# PAPER 72 – Exploration of Global Renewable Energy Statistics for Electricity Generation: A Case Study of Nigeria.

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## Abstract:

In recent times, electricity has been the key driving factor in all aspect human life such as healthcare, transportation, entertainment and education. Providing this essential service to meet the ever growing universal energy consumption coupled with the fast exhaustion of fossil fuel reserves as well as the enormous environmental hazard associated with its consumption has necessitated substantial research consideration on clean energy sources. This study presents an exploration of global Renewable Energy (RE) statistics and its tendencies for electricity generation with particular emphasis on Nigeria. The exploration was based on the data obtained for all the various forms of RE data obtained from several RE data base. It also explores Nigeria RE potential, estimates the amount of electrical energy that can be generated from RE and the current status of their usage. Benefits and factors hampering the generation of electricity from RE sources were enumerated. The study unveils Nigeria RE potential with the annual average solar insolation ranging from  $4.2 \, \text{kWh/} m^2 / \text{day}$  in the south to  $5.9 \, \text{kWh/} m^2 / \text{day}$  in the north, wind energy ranging from  $4.4 \, \text{W} / \text{m}^2$  to  $35.2 \, \text{W} / \text{m}^2$  (if the intensity is perpendicular to wind direction), and a hydro potential above  $11,000 \, \text{MW}$ .

**Keywords:** Electricity; Power generation; Renewable Energy;

#### 1. Introduction

Energy is a vital constituent for growth and an influential engine of commercial and societal transformation in any nation. It is at the core of every quality life and an imperative factor for financial progress (Akorede et al, 2017). Electrical energy has become an essential product for a comfy life in both rural and urban areas. For this reason, its demand has been on the rise continuously universally at the rate of 3% per year. Worldwide, there is an estimation of above 1.5 billion people who lack access to electricity (Shaver, 2017). Nigeria is located in the western region of Africa (Adejumo and Suleiman, 2017) is the Africa's largest economy and home to approximately 10% of the un-electrified population of Sub-Saharan Africa (Maria et al. 2020, Komolafe et al. 2003, Lloyd 2007), with the majority of whom reside in the rural communities. (Diemuodeke et al, 2021). With a population of around 213 million(Nigeria population, 2021), the country barely generates meager 6000MW of electricity which by international standard is not adequate to cater for healthy living asides to support industrial development and infrastructure (Adhekpukoli, 2018: Eboibi et al, 2017). The energy mix of Nigeria electricity supply sector is dominated by fossil fuels with natural gas and hydro accounting for around 85% and 15% of gridconnected generation respectively (NPBR, 2015). Paradoxically, the country is endowed with huge fossil fuel reserve which according to Oyedepo et al, 2018 in 2017 her reserve are; Light Crude oil: 37.06 billion bbl, Natural gas: 5.284 trillion cubic meter and Coal and Lignite: 2.734 billion tones, though characterized by challenges such as depletion, high cost and greenhouse effect (Rana et al, 2017; Zubo et al, 2017).

# 2. Global Renewable Energy Statistics

Positive progress has been accomplished in the last decade which can be attributed to the combined effort of Engineer and scientists. Globally, several subsidies and policies have been established to assist the deployment of non-hydro RE sources and facilities, (Nadeeshani *et al*, 2015). It has yield result, the share of Net annual additions of renewable energy in power generation capacity in 2011 was less than 50% and increase to 84% in 2021(REN, 2022).

As depicted by Table 1, Total Annual Addition of Renewable Power Capacity (TAARPC) increased by 73.2% from 2016 to 2021, In order to achieve net zero scenarios for 2030 and 2050, the Table shows projected Value. Net Zero Scenario (NZS) denotes to the method of accomplishment a Net zero carbon footprint of methane, carbon dioxide (CO2), and other Greenhouse Gases (GHG) in the sky by eradicating all man-made GHG emissions from the air through reduction procedures (artificial

and natural sink), carbon-offsetting or by basically not radiating to reach net zero (Saheed and Hammed, 2020).

TABLE 8: Annual Additions of Renewable Power Capacity, by Technology and Total, 2016-2021, and to Achieve Net Zero Scenarios for 2030 and 2050 (GW) (REN, 2022)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2030	2050
Total annual renewable power capacity								
additions	155.5	163.1	180.9	183.4	194.4	269.3	730.0	824.9
Hydropower	21.9	18.0	20.2	15.8	19.4	26.7	47.7	35.4
Wind power	54.9	53.5	50.7	60.8	95.3	93.6	236.4	253.1
Solar PV	77.0	103.0	104.0	111.0	145.0	175.0	421.9	459.6
Bio-power, geothermal, ocean power,								
CSP	9.3	6.4	8.5	6.8	9.6	11.8	24.0	76.9

To achieve NZS by 2030, the TAARPC is projected to increase by 171.1% from 2011 to 2030 and also projected to increase by 13%, from 2030 to 2050 to achieve NZS by 2050. Achieving NZS by 2030 will be difficult considering 73.2% increase in TAARPC over a span of five years (2016-2021) compared to projected increase of 171.1% over a span of 9 years (2021-2030). But if the increments of 74.9GW in TAARPC between 2020 to 2021 (A year) can be sustained annually, then the NZS 2030 can be achieved. It requires diligence and commitment of the entire stakeholder in RE business.

### 2.1. Solar PV

In terms of installed cumulative solar power, the top five countries as of 2022 are China, USA, Japan, Germany and India with installed capacity of 393,032MW, 113,015MW, 78,833MW, 66,554MW and 63,146MW respectively (IRENA, 2023). The installed solar power capacity in Germany alone (a country located in a temperate region), is more than 10times the highest peak total electricity generated from all sources in Nigeria, being 6000MW (Eboibi *et al*, 2017).

As depicted by Table 1, annual addition of solar PV has the highest increase rate of 127.3 % (from 77.0GW to 175GW) from 2016 to 2021. In order to achieve NZS for 2030 annual solar PV capacity is projected to increase by 246.9GW from year 2021 to 2030(9 years span). This will be tough to achieve unless the annual additions of solar PV Capacity increase from 2020 to 2021 (30GW) can be sustained. Annual increase of 30GW can easily be continued if tropical regions that have higher solar radiation (Bekele and Palm, 2010) can be encouraged to invest into solar PV project. Similarly to achieve NZS by 2050, the annual additions of solar PV Capacity is projected to increase by 8.9% from year 2030 to 2050.

# 2.2. Wind Power

As shown by Table 1, annual addition of wind power capacity increases from 54.9GW to 93.6GW (70.5% increase) from year 2016 to 2021. In order to achieve NZS by 2030, the annual addition of wind power capacity is projected to increase by 152.6% from 2021 to 2030 (9 years span). The task will be challenging unless the annual additions of wind power capacity increase from 2019 to 2020 (34.5GW) can be sustained. The annual additions of wind power Capacity is also projected to increase by 7.1% from year 2030 to 2050. In terms of installed cumulative solar power, the top five countries as of 2022 are China, USA, Germany India and Spain with installed capacity of 365,964MW, 140,862MW, 66,315MW, 41,930MW and 29,308MW respectively(IRENA, 2023).

# 2.3. Hydro power

Amongst the most clean sources of RE is Hydro power (Ravi and Tanweer, 2016). As shown in Table 1, annual addition of hydropower Capacity increases by 21.9% from 2016 to 2021, In order to achieve NZS by 2030, annual addition of hydro power capacity is anticipated to increase by 78.7%. Like other RE sources, it will be challenging to achieve, it is also projected to decrease by 25.8% within 2030 to 2050 to achieve NZS by year 2050. China, Brazil, Canada, US and Russia are the top five largest hydroelectric producers respectively It a major source of power generation in Brazil and Canada which constitute 64.7 and 59.0 percent respectively of their domestic electricity generation (*IEA*, 2020).

# 2.4 Other Renewables

Generating electricity and thermal energy from biomass has the potential to help meet national goals for renewable energy (US department of Energy, 2010). As depicted by Table 1, annual addition

of other RE sources Capacity increases by 24.7 % from 2016 to 2021. It estimated that in order to achieve NZS by 2030 it should increase by 103.3% which will also be challenging unless the annual rise between 2020 and 2021 can be maintained over the nine years (2021-2030). An increase of 220.4% between year 2030 to 2050 is also required to achieve NZS by 2050. Geothermal can be categorize as RE source because the water is restocked by rainfall, thus the heat can be constantly created inside the earth (L'udovít *et al*, 2010). In geothermal, US, Indonesia, Philippines, Turkey and New zealand are takes the leads with capacity of 2.57GW, 2.13GW, 1.93GW, 1.61GW and 0.98GW respectively. A country in Africa, Kenya was ranked 7 with geothermal electricity capacity of 0.82GW (The US information Administration, 2020).

In summary (Table 2), it can be deducted that some countries are in the forefront to achieve NZS. China are leading in 4 RE sources such as Solar PV, wind power, Bio-power and Hydropower. US are among the top five countries in virtually all the RE sources. Germany, Brazil and India can also be seen as among the countries taking advatages of the benefits of RE sources.

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S/N	Solar PV	Wind Power	Hydro	Geothermal (the US	Bio –power	
	(IRENA,	(IRENA, 2023).	power ( <i>IEA</i> ,	information Administration,	(REN, 2021)	
	2023).		2020)	2020)		
1.	China	China	China	USA	China	
2.	USA	USA	Brazil	Indonesia	Brazil	
3.	Japan	Germany	Canada	Philippines	United State	
4.	Germany	India	USA	Turkey	Germany	
5.	India	Spain	Russia	New zealand	India	

### 3. Nigeria's RE Statistics for Electricity Generation.

Several aboriginal researchers have deliberated the possibility of Renewable Energy (RE) resources in Nigeria with a view of establishing their feasibility in the country. The country has installed capacity of 10,396MW, out of which 6,056MW is available. 82.5 % (4,996MW) of the available 6,056MW is from gas generating plants while the remaining 1,060MW is hydro (Stephen *et al*, 2022). A study conducted at the end of 2015 indicates that the segment of renewables in electric power generation (including offgrid) is around 23.7 % with 16.6% from hydropower, 3.7% from wind power while other renewables amount to 3.4% (Akorede *et al*, 2017). This necessitate the needs to access the RE potential of the country.

## 3.1 Solar energy potential

The information of the obtainable solar insolation at a place is crucial in choosing and planning proper solar energy systems and estimating the solar energy for that location (Okonkwo.and Nwokoye, 2014: Ilenikhena and Ezemonye, 2010). Nigeria by virtue of her location on the equator is around a high sunshine belt where solar insolation is equitably well distributed (Olayinka *et al*, 2014). A study conducted by Anaza *et al*, 2023 in as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Solar Insolation of selected town in Nigeria (Anaza et al, 2023)

	Gombe	Katsina(NW)	Abuja	Osogbo(SW)	Owerri(SE)	Port Harcourt
	(NE)		(NC)			(SS)
January	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.1	4.9
February	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.2	5.2	4.9
March	6.4	6.4	6.1	5.3	5.0	4.6
April	6.3	6.7	6.0	5.2	5.0	4.6
May	6.1	6.4	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.3
June	5.8	6.0	5.1	4.5	4.3	3.6
July	5.3	5.8	4.6	3.9	3.9	3.4
August	5.0	5.4	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.7
September	5.5	5.9	4.8	4.1	4.1	3.6
October	5.9	5.8	5.4	4.6	4.4	4.0
November	5.8	5.5	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.4
December	5.5	5.3	5.3	4.9	4.9	4.8
Annual	5.8	5.9	5.3	4.7	4.6	4.2
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From the Table 3, the annual average solar insolation ranges from  $4.2 \text{kWh/}m^2/\text{day}$  to  $5.9 \text{kWh/}m^2/\text{day}$ . Using an average solar irradiation  $5.3 \text{kWh/}m^2/\text{day}$  for Nigeria, the average annual irradiation will be around 1934.5 kWh/m². According to Bekele and Palm, 2010, the solar irradiation in tropical regions is greater than that of more temperate latitudes. Europe has an average annual irradiation of  $1000 \text{ kWh/}m^2$ , while that Middle East is around  $1800 \text{ kWh/}m^2$  which are lower than Nigeria (Sunday *et al*, 2019). Unexpectedly according to IRENA 2023, Asia and Europe are in the fore front of annual additions of solar PV Capacity. According to Ani, 2014, Ebigenibo and Oluwasanmi, 2020, the hourly energy output of the PV generator  $E_{pv}$  can be calculated according to the equation 1.

$$E_{pv}^{T} = G(t) * A * P * \eta_{pv}$$
 -----(1)

Where G (t) is the hourly irradiance in kWh/ $m^2$ , A is the surface area in  $m^2$ , P is the PV penetration level factor, and  $\eta_{pv}$  is the efficiency of PV generator.

Nigeria has a 923,768km² land area (Olayinka et al, 2014.), using an estimate of 1934.5 kWh/m² per year, an average of 178 7thosandTWh/year of solar energy is estimated to fall on the entire land area. Applying Equation (1), Using 15% conversion efficiency (solar panel conversion efficiency) and assuming 0.1% of its land is used, approximately 268.1TWh/year of electricity can be generated from solar PV, which is higher than her electricity demand estimate of 144.5 TWh/yr (Ezenanaya et al, 2014). Nigeria has an estimated population of 213.4 million (Nigeria population, 2021) as at December 2021. The W per capita is by this analogy from solar PV will be 1,256 which is higher than that of Germany (IRENA, 2023).

The Nation has no thorough project database of RE, no off-grid hybrid or grid connected solar projects, all existing projects are either stand-alone mini-grid or off-grid stand-alone lighting application of few kWp (Olayinka *et al*, 2014),

#### 3.2 Wind energy potential.

The enthusiasm to address the country's energy and the zeal to maximize the numerous renewable energy benefits encouraged research into Nigeria's wind energy potential among which are Ajayi *et al*, 2011, Eboibi *et al*, 2017, Ajibola and Balogun 2019, Amadi 2018, Dioha *et al* 2016, Jasper and Bernard 2017, Joshua *et al*, 2015, Lawa and Isa 2013, Ogbeide *et al*, 2018, Yahaya *et al*, 2020. From their study it can be concluded that the average wind speed in Nigeria at 10m height lies between 1.9 m/s and 8 m/s depending on the location. From the wind map (Ikechukwu, 2016), it is clear that there are location such as Kastina, zamfara etc with very good wind potential having speed above 6m/s which is suitable for electricity generation. The wind potential in state like Kogi, Ekiti, Edo etc are only appropriate for water pumping.

The power generated p (t) by a wind turbine can be represented by

$$P(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & v(t) \leq V_{ci} \text{ or } v(t) \geq V_{co} \\ \frac{C\rho A(v(t))^3}{2} & V_{ci} < v(t) < V_r \\ p_r & V_r < v(t) < V_{co} \end{cases}$$

$$(2016).$$

Where: C is coefficient of power  $\rho$  is air density (1.1 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) A is Area of wind turbine rotor. v(t) is wind speed at any time,  $V_{ci}$  is cut in wind speed,  $V_r$  is rated wind speed,  $V_{co}$  is cut out wind speed

Estimating from the above wind speed, the wind energy intensity perpendicular to the wind direction ranges between 4.4W/m² along the coastal areas to as high as 35.2W/m² to the extreme north (akinbulire *et al*, 2014). Currently, apart from the few stand-alone wind power plants which were installed in the 1960s in five northern states purposely for water pumping, there was no commercial wind power plants linked to the national grid. Additionally, a 5 kW wind turbine plant for electrification of a village was installed at Sayyan Gidan Gada, in Sokoto State (Uzoma *et al*, 2011: Sunday *et al*, 2019: Bamisile *et al*, 2017).

# 3.3 Hydro Energy Potential

Despite the Huge RE potential, at the moment hydropower is the only RE source used for saleable electricity generation in Nigeria (Olusola *et al*, 2020). The massive hydro potential source is demonstrated by her large rivers, small rivers and stream and the different river basin that were established. The country has substantial hydro potential sources spread in 13 States and in the river basin (Adebayo and peter 2014) with potential above 11,000MW (Akorede *et al*, 2017). The rivers were nearly evenly distributed all over the country with potential locations for hydropower scheme that can feed the rural, urban and isolated communities (Sunday *et al*, 2019).

The generation of electrical energy from Hydro power simply energy conversion. The turbine changes water energy into rotational energy at its shaft which the generator converted that rotational energy into electrical energy. The energy generated per year (KWH) can be calculated as:

$$E = \rho * Q * H_n * g * \mathbf{\eta} * \mathbf{n}$$
 -----(3) (Bilal, 2013; Khizir *et al*, 2012)

Where: Q is flow rate ( $m^3/s$ ),  $\rho$  is water density (1000 kg/m3), n is number of hours in year for which the specified flow occurs,  $H_n$  is net head (m), g is gravitational constant (9.8 m/s2), and  $\eta$  represent is efficiency which denote the extent of energy conversion. Hydropower is the on RE sources is currently been used for commercial purpose, it 15% of grid-connected electricity generation (NPBR, 2015). A study estimated the small hydropower potential of country to be 3,500 MW (Oseni, 2012)

## 3.4 Other renewables

Thirty geothermal potential spots were discovered in the country. It is also estimated that about  $2.10 \times 10^9$  GJ of biomass energy can be generated from waste and other sources yearly (Aliyu *et al*, 2015; Wole-Osho *et al*, 2014; Olusola *et al*, 2020). Though, there have not been commercial productions of electricity from Biomass and Geothermal.

#### 4. Advantages and Challenges of RE

RE sources cause less environmental effect than other energy sources. The execution of RE technologies will assist to tackle the environmental concerns that developed due to greenhouse gas emissions such as oxides of nitrogen (NOx), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), oxides of sulfur (SOx), and particulate matters that arise as a result to of power generation from natural gas, oil and coal. RE sources are clean energy system that has no consequence on the environment during or after generation. Variety of RE resources provides flexible sets of possibilities for their usage (Sunday 2012; Oisamoje and Oisamoje, 2013; Slootweg *et al*, 2001).

From literature surveyed, several factors have been attributed to the low pace of RE as it's relates to electricity generation, They includes: lack of consciousness and technical unskillfulness, high initial investment cost, inconsistency Regulatory framework and enticements, grid unpredictability and intermittency nature of RE sources. The latter can cause undesired effects in the structure, such as increased fault current, fluctuations in the voltage profile, readjustment of the control and protection systems, inversion in the flow direction, (Benvindo *et al* 2015, Kaabeche *et al*, 2011).

# 5. conclusion

Attentions have been focused on RE sources for electricity generation and other usage due to its enormous benefits and the challenges and hazards attributed to the use of fossil fuel. In this paper, global RE statistics were explored and its propensities for electric power generation highlighting Nigeria RE potentials. Data were obtained from several RE database and were analyzed, references were made to the leading countries to ascertain their growth and project the possible development in the near future. Nigeria RE potential was evaluated and estimates of electrical energy that can be generated from various RE were presented in conjunction to their current status for electricity generation. The study unveils that the country can resolve its electrical energy woes if it's RE sources are properly harnessed.

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