draft IRP 2016 Base Case for the year 2050

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Sources: SolarPowerEurope; CIGRE; websites of System Operators; IRP 2016 Draft; CSIR analysis

Wind penetration in leading countries <u>today</u> is 1.7-1.8 times that of South Africa's Draft IRP 2016 Base Case for the year 2050

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## Input as per IRP 2016: Demand is forecasted to double by 2050

Forecasted demand for the South African electricity system from 2016 to 2050

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## Input as per IRP 2016: Decommissioning schedule for existing plants

Energy supplied to the South African electricity system from existing plants between 2016 and 2050

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### Demand grows, existing fleet phases out – gap needs to be filled

Forecasted supply and demand balance for the South African electricity system from 2016 to 2050

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The IRP model fills the supply gap in the least-cost manner, subject to any constraints imposed on the model

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36 Note: All power plants considered for "existing fleet" that are either Existing in 2016, Under construction, or Procured (preferred bidder) Sources: DoE (IRP 2016); Eskom MTSAO 2016-2021; StatsSA; World Bank; CSIR analysis

PLEXOS actual inputs are individual cost items that together with the utilisation of the plant (a model output) allow to calculate LCOE

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# Inputs as per IRP 2016: Key resulting LCOE from cost assumptions for new supply technologies

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<sup>1</sup> Lifetime cost per energy unit is only presented for brevity. The model inherently includes the specific cost structures of each technology i.e. capex, Fixed O&M, variable O&M, fuel costs etc. <sup>2</sup> Changing full-load hours for new-build options drastically changes the fixed cost components per kWh (lower full-load hours → higher capital costs and fixed O&M costs per kWh); Assumptions: Average efficiency for CCGT = 55%, OCGT = 35%; nuclear = 33%; IRP costs from Jan-2012 escalated to May-2016 with CPI; assumed EPC CAPEX inflated by 10% to convert EPC/LCOE into tariff; Sources: IRP 2013 Update; Doe IPP Office; StatsSA for CPI; Eskom financial reports for coal/diesel fuel cost; EE Publishers for Medupi/Kusile; Rosatom for nuclear capex; CSIR analysis

## IRP 2016 increases cost assumptions for solar PV compared to IRP 2010

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Notes: REIPPPP = Renewable Energy Independant Power Producer Programme; BW = Bid Window; bid submissions for the different BWs: BW1 = Nov 2011; BW2 = Mar 2012; BW 3 = Aug 2013; BW 4 = Aug 2014; BW 4 (Expedited) = Nov 2015 Sources: StatsSA for CPI; IRP 2010; South African Department of Energy (DoE); DoE IPP Office; CSIR analysis

# CSIR study cost input assumptions for solar PV: Future cost assumptions for solar PV aligned with IRP 2010

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## IRP 2016 increases cost assumptions for wind compared to IRP 2010

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# CSIR study cost input assumptions for wind: Future cost assumptions for wind aligned with results of Bid Window 4

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Notes: REIPPPP = Renewable Energy Independant Power Producer Programme; BW = Bid Window; bid submissions for the different BWs: BW1 = Nov 2011; BW2 = Mar 2012; BW 3 = Aug 2013; BW 4 = Aug 2014; BW 4 (Expedited) = Nov 2015 Sources: StatsSA for CPI; IRP 2010; South African Department of Energy (DoE); DoE IPP Office; CSIR analysis

# The CSIR conducted a Wind and Solar PV Resource Aggregation Study

#### CSIR, SANEDI, Eskom and Fraunhofer IWES conducted a joint study to holistically quantify

- the wind-power potential in South Africa and
- the portfolio effects of widespread spatial wind and solar power aggregation in South Africa

#### Wind Atlas South Africa (WASA) data was used to simulate wind power across South Africa

#### Solar Radiation Data (SoDa) was used to simulate solar PV power across South Africa

#### **Output: Simulated time-synchronous solar PV and wind power production time-series**

- 5 km x 5 km spatial resolution
- Almost 50,000 pixels covering entire South Africa
- 15-minute temporal resolution
- 5 years temporal coverage (2009-2013)

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## South Africa has wide areas with > 6 m/s average wind speed @ 100 m

Average wind speed at 100 meter above ground for the years from 2009-2013 for South Africa

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46 Sources: <u>https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind\_and\_PV\_Aggregation\_study\_final\_presentation\_REV1.pdf;</u> <u>https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind%20and%20Solar%20PV%20Resource%20Aggregation%20Study%20for%20South%20Africa\_Final%20report.pdf</u> Five different generic wind turbine types defined for simulation of wind power output per 5x5 km pixel in South Africa (~50 000 pixels)

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Space requirement 0.1km²/MW → max. 250 MW per pixel

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Sources: https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind\_and\_PV\_Aggregation\_study\_final\_presentation\_REV1.pdf; https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind%20and%20Solar%20PV%20Resource%20Aggregation%20Study%20for%20South%20Africa\_Final%20report.pdf

# One outcome of the study: More than 30% capacity factor achievable almost everywhere in RSA

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48 Sources: <u>https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind\_and\_PV\_Aggregation\_study\_final\_presentation\_REV1.pdf;</u> <u>https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind%20and%20Solar%20PV%20Resource%20Aggregation%20Study%20for%20South%20Africa\_Final%20report.pdf</u>

# Areas already applied for Environmental Impact Assessments can cater for 90 / 330 wind / solar PV capacity

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Sources: <a href="https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind\_and\_PV\_Aggregation\_study\_final\_presentation\_REV1.pdf">https://www.csir.co.za/sites/default/files/Documents/Wind%20and%20Solar%20PV%20Resource%20Aggregation%20Study%20for%20South%20Africa\_Final%20report.pdf</a>
### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions constrained by RSA's Peak-Plateau-Decline objective

PPD that constrains CO<sub>2</sub> emission from electricity sector



50 PPD = Peak Plateau Decline Sources: DoE IRP 2016; StatsSA; CSIR analysis



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### Draft IRP 2016 Base Case is a mix of roughly 1/3 coal, nuclear, RE each



### Draft IRP 2016 Carbon Budget case: 40% nuclear energy share by 2050



### Least Cost case is largely based on wind and solar PV



Least Cost means no new coal and no new nuclear until 2050, instead 90 GW of wind and 70 GW of solar PV plus flexible capacities



### Draft IRP 2016 Base Case: Weekly electricity demand profile in 2050







Sources: CSIR analysis, based on DoE's Draft IRP 2016





### Draft IRP 2016 Carbon Budget: Nuclear dominates the supply mix in 2050, gas required for balancing



### Least Cost: Medupi, Kusile and Coal IPPs will still produce constant power by 2050



Sources: CSIR analysis

### Least Cost: Solar PV and wind dominate supply mix in 2050, with excess at times



67 Sources: CSIR analysis

### **Least Cost:** Solar PV and wind dominate supply mix in 2050, with excess at times





### Average tariff (without cost of CO<sub>2</sub>): Draft IRP Base Case tariff 17 cents/kWh higher than Least Cost by 2050



Note: Average tariff projections include 0.30 R/kWh for transmission, distribution and customer service (today's average cost for these items) Sources: Eskom on Tx, Dx cost; CSIR analysis



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## Least Cost without renewables limits is R82-86 billion/yr cheaper by 2050 than IRP 2016 Base Case and IRP 2016 Carbon Budget case



Note: Average tariff projections include 0.30 R/kWh for transmission, distribution and customer service (today's average cost for these items) Sources: Eskom on Tx, Dx cost; CSIR analysis

Sensitivity on cost difference: Even if RE were 50% more expensive than assumed, Least Cost is still cheaper than Draft IRP 2016 Base Case





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#### It is cost-optimal to aim for >70% renewable energy share by 2050

- Solar PV, wind and flexible power generators (e.g. gas, CSP, hydro, biogas, demand response) are the cheapest new-build mix for the South African power system
- There is no technical limitation to solar PV and wind penetration over the planning horizon until 2050

### "Clean" and "least-cost" is not a trade-off anymore: South Africa can de-carbonise its electricity sector at <u>negative</u> carbon-avoidance cost

- The "Least Cost" mix is >R80 billion per year cheaper by 2050 than the current Draft IRP 2016 Base Case
- Additionally, Least Cost mix reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 65% (-130 Mt/yr) over Draft IRP 2016 Base Case

The IRP and this analysis factor in all first-order cost drivers <u>within</u> the boundaries of the electricity system, but not external costs and benefits of certain electricity mixes that occur <u>outside</u> of the electricity system

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**Deviations from the Least Cost electricity mix can be quantified to inform policy adjustments** (e.g. forcing in of certain technologies not selected by the least-cost mix like coal, nuclear, pumped storage, CSP, biogas, biomass, etc.)

### South Africa's energy system relies on domestic coal and imported oil

Simplified energy-flow diagram (Sankey diagram) for South Africa in 2014 in PJ



### **(E)** Future energy system will be built around variability of solar PV & wind

Actual scaled RSA demand & simulated 15-minute solar PV/wind power supply for week from 15-21 Aug '11



### High Renewables: energy in RSA mostly from domestic renewables

Hypothetical energy-flow diagram (Sankey diagram) for South Africa in the year 20??



Re a leboha

Ha Khensa

Siyathokoza

Thank you

Re a leboga

Ro livhuha

Siyabonga

Dankie

Enkosi



Note: "Thank you" in all official languages of the Republic of South Africa





Transmission supply area generation connection capacity for simultaneous generation sources in an area



Grid capacity is available all over the country, therefore wind and PV projects should be incentivised to go where there is grid capacity in order to expedite time to connect to the grid. Focusing only on the Northern Cape for Wind and PV will result in unnecessary delay to connect new plants since wind and PV resource is good all over the country

### Least Cost scenario creates a steady, significant and increasing market

Roadmap of investment for wind and solar PV to 2050



Note: Annual new-build capacity between 2040 and 2050 includes replacement of decommissioned wind and solar PV plants Sources: CSIR analysis

### Wind: Lifetime annual cash flow and annual energy production



### Solar PV: Lifetime annual cash flow and annual energy production



### Nuclear: Lifetime annual cash flow and annual energy production



Time in years

### Coal: Lifetime annual cash flow and annual energy production



Time in years

### Gas (CCGT): Lifetime annual cash flow and annual energy production



# New solar PV projects are >80% cheaper than BW1 and reduce the average solar PV tariff as they come online



# New wind projects are 60% cheaper than BW1 and reduce the average wind tariff as they come online


## CSP costs come down – new CSP is still quite expensive

