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Plenary session 2: Sustainable and Inclusive Growth: Energy Access and Affordability

Background Paper



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Introduction

Market Context

- Energy Access is a key enabler for achieving Sustainable economic, environmental, health and social development
- There are 1.2B people globally without electricity access where Renewable and micro-grids can play an important role
- Investment in clean energy is on the rise and countries are taking these measures seriously

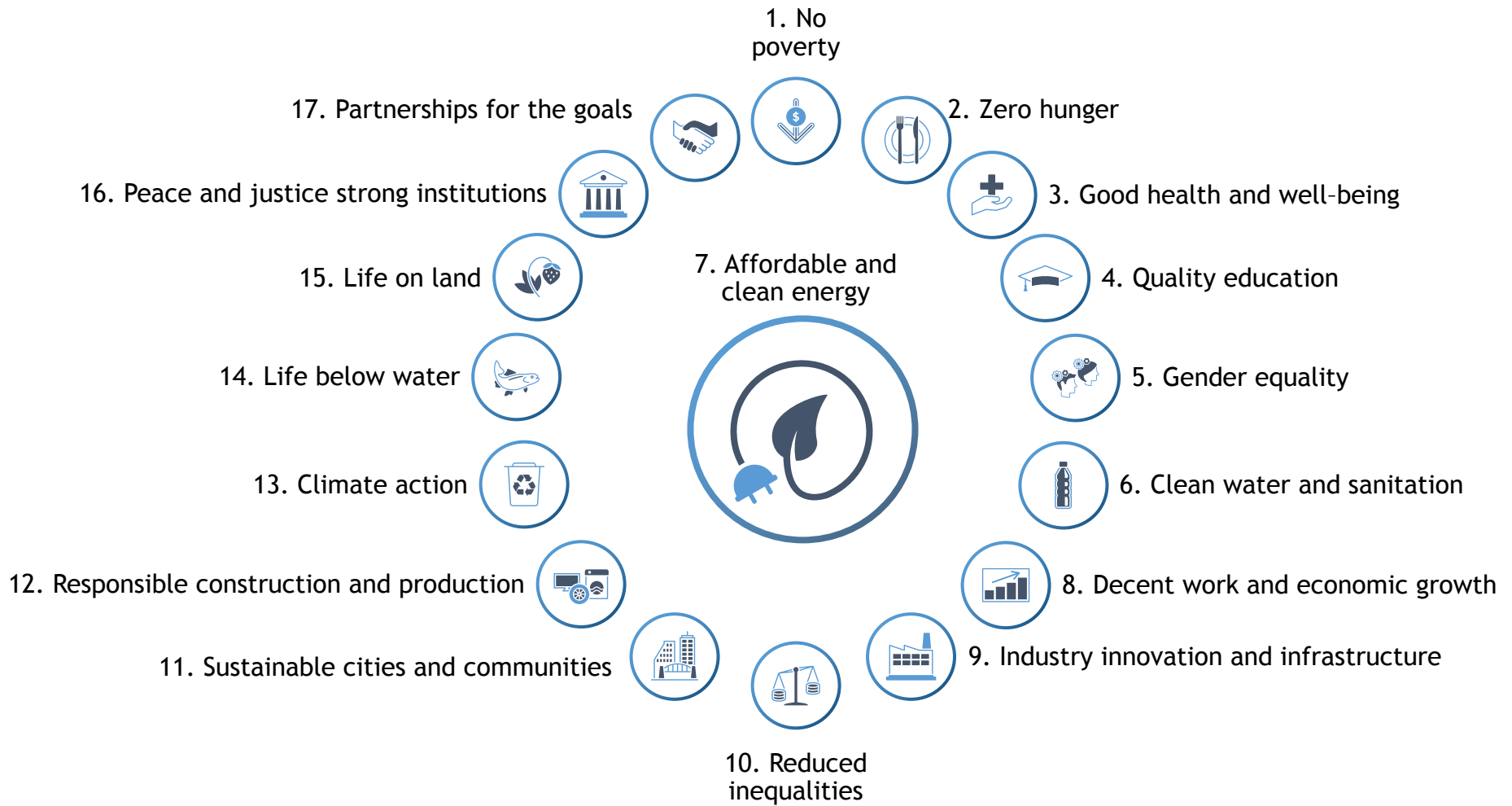


Session Objectives

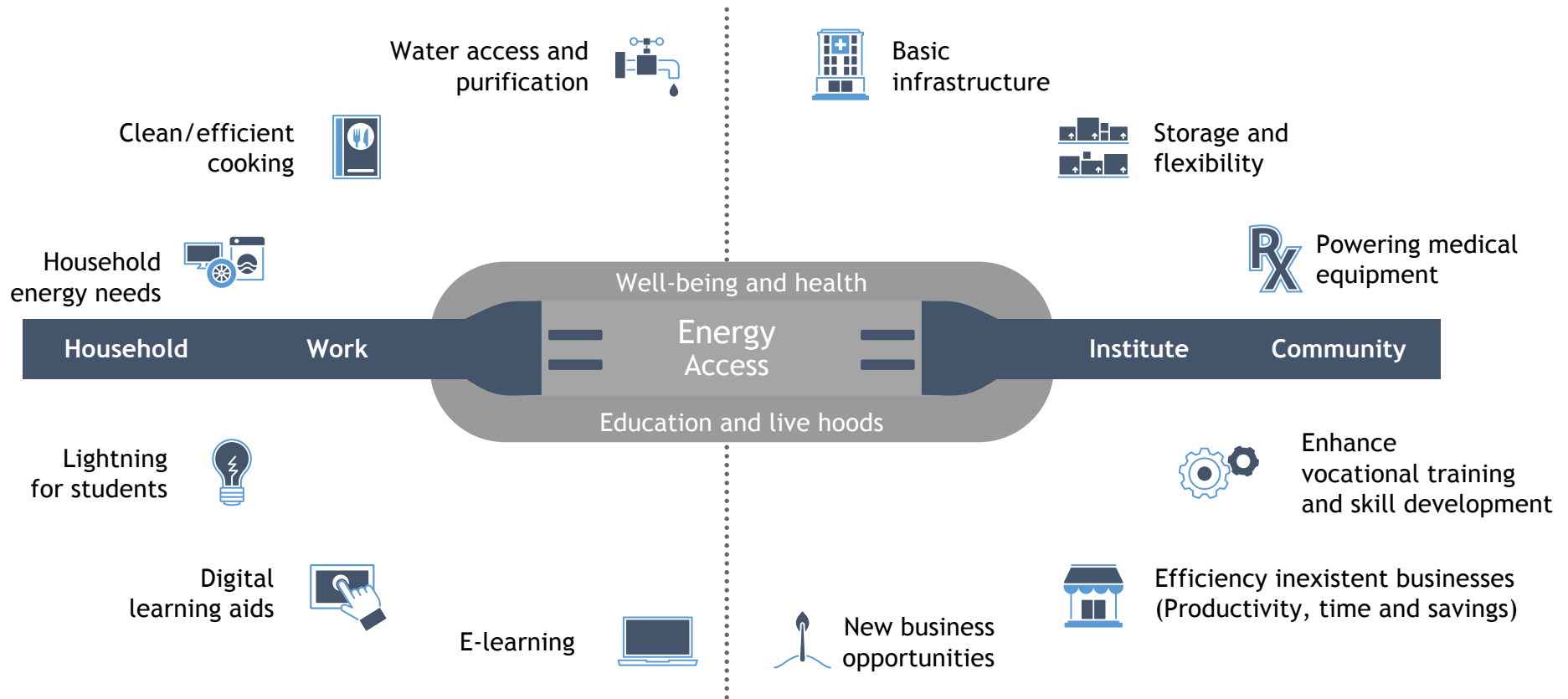
- To understand key enablers, drivers and benefits of Sustainable energy access
- To explore how renewables and micro-grids could help fill the energy access gap and what the key challenges are
- Overview of where the world is headed in terms of technological investments in this space

Key Question: How can universal energy access and affordability be promoted, can the energy-water-food nexus create new opportunities?

Energy Access is a key enabler for Sustainable Development



Energy Access: What it means to society?



Sustainable Energy Access creates significant benefits in four dimensions



Economic

- Improved productivity
- Extended operation hours of small businesses
- More mobile connectivity
- Time savings for fuel purchases incl. Fuel savings
- Job creation in supply chain



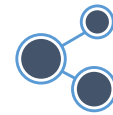
Environment

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions (CO2 and black carbon)
- Less landfill from disposable kerosene lanterns



Health

- Reduction of fire hazards
- Reduce exposure to particulate matter
- Reduce risk of accidental ingestion of kerosene
- Reduce risk of compromised visual health

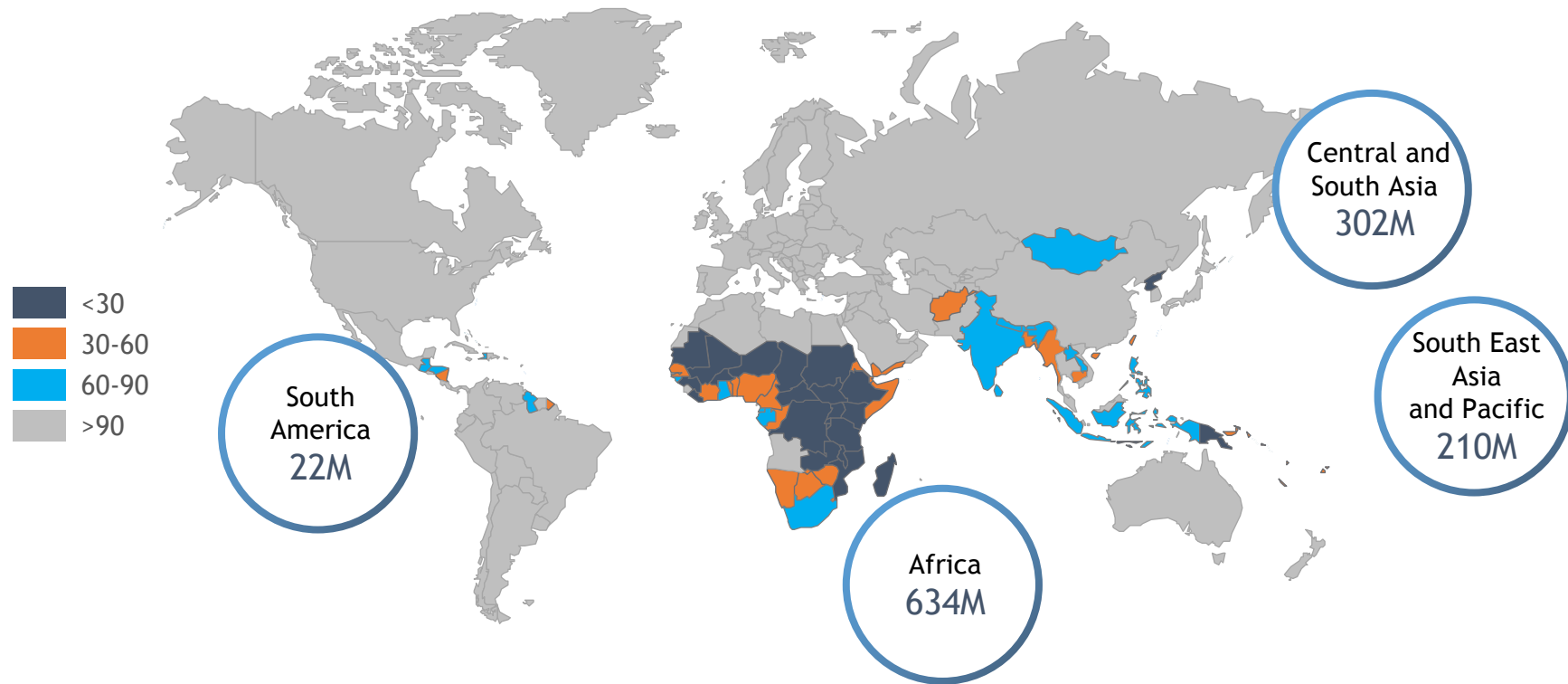


Social

- Longer hours of better illumination
- Improved education
- Improved safety
- Improved social cohesion and leisure quality

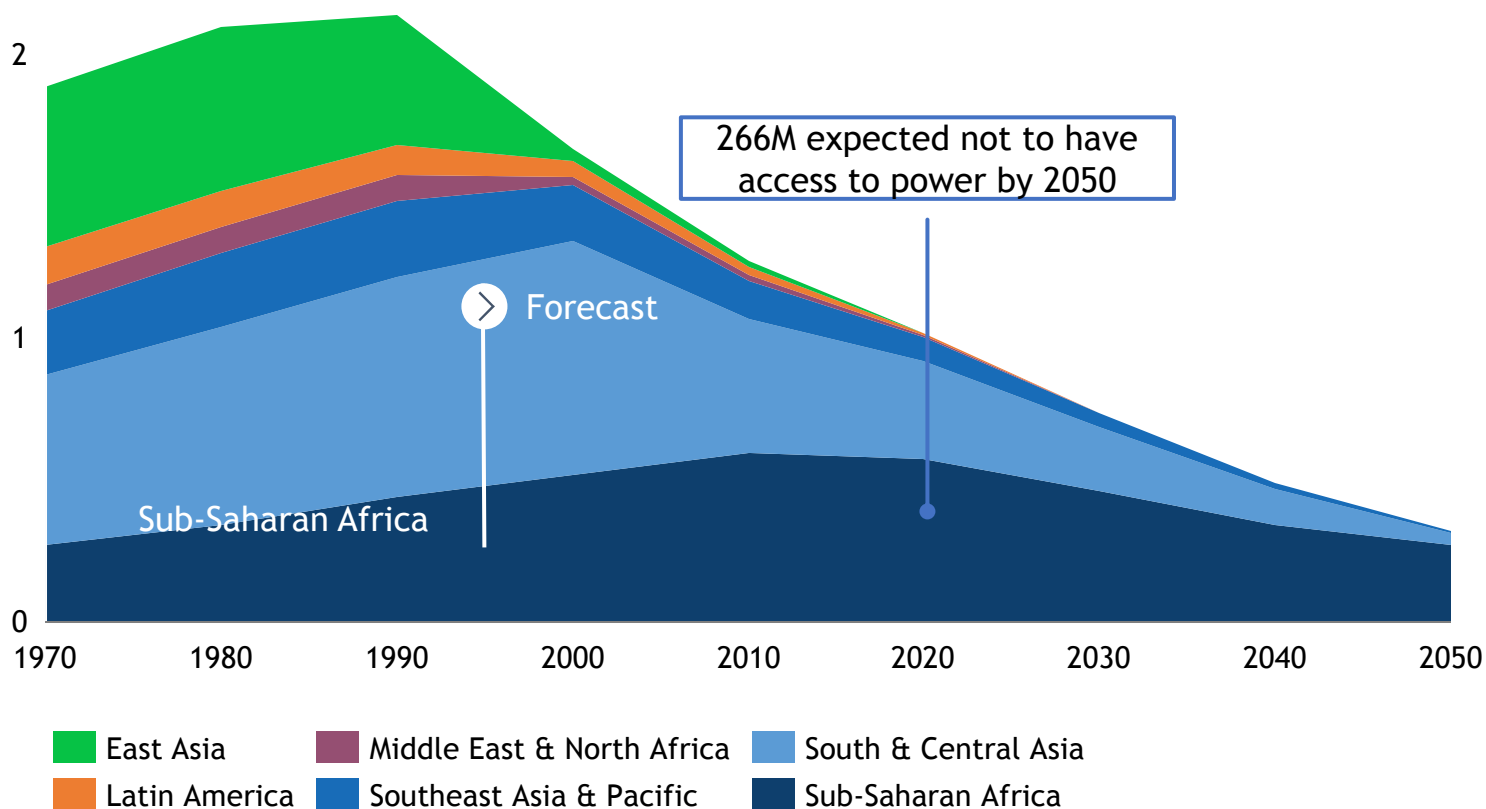
There are 1.2B people globally without electricity access Half of them are in Africa

People without access to electricity in 2014 (M)



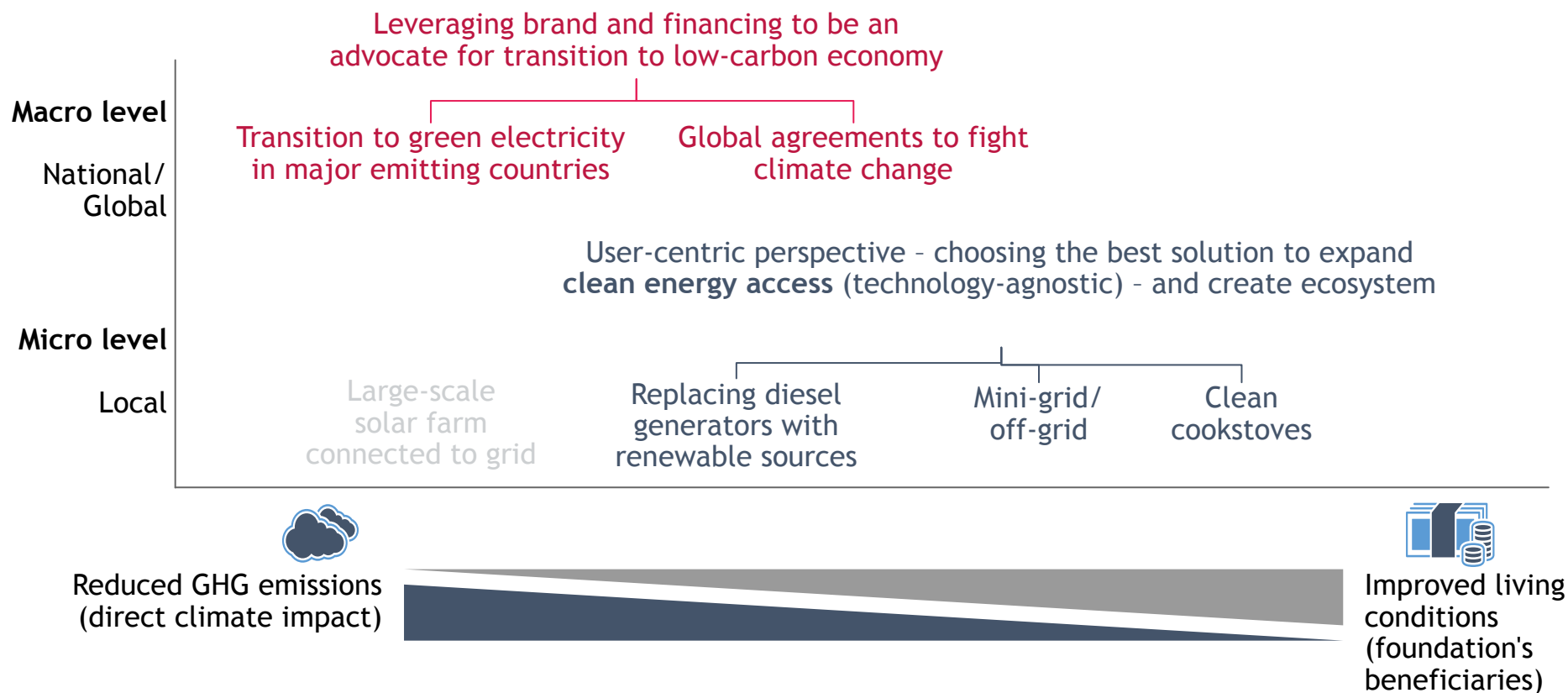
Sub-Saharan Africa is the (single) geography with a large population expected not to have access to power by 2050

Billions of people without electricity access


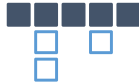




Note: A scenario with high GDP growth but lower increase in population
Source: World Energy Council
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Renewable and micro-grids are the local measures to reinforce Energy Access



Renewables and micro-grids are facing some challenges in developing countries

					
Challenges	Large-scale solar (grid connected)	Replacing diesel generators	Off-grid/mini-grid solutions	Clean cook stoves	Pico solar/Solar Home Systems
Barriers	<p>Policy framework and support policies</p> <p>Openness to (foreign) investors</p> <p>CapEx financing</p>	<p>CapEx financing</p> <p>Regulation (e.g., mandatory replacement, capital subsidy also for solar and storage)</p> <p>Customer awareness</p>	<p>CapEx Financing (e.g., high tariffs)</p> <p>Uncertainty around grid connection</p> <p>Uncertain/low customer demand</p> <p>Technical problems</p> <p>High O&M costs</p>	<p>Awareness/Educ.: Consumer adoption and correct usage</p> <p>Stove design</p> <p>Distribution (stoves and fuel)</p> <p>Financing (CapEx & OpEx)</p>	<p>CapEx Financing/Customer lease financing</p> <p>Distribution</p> <p>Regulation (VAT and import levies)</p>

Notes: Global impact estimates take into account current household expenditure and affordability of clean systems. Lower-bound estimates.

Source: IFC; Hystra; CSE; BCG Analysis

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Renewable energy is a credible solution to some of these issues and will help increase access to electricity

Structural issues resulting in underinvestment



Heavy investments with long lead times



Unreliable sourcing and high distribution costs



Operational issues



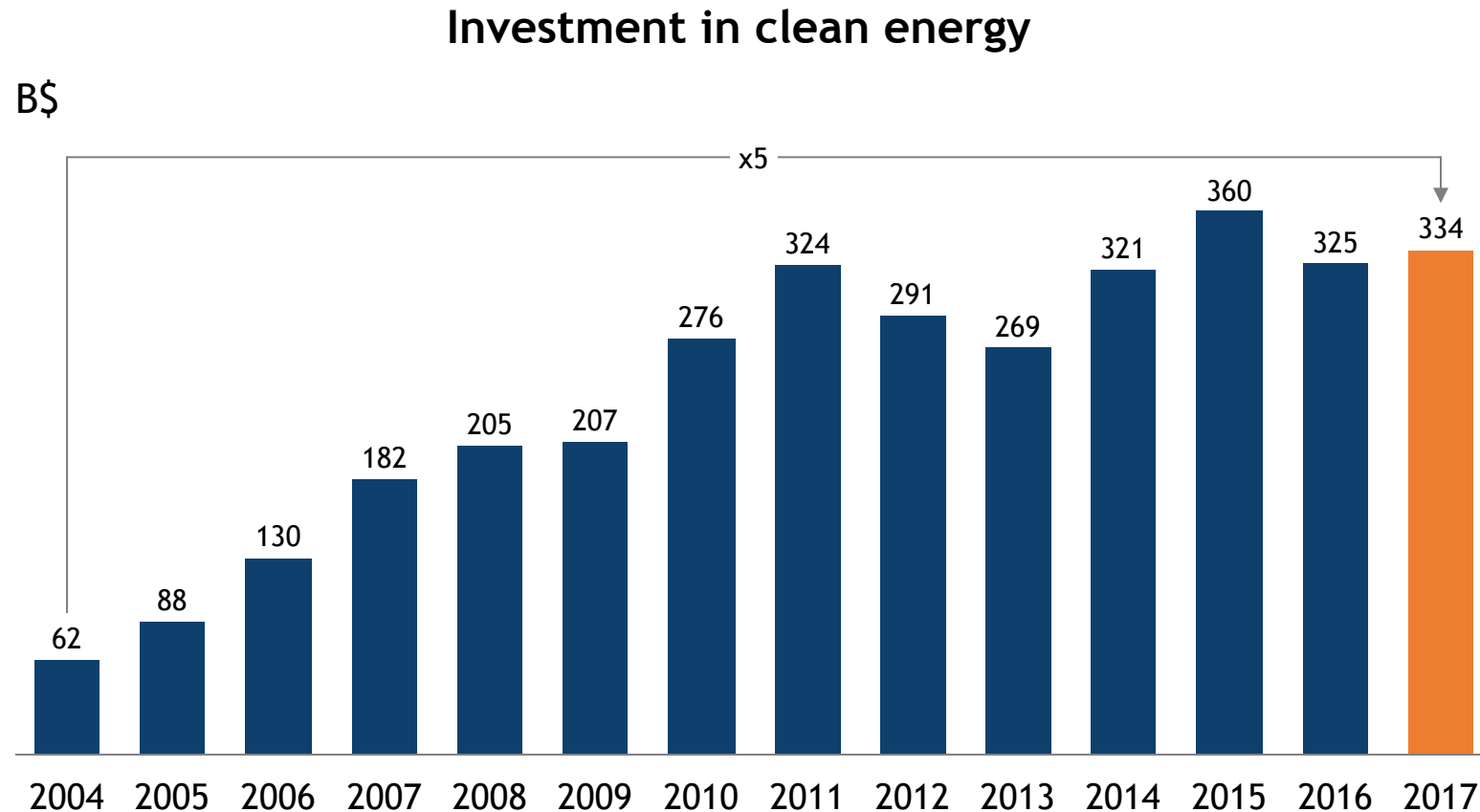
Regulatory framework and other (country) risks



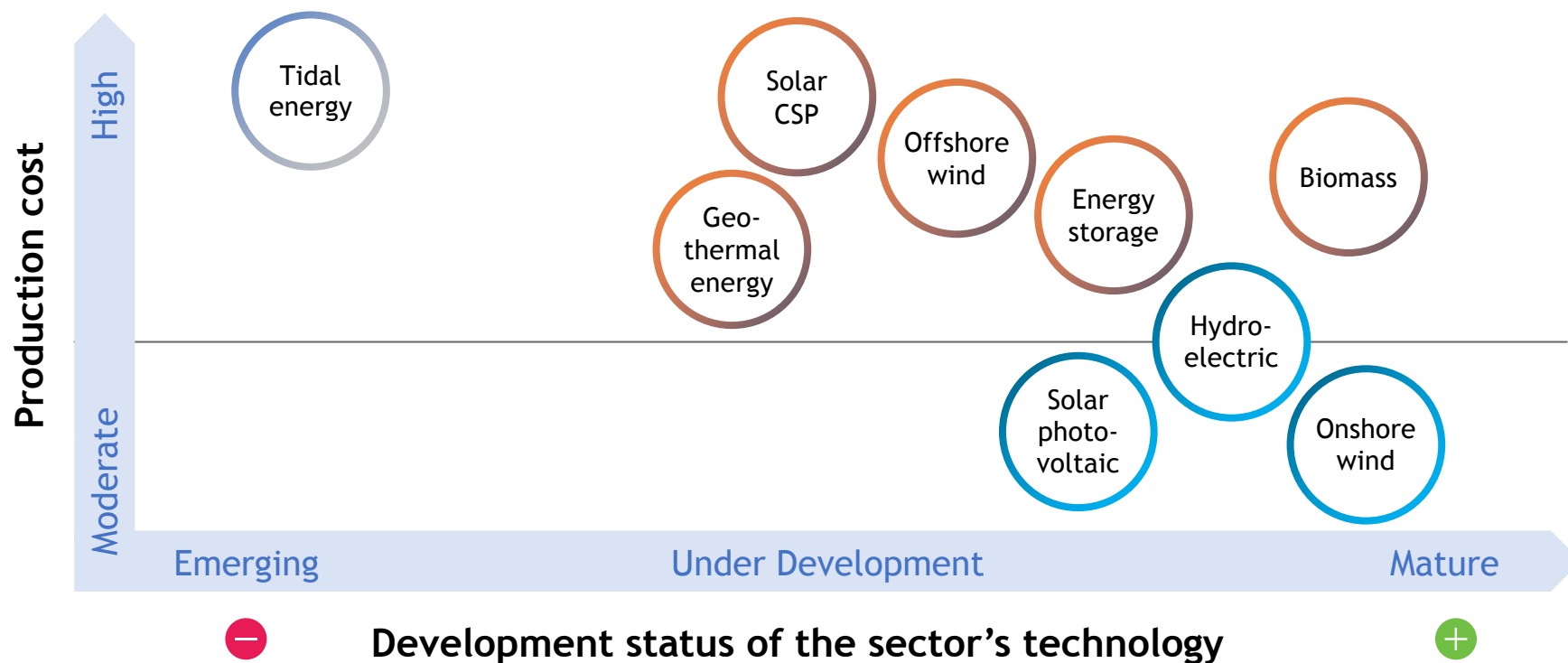
Selected opportunities for renewable energy in Africa

- Smaller, more flexible investments with shorter payback time
- Increased investment appetite both from developed countries and from African governments as well (>\$7B invested in RE in 2015)
- Near unlimited capacity of solar PV energy (>10 TW in Africa)
- Technology cost decreases (-80% in last 5 years in India for Solar), RES today already competitive versus fossil fuel in selected areas—by 2030 likely one of cheapest power in >50% of African countries
- More mature, newer technology—including off-grid technology to mitigate power shortages
- Renewables could help diversify energy supply and ensure the best use of available regional resources—especially in rural areas
- Strong international lobby and committed from selected local governments, acceleration of RE agenda since COP 21
- New Initiatives launched (e.g., Africa Renewable Energy Initiative)
- Some specific country risks remain, but positive long-term outlook (e.g., borrowing in local currency, political stability)

Clean Energy Investment equals—B334\$ in 2017



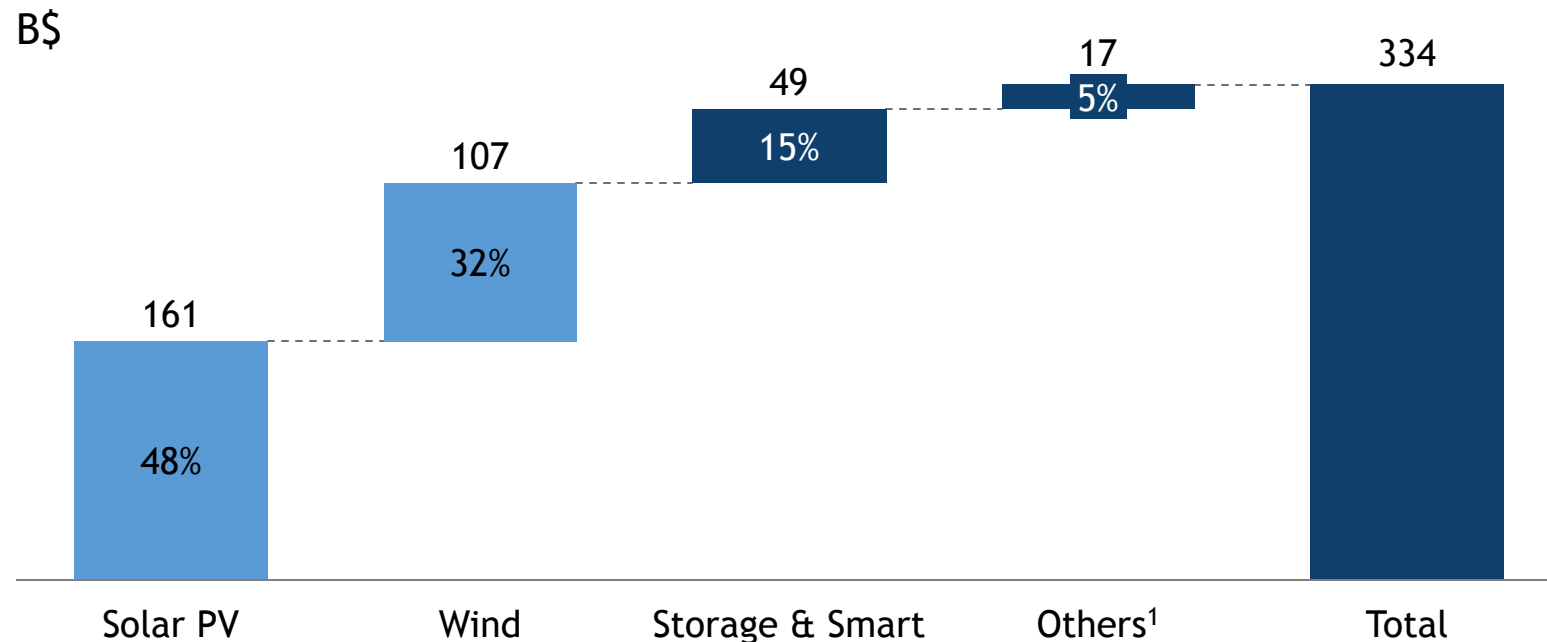
Onshore wind and solar PV are leading the race, but energy storage can be a game changer



Wind and Solar reported 80% of total investments

Energy storage and smart technologies gaining critical mass

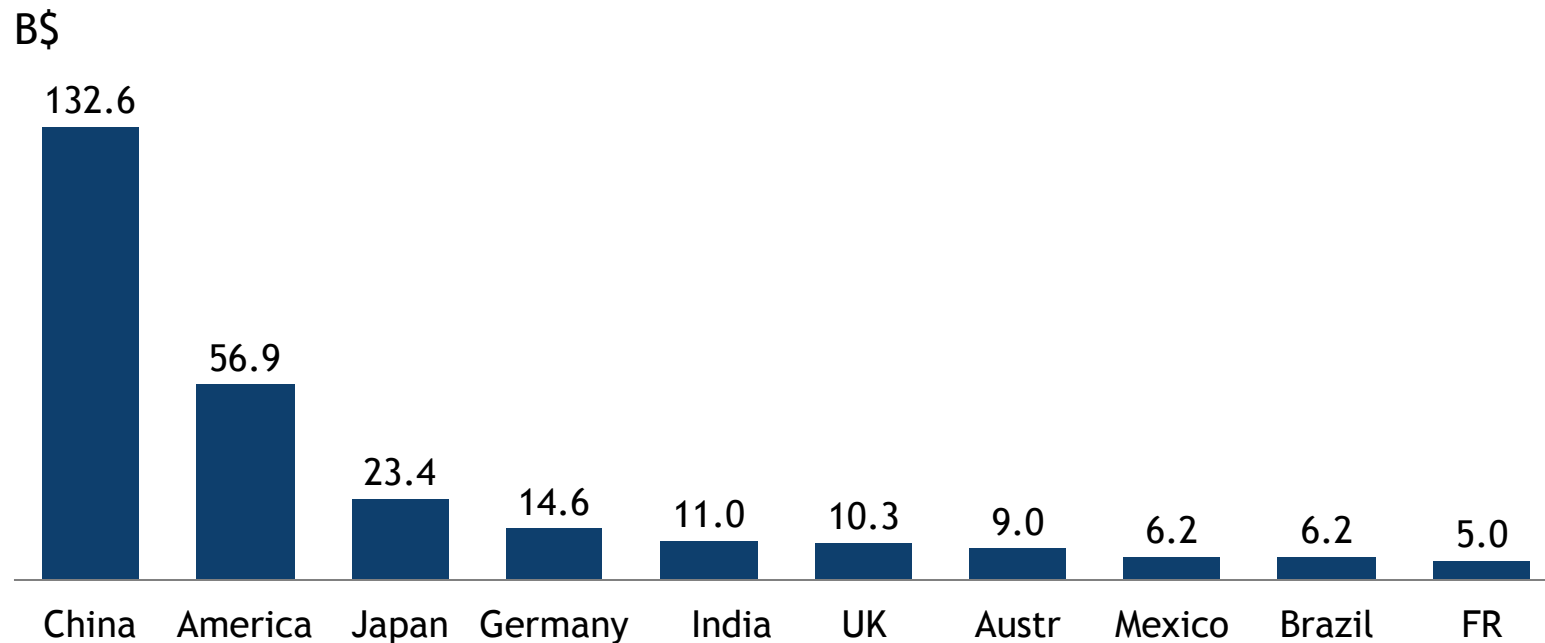
Clean Energy investment by technology in 2017



1. Biomass, biofuels, marine, geothermal, small hydro
Source: BNEF 2017
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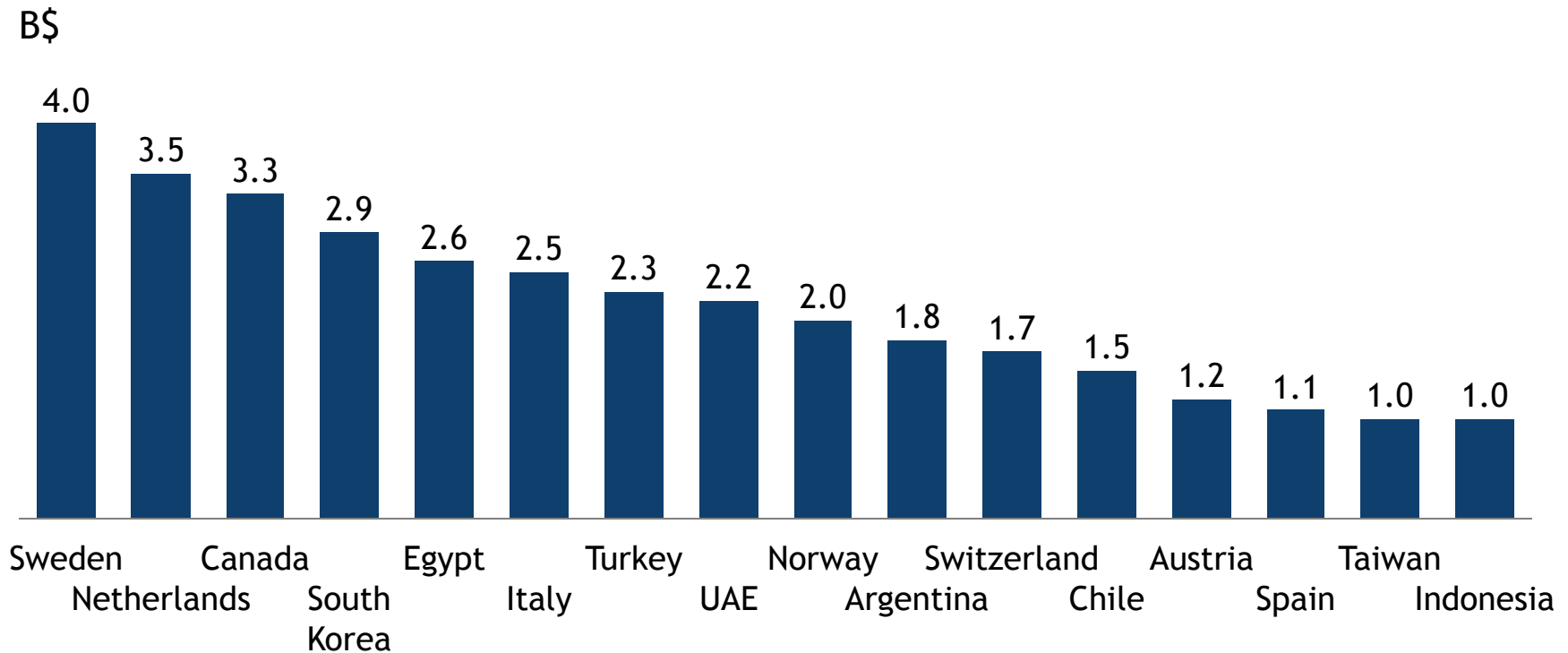
26 countries worldwide with >B1\$ clean energy investments in 2017 (I)

Top 10 countries



26 countries worldwide with >B1\$ clean energy investments in 2017 (II)

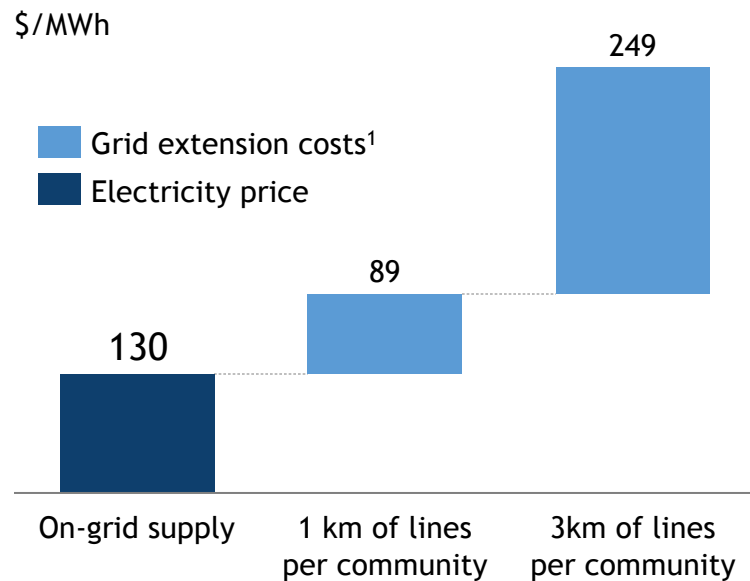
Other 16 countries with >B1\$



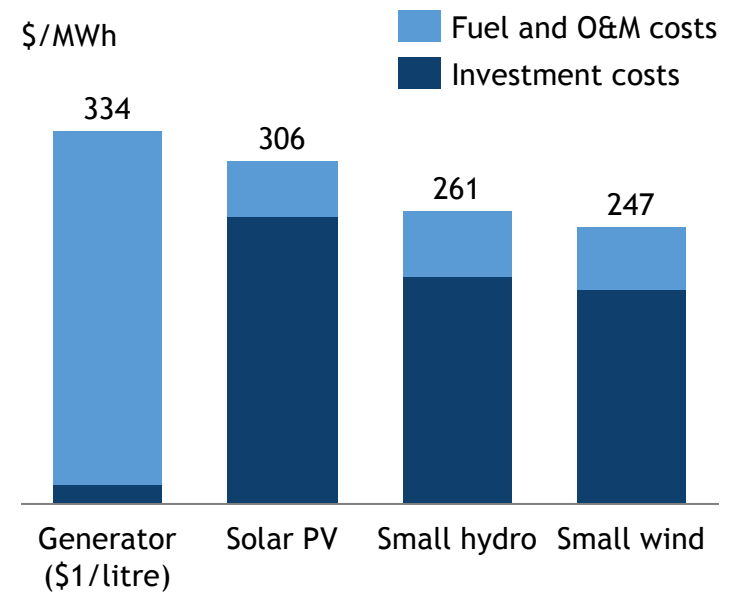
Micro-grid is the most viable option in most developing countries

Indicative levelized costs of electricity for a traditional grid vs. micro-grid and off-grid technologies in sub-Saharan Africa (2013)

Cost of extending a traditional electricity grid to an isolated community



Cost of installing a micro-grid and off-grid with different distributed generation technologies



1. Costs of grid extension are calculated as the average cost of extending the medium-voltage grid a certain distance (e.g., 1 km) to each community on a levelized cost basis.

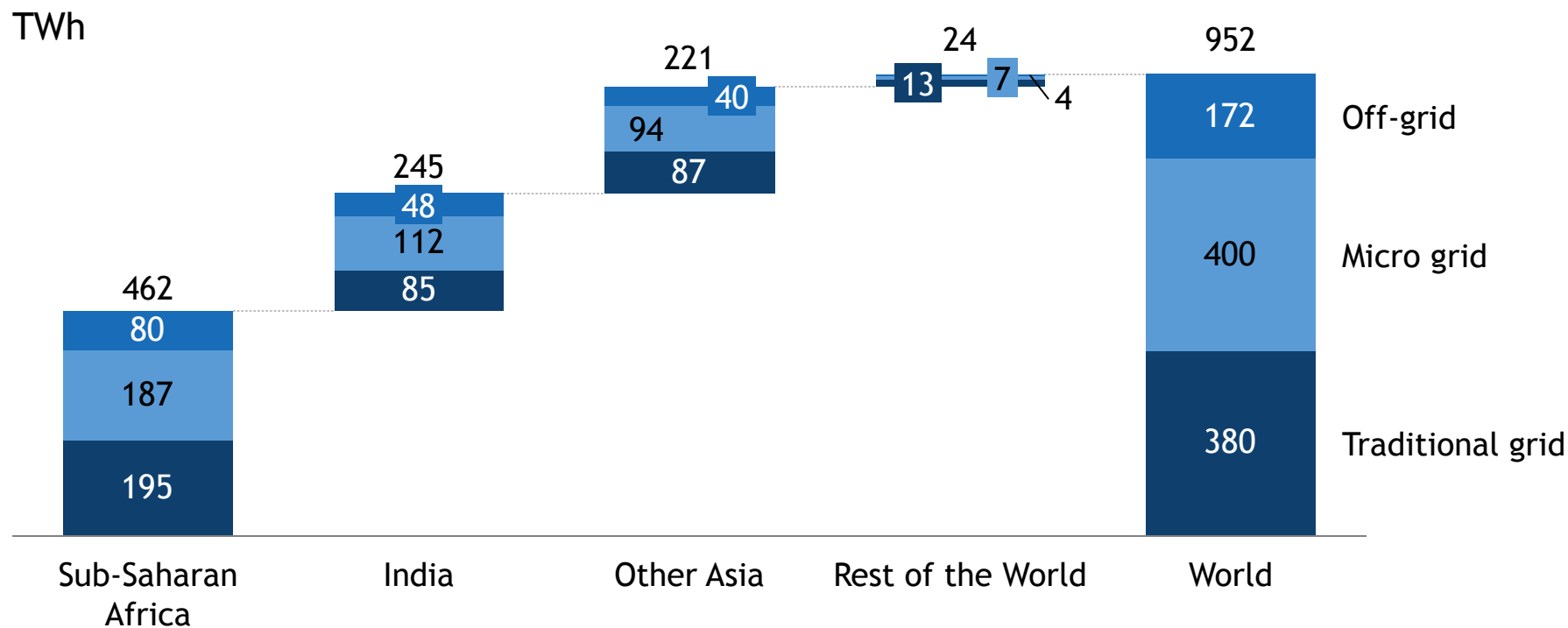
Note: Costs are indicative and could vary significantly depending on local conditions such as electricity tariffs, population density and the delivered cost of diesel

Source: World Energy Outlook 2014

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60% of new generation to be connected to micro-grids or off grid if full electricity access is to be achieved

Generation requirements for universal electricity access, 2030



1. Includes OECD and transition economies

Source: IEA (Estimates 2010)

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Key Questions

- 1 How can governments provide a conducive environment for new technologies to grow and support sustainable energy access for all?
- 2 What role must traditional energy companies play and why would it be of critical importance for them to make sustainable energy access a success?
- 3 What innovative business models can help sustain robust investments into Renewables and Micro-grids?



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