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## **REN21** Renewables 2017 Global Status Report



#### The report features:

- Global Overview
- → Market & Industry Trends
- → Distributed Renewable Energy for Energy Access
- → Investment Flows
- → Policy Landscape
- → NEW: Enabling Technologies and Energy Systems Integration
- → Energy Efficiency
- → Feature: Deconstructing Baseload

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# Investors Acquiring More Renewable Energy Capacity for Less Money in 2016

- → 176 countries had **renewable energy targets**, and renewable energy auctions were held in 34 countries in 2016 more than double the year before.
- → Newly installed renewable power capacity set new records in 2016, with 161 gigawatts (GW) added, increasing the global total by almost 9% relative to 2015. Solar PV was the star performer in 2016, accounting for around 47% of the total additions, followed by wind power at 34% and hydropower at 15.5%.
- → For the fifth consecutive year, investment in new renewable power capacity was roughly double the investment in fossil fuel generating capacity, reaching USD 249.8 billion.
- → 2016 was the **third year in a row where global energy related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** from the energy sector remained stable despite a 3% growth in the global economy and an increased demand for energy.



## Another extraordinary year for renewable energy

Total global capacity was up 9% compared to 2015, to more than 2,017 GW at year's end (921 GW not including hydro)

→ Solar PV: 47% of newly installed renewable power capacity in 2016

→ Wind: 34%

→ Hydropower: **15.5**%

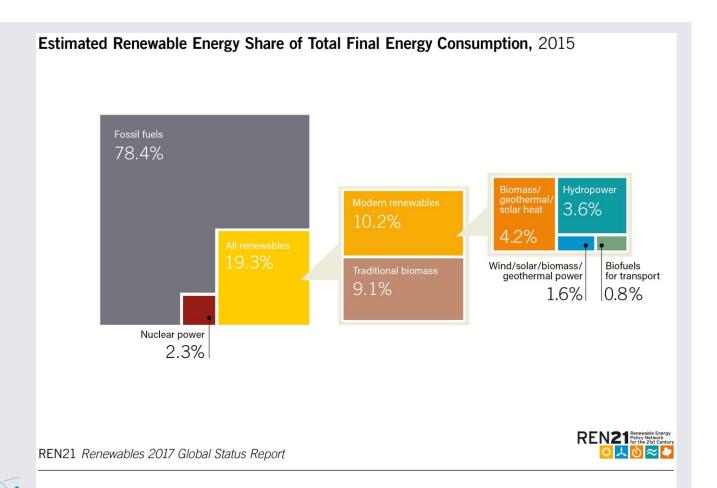






## Renewable Energy in the World

As of 2015, renewable energy provided an estimated 19.3% of global final energy consumption



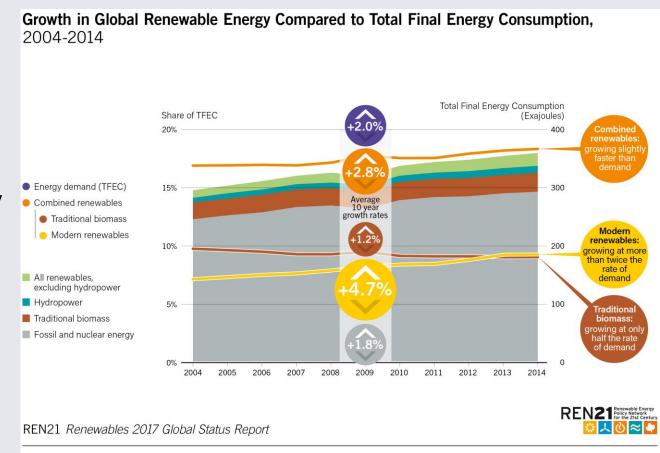


## Renewable Energy in the World

Overall share of renewable energy has increased only modestly.

#### Reasons:

- Growth of energy demand
- → Decrease of traditional biomass at a slower pace
- Increase in fossil fuel & nuclear



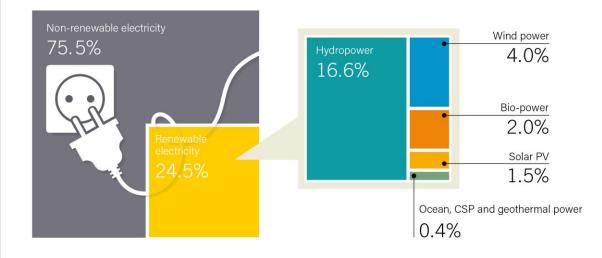


Source: based on IEA World Energy Balances, 2016.

#### **Power Sector**

By year's end, renewables comprised an estimated 30% of the world's power generating capacity and 24.5% of global electricity demand

#### Estimated Renewable Energy Share of Global Electricity Production, End-2016



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## **Heating and Cooling**

Modern renewable energy supplies approx. **9%** of total global heat demand.

In 2016, the vast majority of renewable heat continued to be supplied by **biomass**, with smaller contributions from **solar thermal** and **geothermal** energy.

Deployment of renewable technologies in this market continued to be constrained by factors such as comparatively **low fossil fuel prices** and a relative **lack of policy support.** 







### **Transport**

In 2016, **liquid biofuels** provided around **4%** of world road transport fuels, which account for the majority of transport energy use.

**Biogas** use in transport grew substantially in the **United States** and continued to gain shares of the transport fuel mix in Europe.

Further **electrification** of the transport sector has the potential to create a **new market** for renewable energy and to facilitate the integration of **variable renewable energy**.



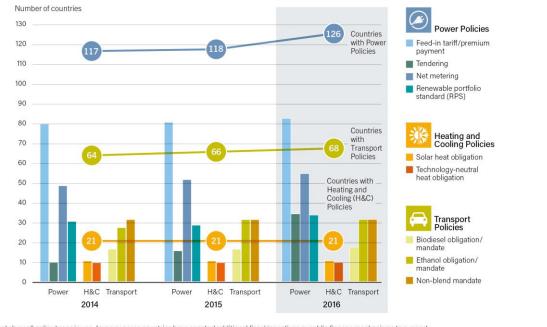




## Renewable Energy Policy Landscape

- → 176 countries had renewable energy targets
- → 126 countries had power policies
- → 68 countries had transport policies
- → 21 countries had heating and cooling policies





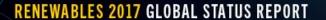
Note: Figure does not show all policy types in use. In many cases countries have enacted additional fiscal incentives or public finance mechanisms to support renewable energy. Heating and cooling policies do not include renewable heat FITs (i.e., in the United Kingdom). Countries are considered to have policies when at least one national or state/provincial-level policy is in place. A country is counted a single time if it has one or more national and/or state/provincial-level policies. Some transport policies include both biodiesel and ethanol; in this case, the policy is counted once in each category (biodiesel and ethanol). Tendering policies are presented in a given year if a jurisdiction has held at least one tender during that year.

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Source: REN21 Policy Database.



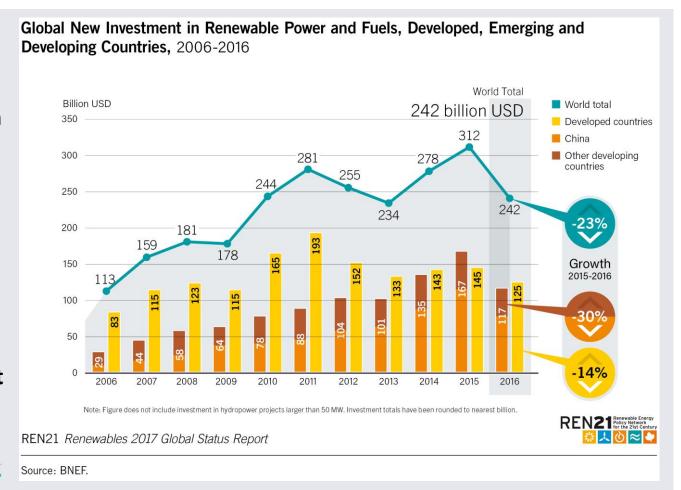




## **Global Investment in Renewable Energy**

Global new investment in renewables was **USD 241.6 billion** in 2016 (-23% compared to 2015)

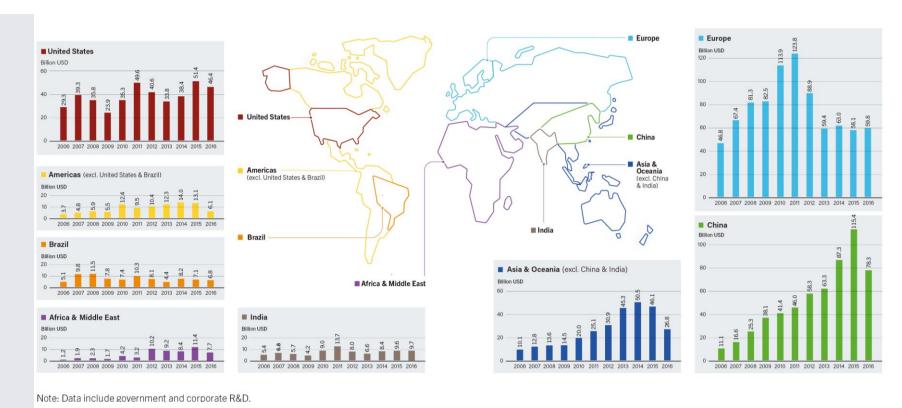
For the fifth consecutive year, investment in new renewable power capacity was roughly double that in fossil fuel capacity.





## **Global Investment in Renewable Energy**

Global New Investment in Renewable Power and Fuels, by Country and Region, 2006-2016



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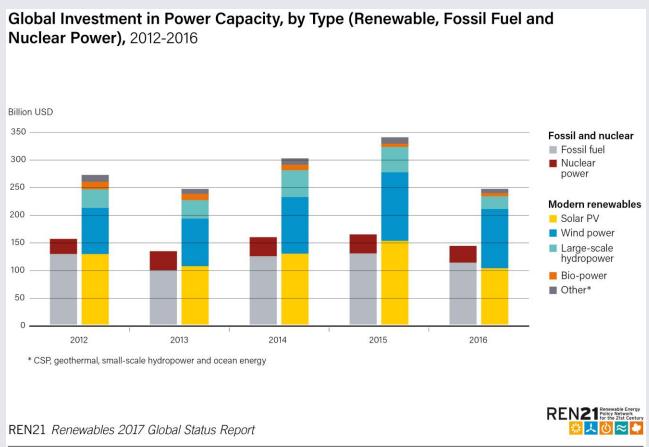




## Global Investment in Renewable Energy

An estimated **USD 249.8 billion** (63.5%) was committed to constructing new renewable power plants, compared to:

- → Fossil fuel capacity: USD 113.8 billion
- → Nuclear capacity: USD 30 billion





Source: BNEF.

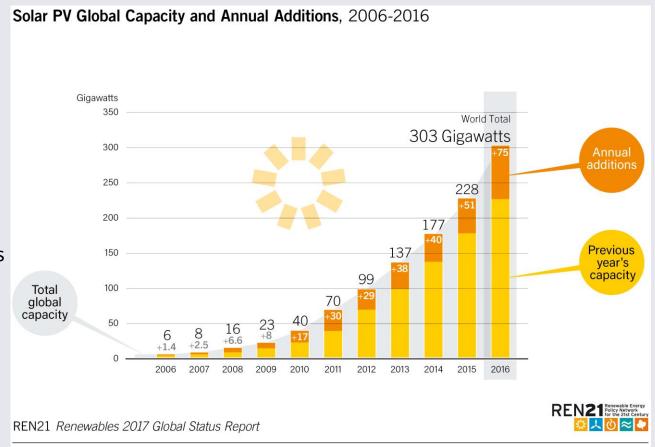


#### **Solar PV**

Global solar PV capacity totaled **303 GW** (31,000 PV panels every hour)

#### By end-2016:

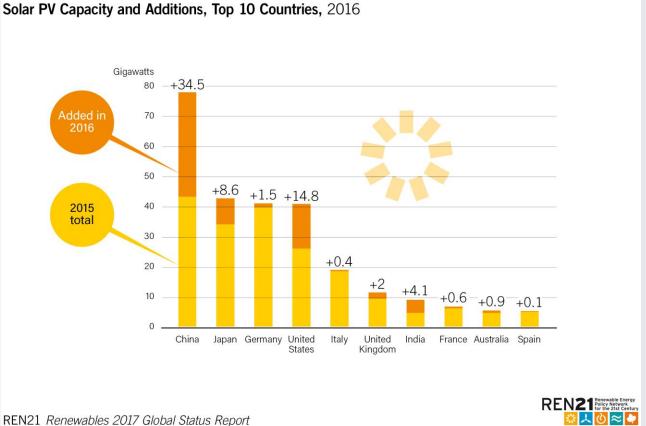
- Every continent had installed > 1 GW
- → At least 24 countries had 1 GW or more of capacity
- → At least 114 countries had more than 10 MW

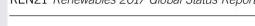




#### **Solar PV**

China added
34.5 GW (up 126% over 2015), increasing its total solar PV capacity
45% to 77.4 GW, far more than that of any other country





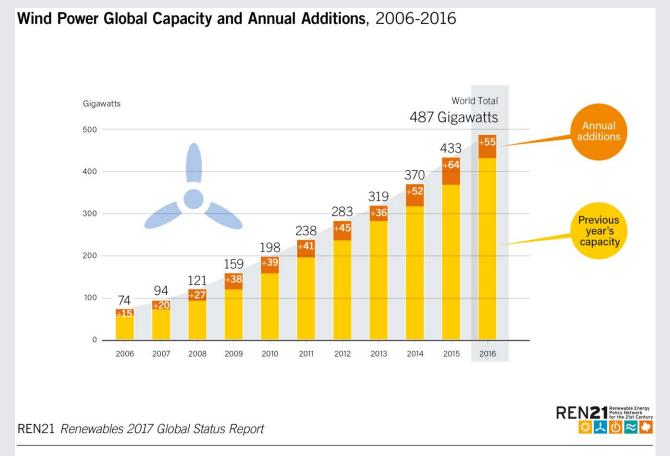


#### **Wind Power**

**55 GW** of wind power capacity added

Global total increased 12% to 487 GW

Over 90 countries with commercial wind power activity; 29 countries > 1GW

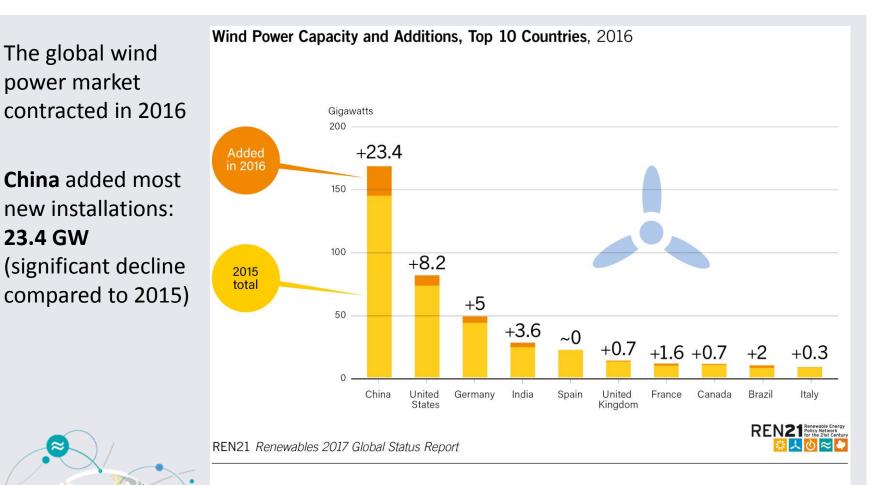




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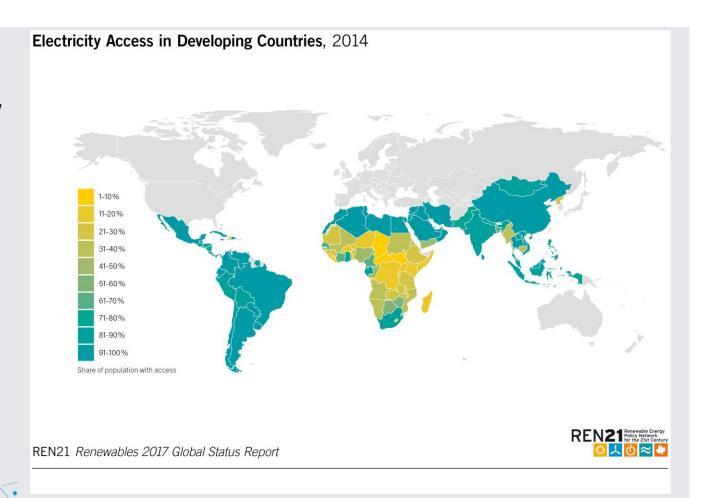
The global wind power market contracted in 2016

**China** added most new installations: 23.4 GW (significant decline



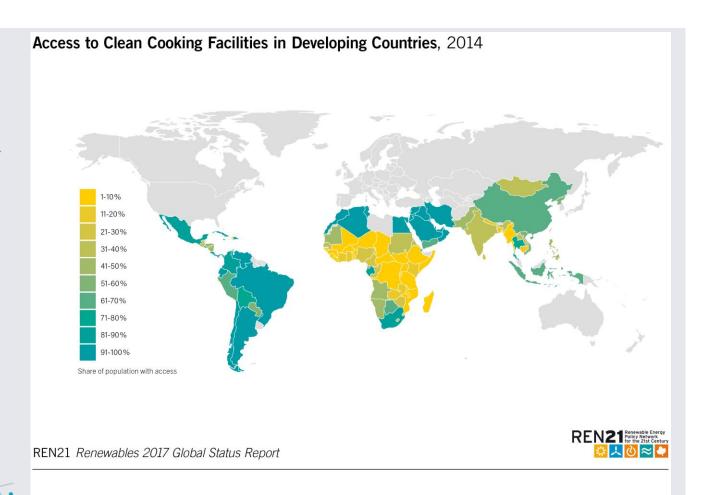


16% of the global population lived without electricity - approx. 1.19 billion people





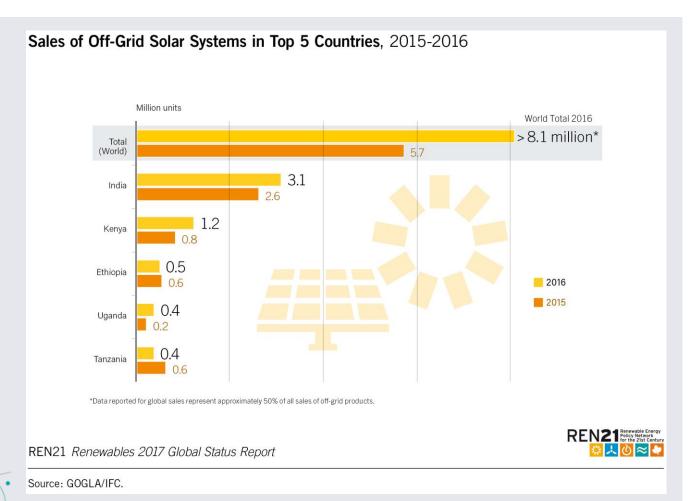
**38%** of global population are without clean cooking facilities - approx. 2.7 billion people





Sales of off-grid solar systems reach **8.1 million** units worldwide

Sales were highest in sub-Saharan Africa, in particular in East Africa





Status of Renewable Energy Mini/Micro-grid Markets, by Region

Deployment of mini-grids accelerated in 2016

Market now exceeds **USD 200** billion annually

Interconnected Region **Autonomous Basic** Autonomous Full Community ■ Limited Central America and the Caribbean South America ☐ Pilots Northern Africa Emerging Sub-Saharan Africa Mature Central and North Asia East and South Asia Middle East Oceania 

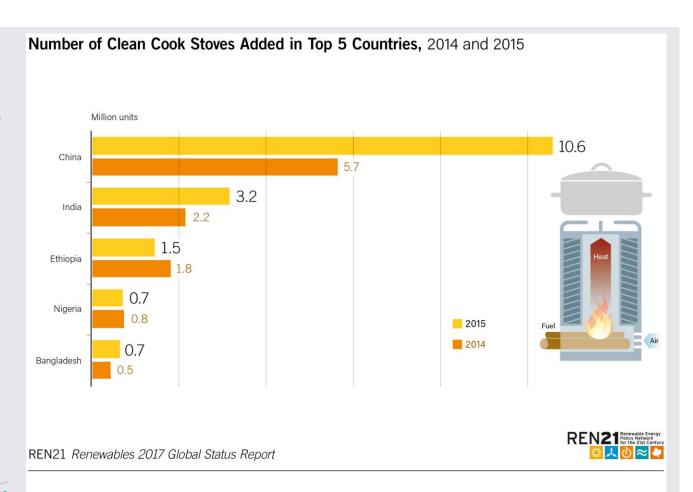
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20 million clean cook stoves distributed in 2015, an 18% increase

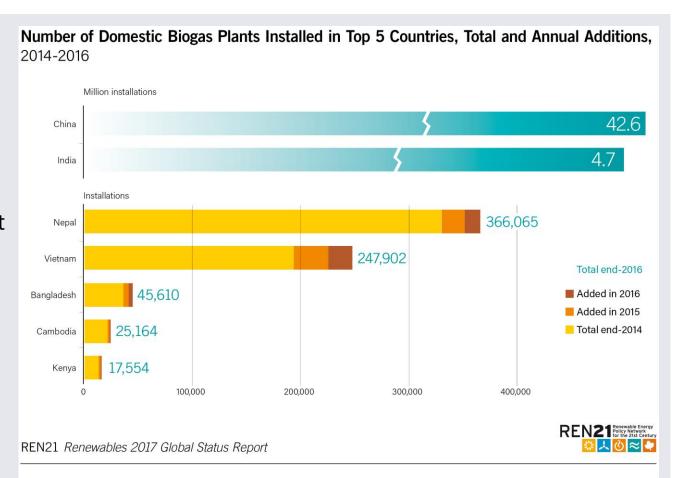
China leads in installations





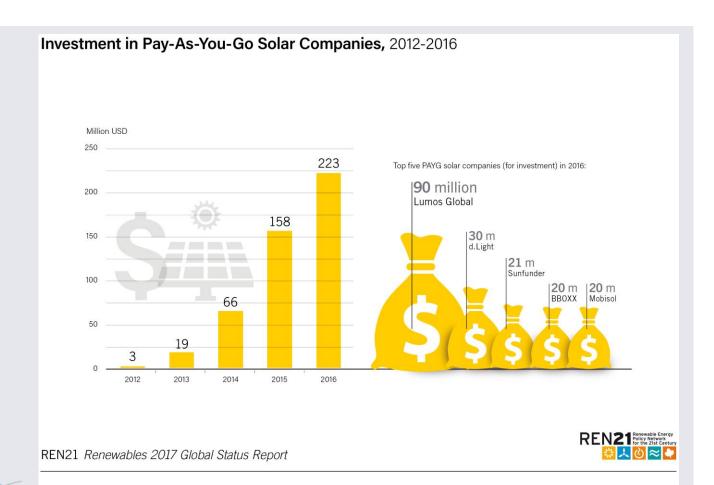
Asia leads in total installations of domestic biogas plants

Most are in **China** (**42.6 million** units at the end of 2016), and **India** (**4.7 million** units)



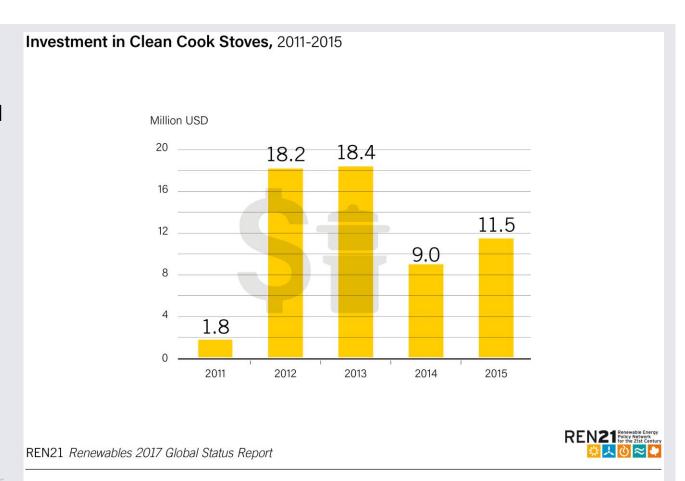


USD 223 million raised by PAYG solar PV companies, an increase of about 40% from 2015





Investment in clean cook stoves increased 28% (to USD 11.5 million) in 2015

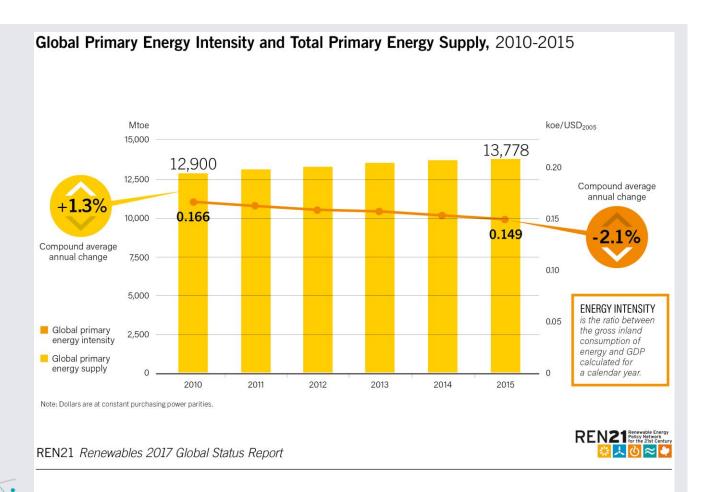




## **Energy Efficiency**

Global primary energy intensity improved by **2.6%** 

From 2010 to 2015, energy intensity declined by an average annual rate of 2.1%

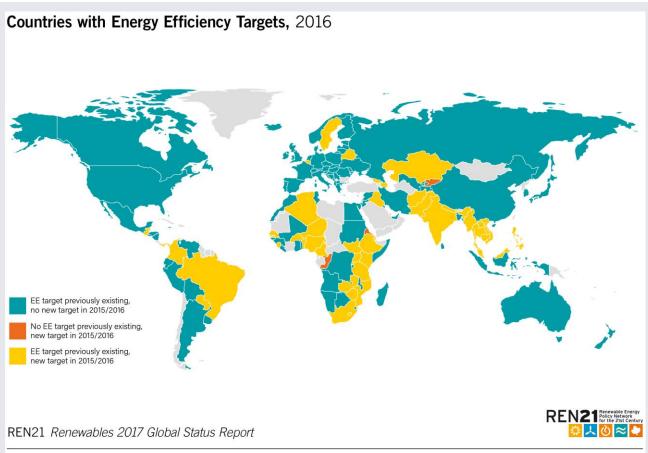




## **Energy Efficiency**

By end-2016, at least **149** countries had enacted one or more energy efficiency targets.

Of these countries, **56** adopted a new target in 2015 or 2016





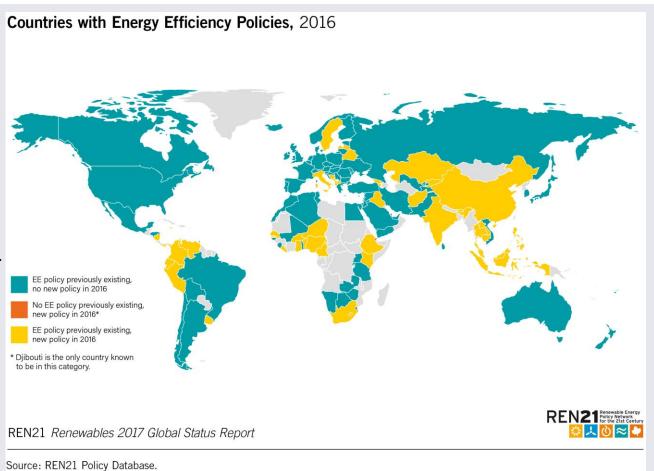
Source: REN21 Policy Database.



## **Energy Efficiency**

By end-2016, at least **137** countries had enacted some kind of energy efficiency policy.

Of these countries, 48 adopted a new or revised policy in 2016





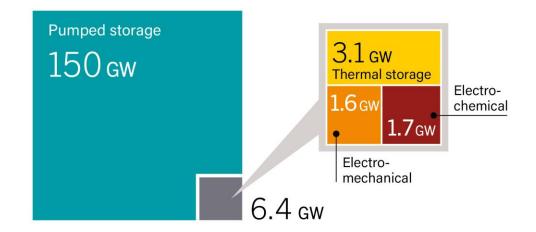
## **Enabling Technologies and Energy Systems Integration**

Storage can provide **system benefits** and **flexibility** to
customers, system managers
and utilities

Can be applied from the household level to utility-scale

- → Global grid-connected storage capacity in 2016 : 156 GW
- → Grid-connected battery storage grew by 50%

Global Grid-Connected Energy Storage Capacity, by Technology, 2016



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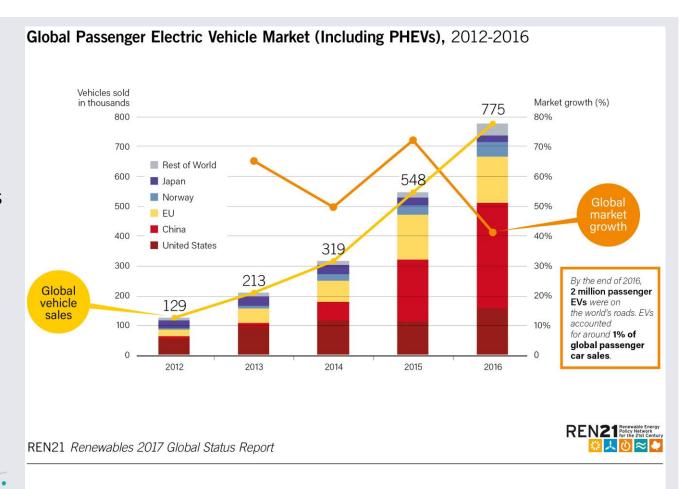


## **Enabling Technologies and Energy Systems Integration**

Global sales of EVs reached **775,000** units

More than 2 million passenger EVs were on the world's roads by year's end (1% of the light vehicle market)

So far, little linking of renewable energy and electric mobility

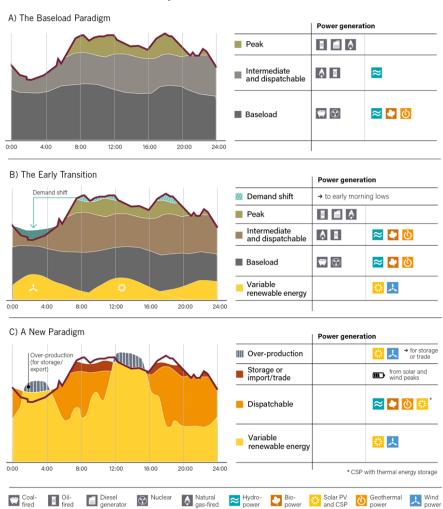




### **Feature: Deconstructing Baseload**

- → Traditional baseload generators such as coal and nuclear are beginning to lose their economic advantage and may no longer be the first to dispatch energy.
- → A number of countries and regions including
   Denmark, Germany,
   Uruguay and Cabo Verde have integrated high shares (from 20-40%) of variable renewable energy.

Conceptual Progression from the Baseload Paradigm to a New Paradigm of 100% Renewable Electricity





#### Conclusions

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- → Global renewable energy transition advancing with record capacity additions and rapidly falling costs – more capacity for less money
- → 2016 was the third year in a row where decoupling of economic growth and energyrelated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions occurred
- → However, progress not fast enough to reach Paris Agreement goals
- → Better-integrated sectoral planning
- → Smarter, more flexible systems integrating variable renewables
- → Systems approach: energy efficiency, more use of enabling technologies









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