[Note: Full reference citations are found in the report’s bibliography.]

INTRODUCTION

1. For 2011, REN21 (2012) and BNEF/UNEP (2012) give net investment in renewable power capacity as some $40 billion higher than the same measure for fossil fuels. BNEF/UNEP (2012) and Schneider and Froggatt (2012) both estimate investment in new nuclear power plants at approximately $5 billion in 2011. For more details, see Endnote 2 for Chapter 3.

2. Investment in 2011 from BNEF/UNEP (2012). See also Footnote (a) on page 33 of the report.


4. For more discussion on motivations for renewable energy, see GEA (2012) Chapters 2-6. See also Scheer (2005) and Girardet and Mendonca (2009). Many of the published scenarios listed in Annex 1, particular high-renewables scenarios like Greenpeace (2012), also discuss the variety of motivations.

5. Good references for understanding energy systems and the context for renewable energy include Tester et al (2006), Randolph and Masters (2008), IPCC (2011), and GEA (2012).


7. Examples of "high-renewables" scenarios modeling strong levels of policy support in the future together with continued cost reductions include Greenpeace (2012), GEA (2012), RETD ACES (2010).


9. Scenarios portraying high-renewables futures using only currently existing technologies include NREL (2012): “The central conclusion of the analysis is that renewable electricity generation from technologies that are commercially available today, in combination with a more flexible electric system, is more than adequate to supply 80% of total U.S. electricity generation in 2050 while meeting electricity demand on an hourly basis in every region of the United States.”, p iii. [] Scenarios showing total energy system cost to be roughly equal for renewables-centric and fossil fuel-centric cases include IEA ETP (2012): “The cost of creating low-carbon energy systems now will be outweighed by the potential fuel savings enjoyed by future generations. A sustainable energy system will require USD 140 trillion in investments to 2050 but would generate undiscounted net savings of more than USD 60 trillion”, p. 29; UCS (2009): “Climate 2030 Blueprint shows that deep emissions cuts can be achieved while saving U.S. consumers and businesses $465 billion in 2030”, p. 3; IEA RETD (2010): “when considering both initial investments and ongoing energy cost savings, there is virtually no difference in total energy system costs between aggressive climate mitigation scenarios and so-called "Reference" scenarios that contain little or no mitigation measures”, p. ii.

10. A good discussion of the many facets of integration of renewable energy can be found in IPCC (2011) Chapter 8.

12. Ibid.


CHAPTER 1

1. REN21 (2012) gives 8.6% from traditional biomass and 8.2% from modern renewables. IEA (2012c) gives 9.6% from traditional biomass and 8.4% from modern renewables; both sets of figures are for share of final energy consumption (TFEC) in 2010. Other recent published figures for primary energy share from renewables are as low as 13%, for example in IPCC (2011) using the “physical” method. This is because there are several alternative approaches to calculating global energy share from renewables, all of which are analytically valid, but which produce different results. The two main types of indicators are primary energy share and final energy share. Final energy share has emerged in recent years as an accepted indicator that many consider better at capturing the true useful value of each energy source. For primary energy share, there several alternative ways to calculate shares, and in particular the “physical” method yields lower shares for hydro, solar PV, and wind power than the “substitution” method, relative to biomass, fossil-fuel, and nuclear power. For further explanation and comparison of the different methodologies and metrics, three sources are recommended: REN21 (2008), Sidebar 1, page 21, for a brief summary; Martinot et al (2007) for a detailed explanation; and IPCC (2011) Annex 2 for a side-by-side comparison of methodologies. Examples of historical projections include World Bank (1996), NREL (1999), EWEA and Greenpeace (1999), IEA (2000), Greenpeace (2001), Pearce (2002), IEA (2003), and EWEA (2003). For more on historical projections, see Topic #1, “Past Views,” in the online supplement “Topical Discussion Report.”

2. REN21 (2012). The phrase “total energy from renewables” can refer in the context of this report to either primary energy share or final energy share, depending on what is reported from the source being cited. The REN21 (2012) figures for share of energy mostly refer to primary energy share, but some countries report and target final share only, and are cited by REN21 as final energy share. In general, the exact difference between primary and final energy share depends on the mix of energy sources and their end-uses, and is unique to each country. In some countries, both figures can be almost the same, while in others they can be substantially different; see the explanations in sources cited in Endnote 1. In most of these countries, hydro is the main renewable source. In others it is geothermal or biomass. Brazil, Iceland, and Sweden had close to or above 50%. Renewable energy share data from REN21 (2012), Table R9, except for Iceland and New Zealand, which come from IEA (2012) Renewables Information. All figures
are most recent as of mid-2012, but lag behind current year due to data collection and reporting; for some countries the reported share in Table R9 is for 2009 not 2010. Some shares are for primary energy and some shares are for final energy. (See Endnote 1 for Chapter 1 regarding primary vs. final energy.) For most countries, only one metric is available; however, when both metrics are available, the final energy share metric is used for purposes of this report. Denmark was 23% (final share) in 2009-2010, but has grown since then. Other countries above 20% include Barbados, Belize, Estonia, Guatemala, and Latvia. A number of countries shown in the REN21 (2012) Table R9 Annex at 100% share are incorrectly reported, but still have shares above 20%, including Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and Paraguay. Data for renewable energy shares for the EU and U.S. also from REN21 (2012) Table R9, and for Japan from METI (2010). Per REN21 (2012), Endnote 12, Chapter 1, page 129, 102 GW of renewables and 106 GW of conventional power generation capacity were added in 2011. That includes about 4 GW of new nuclear capacity per International Atomic Energy Agency (2012), “Nuclear Technology Review.” REN21 (2012) calls this comparison between renewable and conventional generation capacity for 2011 “almost half,” but the numbers were considered close enough for general purposes of scale to label the comparison "about half" in the present report.

3. IEA (2003) shows primary energy shares by 2050 of 15.7% for biomass and 18.9% for other renewables (page 129).

4. IEA ETP (2006) reference scenario was 11%. “ACT Map” showed a 24% share and “Tech Plus” showed 30%. Greenpeace energy shares reported in this section are all for primary energy share, although Greenpeace scenarios also project final energy shares as separate numbers, generally higher than primary energy share.

5. [Pending]


7. Box 2 is based on the following sources: BP (2012), ExxonMobil (2012), GEA (2012), Greenpeace (2012), IEA ETP (2012), IEA RETD (2010), IEA WEO (2012), and IPCC (2011). For IEA ETP (2012), the predecessor to the “2DS” scenario is the “Blue Map” scenario in the 2010 edition. For the IEA WEO (2012), the reference case is the “Current Policies” scenario. For IEA ETP (2012), the “6DS” scenario is taken as the reference case. Percentage reductions in energy demand for IEA ETP by 2050 is based on primary energy demand of 940 EJ by 2050 for “6DS” (reference case) and 697 EJ for “2DS”, which is a 26% reduction relative to “6DS” (697 EJ is 26% less than 940 EJ). Similar calculations were done for IEA WEO (2012), and GEA (2012), and Greenpeace (2012). Although many scenarios include carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies, the “pace of deployment remains highly uncertain, with only a handful of commercial-scale projects currently in operation,” according to IEA WEO (2012), p. 25. IEA RETD (2010) “ACES” projects a virtual decarbonization of electricity by 2030 from renewables, nuclear, and CCS on all fossil fuel power plants. Greenpeace (2012) primary energy share for 2030 is 41%. Equivalent final energy shares are 45% in 2030 and 88% in 2050.

8. GEA (2012) provides a number of “pathways” in the “Efficiency” case that range from 30% to 75%.
9. Credibility as used in this report entails many factors such as the type of authoring organizations and their experience, the number and breadth of experts involved, whether a scenario has become annually or biennially issued and based on an established long-standing process, if the process and methodologies are transparent, the degree of independent reviewer participation, and analytical rigor. All scenarios cited in this report meet these criteria to varying degrees and were deemed sufficient to be included in the “range of credible possibilities.” For example, the Greenpeace (2012) scenario involves leading academics, researchers, and industry experts from around the world, has been published biennially since 2007, documents its methodologies, and relies on an extensive review process. As Greenpeace/EREC/GWEC (2012) [Greenpeace (2012)] notes, “the IPCC’s Special Report Renewables (SRREN) chose the [Greenpeace scenario] as one of the four benchmark scenarios for climate mitigation energy scenarios... Following the publication of the SRREN in May 2011... the [Greenpeace scenario] became a widely quoted energy scenario and is now part of many scientific debates and referenced in numerous scientific peer-reviewed literatures” (p. 338).

10. The original “Fact Sheet” for the UN “Sustainable Energy for All” initiative (http://www.sustainableenergyforall.org/images/content/untitled%20folder/Fact%20Sheets/RenewableEnergy.pdf) gives a current global share from renewables of 15%, which would then mean a doubling to 30% share by 2030. However, using a 17-18% current global share (see Endnote 1 for Chapter 1) implies a 35% share by 2030. The UN initiative in 2012 was in the process of updating its share baseline and methodologies, a process that was expected to result in an implied 35% share by 2030. If a 13% current global share is used, based on primary energy share from IEA WEO (2012) or IPCC (2011), then the target would only imply a 26% share by 2030. Given that the share of traditional biomass in 2011 was 8.6%, and assuming that share remains constant through 2030, and using a 35% target for the UN initiative, means a roughly 26% share of modern renewables by 2030, which is roughly triple the current share of 8.2%, based on Endnote 1 for Chapter 1.

11. Selected national and regional scenarios are given in Annex 2, although many more such scenarios exist than could be complied for the present report. One research problem faced was that many national scenarios are not in English and require translation.

12. Ibid.

13. Number of countries with policy targets from REN21 (2006) and REN21 (2012). The EU collective target and individual country targets are all final energy targets; the EU adoption of this metric in 2007-2008 made it a “mainstream” indicator for the first time, as previously primary energy was the predominate metric; see REN21 (2008), Sidebar 1, p. 21. An EU 45% target for 2030 is also under discussion (see section on EU in Chapter 5). The full progression of targets for Germany is 18% (2020), 30% (2030), 45% (2040), and 60% (2050); these are final energy shares. The actual 2010 share for Germany was 11%. Shares for Denmark are also final energy shares; the actual 2010 share was 23%.

14. Target data from REN21 (2012) Table R9. Targets are Algeria 40% (2030), China 15% (2020), Indonesia 25% (2025), Jamaica 20% (2030), Jordan 10% (2020), Madagascar 54% (2020), Mali 15% (2020), Mauritius 35% (2025), Samoa 20% (2030), Senegal 15% (2025), South Korea 11% (2030), Thailand 20% (2022), Turkey 30% (2023), Ukraine 19% (2030), and Vietnam 8% (2025). Algeria’s targets are final energy share. Indonesia’s targets are 10.2% from biofuels, 6.3% from geothermal, and 1.4% from wind/solar/hydro by 2025 (REN21, 2012, Table R11). Shares for OECD countries without targets also from REN21 (2012), Table R9. Tonga and Fiji are listed in REN21 (2012) Table R9 with 100% targets by 2013, but these targets are considered as inaccurate or misinterpreted reporting, given that transport cannot be 100% renewable in that time frame. A few countries with already-large shares of renewables are listed with targets above 80%, including Fiji, Gabon, Tonga, and Uruguay.
15. The Chinese target is for primary energy share. Chinese energy experts expected nuclear to remain in the range 2-4% by 2020, so renewables should attain 11-13% energy share if the target is met. China’s target includes nuclear power and thus represents a “zero-carbon” target rather than a renewable energy target. Some observers expect China’s nuclear share to reach 3-4% by 2020 (Martinot 2010), so the renewables share would be 11-12% in that case if the 15% target is exactly met. China also has a quota obligation for utilities, 3% of electricity and 8% of capacity by 2020, for non-hydro renewables only. China’s share of energy from renewable energy in 2010-2011 (both years are considered similar) was roughly 9%, and the share of nuclear was roughly 1%, per Chinese Renewable Energy Industry Association (CREIA), December 2012. The share of renewables in total power generation was 18% in 2011, but was expected to increase to 22% in 2012 due to an increase in hydropower generation. The share of electricity from nuclear power was 1.9% in 2011 (about one-tenth that of renewables), and was expected to increase to 2.2% in 2012. The “50% increase in renewable energy over 2010 levels” mentioned in the text actually means a “50% increase in renewable energy share over 2010 levels,” based on the presumption that the renewables share increases from 9% to 13.5% and the nuclear share increases from 1% to 1.5% by 2020.

16. See REN21 (2012) Table R10 for countries with electricity share targets and for existing electricity shares.

17. See REN21 (2012) Table R11 for countries with heating and cooling targets.

18. See REN21 (2012) Table R11 for countries with targets for transport shares, and Table R14 for national and state/provincial biofuels blending mandates.

19. Transport shares given in Table 1 and in other scenarios generally include road, air, maritime, and rail transport, although some scenario projections only cover road transport specifically. [Other notes pending.]

20. Global and EU share of electricity production from renewables data from REN21 (2012). For global electricity production, the share reported for hydropower is 15.3% and for other non-hydro renewables is 5.0%. Countries with renewable electricity production share above 30% from REN21 (2012), Table R10.

21. Most targets include both large and small hydropower, but some countries only have targets for small hydropower. For example, India targets small hydro separately, and reports on total renewables share excluding large hydro. All targets from REN21 (2012) except Malaysia, from http://investpenang.gov.my/portal/pdf/FIT Ms Chen SEDA.pdf. Thailand’s target is for 2022. Australia’s target is based on its national 20% quota obligation for electric utilities.

22. Targets from REN21 (2012), except Australia, which is from REN21 (2011). South Korea has a complete set of policy targets for electricity from all renewable technologies by 2030, including solar PV (1 TWh [2]), wind (17 TWh), biomass and biogas (3 TWh), geothermal (3 TWh), ocean (6 TWh), and hydro (6 TWh), [AND SOLAR THERMAL (2 TWh)] totaling 40 TWh by 2030. (For comparison, South Korea’s total electricity generation in 2010 was 496 TWh, per BP XLS workbook of historical statistical data through 2011, http://www.bp.com/sectionbodycopy.do?categoryId=7500&contentId=7068481).

24. [Pending]

25. In Table 2 and Figure 2, current electricity shares from REN21 (2012), Table R10, except Japan from METI (2010) and China from Chinese Renewable Energy Industries Association, December 2012. All targets for 2020, and German targets from 2030 and 2050 also from Table R10. Current electricity shares are typically for 2010 or 2011, although some sources are slightly ambiguous as to which years apply. Future share of 75% for Europe from SEI (2009) is estimated from two graphics: Figure 27, page 38 shows that approximately 78% of the CHP feedstock will be biomass by 2030. From this assessment, and assuming that the share of biomass is the same in the heat and power generated, Figure 24, page 36 is then used to estimate 75% total share, including all renewables plus biomass used in CHP (assumed to be a 78% share of feedstock). UCS (2009) excludes hydropower. Another US scenario “High-resolution modeling of the western North American power system demonstrates low-cost and low-carbon futures”, Nelson et al (2012), shows up to about 60% of electricity from renewables between 2026 and 2029 (High gas price scenario).

26. [Links for heating and cooling legislation and targets]

27. EU member targets for heating and cooling from REN21 (2012) Table R11, except for Lithuania from http://www.erec.org/fileadmin/erec_docs/Documents/Publications/ERECE ROADMAP-V4_FINAL.PDF

28. [Pending]

29. IEA quote from IEA WEO (2012), pp. 215-216 and p.218. IEA also says: “Global bioenergy use, excluding traditional biomass, for heat production grows from 294 Mtoe in 2010 to 480 Mtoe in 2035. Solar heat, mainly used in buildings, grows at 5.5% per year from 19 Mtoe to 73 Mtoe over 2010-2035...Geothermal heat, also used mainly in buildings, grows at 7.8% per year from 3 Mtoe in 2010 to 19 Mtoe in 2035” (p. 218-219). In the Greenpeace (2012) “Revolution” scenario for 2020, biomass will still be the dominant renewable energy source for heating, supplying almost three-quarters of renewables heating. Then from 2020 to 2040 solar collectors, geothermal heating and heat pumps will represent 94% of the renewables heating growth and will ultimately become the dominant heating sources by 2050.

30. Biofuels blending mandates from REN21 (2012) Table R14. [add EU and Sweden targets]

31. Biofuels production was roughly 110 billion liters in 2011, per REN21 (2012), so growth by a factor of 3 to 6 reflects those multiples of this 110 billion liters by 2035. In Table 1, p. 18, global scenarios take into account the transport sector as a whole including road transport, as well as air, maritime, and rail transport in their analysis (see also Endnote 19). This also applies to EREC (2010) and SEI (2009) both cited in Endnote 32. IEA RETD (2010) may not include all forms of transport.

32. WWF projects that much of this transformation occurs after 2030, as the share of transport energy from renewables grows from 5% in 2010, to 12% in 2020, and then to 33% in 2030, before growing to 100% in 2050.

33. [Pending]
CHAPTER 2

1. Some experts dislike the “integration” concept, instead preferring to think of coming “transformations” of our energy systems. (See also the report’s Conclusion.) One asks, “do we really need renewables to fit into the existing system, or do we need all energy technologies to evolve in different ways and with different roles and shares into a transformed energy system?” This report has presented “integration” as something of a middle ground between conservative approaches that see renewables remaining marginal, and grand-transformation visions. A common sentiment among experts was that in the coming decade or two, the “integration” concept would govern, but at some point, beyond a critical threshold, the view that [the system transforms to accommodate all energy technologies and their characteristics], will take hold. Of course, some of the most optimistic experts said such transformation was imminent in the coming several years!

2. For much more discussion and elaboration of the “integration” subjects covered in this chapter, see Chapter 8 of IPCC (2011), “Integration of Renewable Energy into Present and Future Energy Systems.”

3. Some forms of ocean energy, for example tidal power, is also variable. The variability of CSP plants depends on the degree of embedded thermal storage. Many current plants are being built with 4-8 hours of daily storage, which allows operation into the evening hours, although longer storage times of 24-48 hours are possible with current technology. There is also a seasonal component to CSP variability, as well as daily variations due to weather conditions. Examples of technical and regulatory tolerances include reserve margin, voltage and frequency control, spinning reserve, and ancillary balancing services on varying time scales from minutes to hours. The term “electric utility” is used generically here to denote a variety of companies in the power sector. In most OECD countries and some developing countries, power grid functions have been split among different entities through a process of “restructuring” or “liberalization” over past decades. These include power generators, distribution utilities, and transmission system operators. Transmission system operators are typically called “independent system operators” (ISOS) or “transmission systems operators” (TSOs). For simplicity, this report will use the term “grid operators” for ISOS and TSOs, without differentiating the differing responsibilities of different classes of ISOS and TSOs.

4. Utilities must also contend with unpredictable and abrupt outages of large fossil-fuel or nuclear plants, with reserve margins provided by other available working plants to replace a sudden unexpected loss of generation, and power systems have been designed for the past century for such contingencies. Historically, a limit of 10-20% share of renewables on a grid without storage has often been cited by utilities. Over the past ten years, however, many experts have taken the view that upwards of 30-40% share without storage is possible on many grids, and only above 50-60% does storage becomes desirable or necessary. [Cite literature examples]

5. [Pending]

6. See for example, IEA (2011) Harnessing Variable Renewables, and Cochran et al (NREL) 2012 for in-depth discussions. This diversity of solutions is clear from the variety of country case studies in Cochran et al (NREL) 2012.

7. In particular, sources and experts cite creating or strengthening specialized power markets, including capacity markets, balancing/ancillary services markets (secondary and tertiary), and energy time-shifting. [The term “balancing area” can signify different degrees of isolation; the IEA (2011) defines a balancing area as “the area of the power market over which balance is maintained as a unit,” and notes that “balancing areas are defined to a large extent by the historical development of the grid, and by the distinct utilities and institutions that drove that
development and persisted subsequently. Protocols will exist governing the flow of electricity across these boundaries, and long-term collaborations may exist; but these may not necessarily allow for interchanges of electricity inside the balancing timeframe (p. 59). The IEA also notes that “larger (effective) balancing areas have greater flexible resources to deploy, and benefit substantially from smoothing of both load and variable renewable generation through geographical and technological diversity.” (p. 59) In Spain this is well advanced and some models have already been in use for 10 years. Still, improvement of such models is an ongoing process and will result in better balancing, said one expert.

8. Experts disagreed over which of these six technical-operational measures would become most important or cost-effective in the future, and how the options should be prioritized. Experts even disagreed with the order of presenting these options in Chapter 2. [More pending]

9. For more information on curtailment, see Fink et al (2009) and Ela (2009). For more information on the CECRE, see http://www.ree.es/ingles/operacion/cecre.asp. Spain power generation shares from wind in 2012 from statistics provided by Red Electrica de Espana (REE).

10. For more information on demand response, see Osborne and Warrier (2007). [Add more sources.] Two definitions of demand response are: (1) “Demand Response programs offer incentives to electricity users to reduce their power use in response to a utility’s need for power due to a high, system-wide demand for electricity or emergencies that could affect the transmission grid.” [Source: http://pearcalifornia.com/what-is-demand-response-program] (2) “Demand Response increases systems efficiency, bringing several important environmental and financial benefits within today’s electricity markets. It substantially reduces the need for investment in peak generation by shifting consumption away from peak hours. It acts as a cost effective GHG free balancing resource for wind and solar generation. Adding stability to the system, it lowers the need for coal and gas fired spinning reserves – power plants that run offline, burning fuel continuously, in order to be ready to supply power and short notices. It reduces wholesale energy costs by lowering the point at which the demand curve intersects the supply curve. And it can decrease the need for local network investments, as it can shift consumption away from peak hours in regions with tight network capacity. Demand response delivers these benefits through providing consumers; residential, commercial or industrial, with control signals and/or financial incentives to lower or adjust their consumption at strategic times.” [Source: Smart Energy Demand Coalition, “The Demand Response Snap Shot” (2011), p. 4-5.] Many demand response measures can be implemented through so-called “smart grids,” see Endnote 31.

11. ERCOT could supply more than 50% of reserves via demand response, but there is a regulatory limit of 50% imposed; see http://www.goodcompanyassociates.com/files/manager/demand_response_in_ercot_paul_wattles.pdf and http://www.ee.ucr.edu/~hamed/ERCOT_DR.pdf. One example of a scenario that incorporates demand response is the Lovins/RMI (2012) “Transform” scenario, which models mostly demand-response for managing variability, including distributed storage (notably ice-stored power and smart conditioning and smart charging and discharging of electric vehicles), coupled with diversifying renewables by type and location, and advance weather forecasts. That scenario found that an 80% renewables electricity scenario for the entire U.S., including half distributed and half centralized renewables, could manage variability with these options alone, without requiring the next costlier option, bulk energy storage.

12. Simple cycle is also called single cycle. The Spain case points to the future interplay among renewables, gas turbines, and existing fossil capacity, and how, given legacy infrastructure and long lifetimes, this interplay will persist for many years.


15. For further information on storage technologies, see Baxter (2006), Denholm et al (2010), Eyer and Corey (2010), Hadjipaschalis et al (2009), Ibrahim et al (2008), and Zito (2010). For the role of solar thermal power (CSP) storage, see IEA (2010) and Sioshansi and Denholm (2010). The most common battery technology used today for grid-tied storage is high-temperature sodium batteries, followed closely now by lithium-ion batteries, which have gained in application in recent years, according to storage experts. Other battery technologies that are starting to be used for grid-tied storage are redox-flow and advanced lead-acid batteries. Conventional lead-acid batteries have been a traditional form of end-user storage medium for backup and uninterruptable power supplies by high-reliability commercial consumers, and have also been common for many years in some developing countries with frequent grid outages, such as India.

16. Compressed air energy storage (CAES) is another option. However, there are currently only a handful of demonstration air plants around the world, and none operating on a commercial basis. Other storage options include electrochemical capacitors and thermal storage using ice.

17. “Conventional plants” includes both fossil-fuel and nuclear plants. For discussion of ramping and cycling of fossil-fuel plants, see IEA WEO (2012), p. 190 and p. 237, and IPCC (2011), p. 636. See also Cochran et al (NREL) 2012. In the Canadian province of Ontario, and also in Denmark, utilities have “very high ramp capabilities in their coal fleet – it’s normal for them,” said one utility expert. So this is not a theoretical concept but already a practiced one, which tends to occur utility by utility, for “fleets” of plants as the expert noted.


19. [Pending]

20. One utility expert highlighted the concept of “flexibility supply curves” as the best means to work out which measures could offer what levels of flexibility at what costs. He said that such curves could guide the step-wise adoption of flexibility measures according to least-cost principles. [Pending citation of further studies]

21. GEA (2012), p. 17. NREL (2012), Vol. 1, p. xviii, says: “Electricity supply and demand can be balanced in every hour of the year in each region with nearly 80% electricity from renewable resources, including nearly 50% from variable renewable generation, according to simulations of 2050 power system operations.”
22. In the NREL study, less storage was needed in the cases with more CSP, which was modeled with embedded thermal storage, whereas greater levels of wind and/or solar PV resulted in higher storage needs. (See NREL (2012), Vol. 2, p 12-28.)


24. Quote translated from Electricité de France (2011), « Activités et Développement Durable Report », p. 28. The use of the word ‘intermittent’ for renewables was common in the 1980s and 1990s, but in the past decade, experts and publications have begun to consistently use ‘variable’ instead, as more reflective of the true nature of power grids. One expert also pointed out that conventional generation sources also present challenges for power system reliability, especially nuclear power, which poses challenges due to the possibility of abrupt and unexpected shut-downs that require additional system reserves be available as quick-response contingency. E.ON quote from E.ON (2011), “Sustainability Report,” p. 71. CLP Hong Kong Power quote from [missing source]. American Electric Power quote from http://www.aep.com/about/IssuesAndPositions/Transmission/Renewables.aspx (viewed 7/24/2012).


28 [Pending]

29. Net metering involves one meter that runs forwards and backwards. Net billing involves two meters, one for incoming power and one for outgoing power. Different jurisdictions use different options. See REN21 (2012) for more policy details on net metering. Net metering laws exist at the national level in at least 14 countries, and at the state/provincial level in 8 Canadian provinces and 43 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

30. For further information on hybrid fossil fuel/renewable power plants, see Phadke et al (2008). [More references pending.] Biomass and coal co-gasification systems also offer the option of carbon sequestration. Statistics on number of co-fired plants operating from REN21 (2011). According to one Spanish expert, virtually all CSP plants in Spain also burn natural gas, permissible by regulation for up to 15% of their output, for purposes such as meeting dispatch commitments, better start-up conditions, and pre-heating heat-transfer oil.

31. For further information on smart grids, see IEA (2011), NREL (2010), and European Commission (2006). By itself, the term “smart grids” concerns much more than renewable energy. The U.S. Electric Power Research Institute (2009) defines a smart grid as “a modernization of the electricity delivery system so it monitors, protects and automatically optimizes the operation of its interconnected elements – from the central and distributed generator through the high-voltage network and distribution system, to industrial users and building automation systems, to energy storage installations and to end-use consumers…and their devices.” [page ref] Bazilian et al (2010) reviewed literature on smart grids and found that much of it focuses on two-way information flows between suppliers and users to increased network efficiency. Some, but not all treatments of smart grids also focus on integrating large-
scale intermittent generation, as well as control of distributed generation, such as the European Technology Platform (2010).


33. GEA (2012) models a 46% reduction in heating and cooling energy demand compared with a 2005 baseline.

34. Solar thermal data for 2010 from REN21 (2012). New solar collectors capacity is for glazed systems only and additions include net annual capacity additions only; it is expected that gross annual additions were higher due to retirements. Estimate of 25 million homes based on author’s assumption of average 3 m² per home, or 2.1 kWth. Average sizes in China, where most of the global market is, are less, closer to 2 m² per home, while average sizes in Europe are higher than 3 m². China solar collectors capacity reached 135.5 GWth in 2011 [Source].

35. Saudi Arabia example from REN21 (2012). [References for large systems]

36. [Pending]

37. [Pending]

38. Costs will depend on building density, and can be lower for planed subdivisions. Greenpeace quote from Greenpeace (2012), p. 81.


40. [Pending]

41. [Pending]

42. REN21 (2012): “Although the economic downturn has slowed construction, which in turn has dampened BIPV growth, an estimated 1.2 GW was added during 2010” (p. 49). A total of 16.8 GW of solar PV were added in 2010, so the BIPV share is 7%.

43. [Pending]

44. For further information on renewable energy integrated with industry, see Taibi et al (2012), UNIDO (2010), UNIDO and TERI (2012), and GEA (2012), Chapter 8.

45. The IEA ETP (2012) defines temperature ranges in industry as follows: low temperature heat (<100 degC), medium temperature heat (100-400 degC), and high temperature heat (>400 degC), see p. 195. In Weiss and Biemayr [year], “Potential of Solar Thermal in Europe,” (European Solar Thermal Industry Federation), low temperature for industrial process heat is considered < 250 degC.

46. [Pending]

47. UNIDO (2010) shows 67 EJ total renewable energy use in industry, including 37 EJ biomass and 10 EJ of solar thermal and heat pump in manufacturing industry by 2050. (For comparison,
global industrial energy demand in 2010 was about 100 EJ per IEA, *Key World Energy Statistics* 2012, including electricity.)

48. For GEA (2012), 45% share from personal communication, K. Riahi, December 2012, which also includes the renewable share of electricity that is used in the industry sector. IEA quote from IEA WEO (2010), p. 346.


51. For further information on syngas from renewables, see Mota et al (2011) and Van der Drift (2006). Many experts point out that when electric vehicles consume grid-based power (as opposed to local dedicated charging based only on renewables), only a portion of the electric power used for charging comes from renewables – and on grids with large shares of coal power, then much of the charging comes from coal rather than renewables.

52. Electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles today predominantly utilize lithium-ion and nickel-metal hydride batteries. Other battery technologies are being developed. In addition, a variety of other storage technologies are possible in electric vehicles, such as super-capacitors (which are particularly feasible for urban buses with frequent recharging stops along fixed routes) and flywheels (which can absorb braking energy for subsequent use). Methanol is also a possible fuel for fuel cell vehicles. Methanol can be produced from coal or biomass through a gasification process.

53. [Pending]

54. [Pending]

55. [Pending]


57. IEA quote from IEA WEO (2010), p. 357. Estimate of hundreds of millions of] vehicles based on author’s assumption of at least kWh storage capacity per vehicle.

58. From GEA (2012): “the analysis below distinguishes between two sets of assumptions about the transportation sector transition, labeled Advanced Transportation and Conventional Transportation. The Advanced Transportation setup is characterized by a transition to electricity or hydrogen, or both, as main transportation fuels in the medium to long term. By 2050 these two fuels would have to deliver between roughly 20% and more than 60% of the transportation sector’s final energy, depending strongly on overall transportation demand”, p. 1232. These setups apply to all the GEA pathways (Efficiency, Supply and Mix)” (p. 1216).


61. Mitsubishi, op cit., Endnote 60.

62. [Pending]


64. Reference to IEA (2009c) is in IPCC (2011), p. 671.

CHAPTER 3

1. [Pending]

2. Investment figures from BNEF/UNEP (2012). Investment figures are for capacity additions and new manufacturing plants only, not for public share transfers or the value of mergers and acquisitions, figures that tend to get mixed in with new capacity investments by some sources or reporting channels. Note that BNEF/UNEP (2012) and REN21 (2012) both report investment in “solar power” as $147 billion, but this includes CSP investment of $20 billion. The statement in REN21 (2012), page 61, that “solar PV attracted nearly twice as much investment as wind” is factually incorrect and should read “solar power (including CSP)” not “solar PV.” BNEF/UNEP (2012) gives net investment in renewable power capacity at $262.5 billion (excluding solar water heating net investment, estimated over $10 billion, but including large hydro estimated approximately at $25.5 billion) and $223 billion in fossil fuel capacity in 2011. Investment in new nuclear power plant in 2011 was an estimated $5 billion (estimated from graphic). Note: “All the investment costs have been included in the year in which construction was started, rather than spreading out the investment over the construction period. Furthermore, the nuclear investment figures do not include revised budgets if cost overruns occur.” Sources: Bloomberg New Energy Finance (2012) and WNISR original research (2012) in World Nuclear Industry Status Report 2012, p. 41-42].

3. [Pending]


5. BNEF GREMO (2011).

7. [Pending]

8. [Pending]

9. [Pending]


12. BP was investing in solar in the past but is now selling off their solar assets.

13. For more information about Google investments in renewable energy projects, see http://www.google.com/green/energy/investments (viewed 11/29/2012)

14. [Pending]

15. From Master Limited Partnership Primer, Understanding an Emerging Asset Class : “Master Limited Partnerships, or MLPs, are engaged in the transportation, storage, processing, refining, marketing, exploration, production, and mining of minerals or natural resources. By confining their operations to these specific activities, their interests, or units, are able to trade on public securities exchanges exactly like the shares of a corporation, without entity level taxation” (p. 3).


17. [Pending]

18. [Pending]

19. Number of countries with some type of policy and/or target to promote renewable energy from REN21 (2012). Dollar figures in text are rounded to nearest $10 billion from IEA figures as exact figures are not necessary for showing the scale of trends. For 2011, the exact figure is $88 billion.

20. Data from IEA WEO (2012), Figure 7.12, “Global Subsidies to Renewables-Based Electricity Generation and Biofuels by Region in the New Policies Scenario” (p. 235), and associated text on page 236. Exact figure for the United States is $58 billion around 2030, for China $35 billion during the late 2020s and for India $26 billion by 2035. 2009 figures are estimated from Figure 7.12.
21. [Pending]


25. [More examples.]

26. Many examples exist of community energy programs around the world. Ontario, Canada has been a leader in fostering such programs, see http://www.communityenergyprogram.ca/Home.aspx [More examples.]

27. See the Policies section of the REN21 Renewables Global Status Report for further description of trends in green power purchasing. For more information about WindMade, see http://www.windmade.org.

28. [Pending.]


2. For example the city of Hamburg (Germany) a highly industrialized, densely populated economic hub and home to Europe’s third largest port, aims to build up capacity of sources of renewable energy (electricity and heat) in the city with 100% renewable energy in 2050 as a long term goal. To reach this goal Hamburg has build a strong renewable energy cluster, including over 160 member companies, which facilitate the growth of renewable energy manufacturers and service companies. The city notably brings a special attention to the development of green urban mobility, heating system, and buildings. See http://fr.slideshare.net/cphcleantech/jan-luca-plewa-hamburg-germanysmartcity. The city of Copenhagen, Denmark plans to invest in biomass, solar energy and wind farms, electric cars, bike paths and improve energy efficiency in buildings, transport, heating and industry in order to become the world’s first carbon-neutral capital by 2025. The city plan mirrors the national climate plan which aims to be carbon neutral by 2035 and to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050. Over 2/3rds of the planned emission reductions in the city of Copenhagen will be come from an increase in the production of renewable energy, including replacing coal with biomass and waste at district heat and power stations, installing 100 wind turbines (on and offshore) around the city and solar panels on all council buildings, expanding the geothermal facility on Amager, and having all city vehicles run on electricity, hydrogen or biofuels. The city aims to have one percent of local electricity roof sourced from roof-mounted PV. The plan is also seen as part of a green growth strategy. According to the city, the plan will require municipal investment of around 2.7 billion Danish crowns up to 2025 and new private investment of 20 - 25 billion crowns, resulting in employment of about 35,000 man-years until 2025. See http://cphpost.dk/news/national/copenhagen-announces-ambitious-climate-plan.

3. Over the coming decades, cities will employ intelligent distributed renewable energy strategies that maximize every unit of energy available to meet as much of the demand for electricity, heating, cooling and transport as possible. Cities will both utilize local renewable energy sources, as well as imports from more distant regions. Many cities will first try to satisfy demand from locally available sources and then go to more remote sources as a secondary strategy, while others may have no choice but to accept remote sources in parallel with local development.

4. As of December 2012 the EU Covenant of Mayors reported 4,606 signatories. According to CDP Cities (2011) “Global Report on C40 Cities,” 42 cities out of the 58 reported have adopted action plans for climate change.
5. Emissions-reduction targets from REN21 (2012), Table R15, sub-heading titled “CO2 emissions reductions targets, all consumers.” Tokyo relative base year is 2000, Oslo 1991, Chicago and Hamburg 1990. In 1990, per-capita CO2 emissions were 5.5 tonnes in Stockholm. Rajkot targets 10% reduction in conventional energy by 2013, and Bhubaneswar 15% by 2012, from REN21 (2012), Table R15. “Carbon-neutral cities”: Dallas (Texas) (by 2030), and “fossil-free cities”: Växjö (Sweden) (by 2030), Göteborg (Sweden) (by 2050), from REN21 (2012), Table R15.

6. For renewable targets for shares of total electricity consumption within local jurisdictions and target share of electricity consumption by local governments, see REN21 (2012) Table R15.


8. For the research for this chapter, cities and towns were first identified and selected on the basis of having a renewable energy or a carbon reduction target and/or renewable energy specific policy framework. This was largely facilitated by resources including REN21 (2011) Global Status Report on Local Renewable Energy Policies and the local policies sections of annual editions of the Renewables Global Status Report, as well as resources such as ICLEI, C40, EU Covenant of Mayors, etc. This was also facilitated in developing-countries workshops conducted in Morocco, South Africa and India. At these workshops, experts provided further information on the role of cities in the respective regions and identified resources, publications, institutes, actors to get more information. In each selected city/town, a range of 3-5 actors were identified who held different but complimentary roles (e.g. city officials, urban planners, and utility or program managers, grid operators, etc) to understand how RE were being integrated in different ways to reach the overall goals outlined in the city plan. For example in Amsterdam, an interview was conducted with a grid operator (regional grid operator working closely with cities like Amsterdam and the local utility), an urban planner, a former local utility manager and currently the manager of the cities ICT program, and a city official working on integrating the three different city divisions under sustainable development. In Hamburg, interviews were conducted with the manager of the cities RE industry cluster, the head of the international building association and an NGO representing those fighting to remunicipalise the utility. In London, interviews were conducted with the advisor to the mayor and head of environmental affairs in the city department as well as an independent policy expert/advisor to the city plan (etc). Each interview lasted from 1-2 hours. During the interviews or in follow up to the interviews, reference was made to city documents that would otherwise have been in accessible as they were in development or in another language. The physical interviews helped to overcome this problem as they would sit and go through the document with me and translate it in the process (for example in Amsterdam or Hamburg). Further, documents, magazine clippings and/or debates from meetings would be sent to me in personal communication and/or in follow up to the discussion.

9. [Pending]


11. An International Energy Agency (IEA) research group, the Research for Energy Optimized Building (EnOB), has documented and analyzed around 300 net zero-energy and energy-plus buildings worldwide. For more information on the “Towards Net Zero Energy Solar Buildings” project see http://www.enob.info/en/net-zero-energy-buildings/international-projects/” [] The International Living Building Challenge (ILBC) is a certification scheme that rates buildings,
communities and infrastructures. There are more than 80 Living Building projects being
developed or in operation in cities around the world, in Australia, Ireland, Mexico, CA, and the
US. Certified “Living Buildings” must obtain 100% of the building’s energy demand using on-site
renewable energy (net-zero-energy) and capture and treat the building’s own water needs for at
least 12 continuous months at full occupancy, in addition to standards for sustainable materials
and indoor environmental quality”. [http://living-future.org/lbc

12. Examples from REN21 (2012). In Hamburg, hotels will have a primary energy requirement
of less than 95 kWh/m²/year using passive solar building design. For more information on the
Hamburg Renewable Heating Act, see
[http://klima.hamburg.de/contentblob/3352628/data/klimaschutzkonzept-update-2011-2012-
englisch.pdf

13. A fast expansion of the use of district heat is one of the important assumptions taken into
account by Greenpeace (2012) in its “Revolution” scenario.

14. [Pending]

15. [Pending]

16. Information from REN21 (2012), except Copenhagen from
[http://www.copenhagenergysummit.org/applications/Copenhagen%20Denmark-
District%20Energy%20Climate%20Award.pdf], and Hamburg from
[http://www.solarthermalworld.org/content/germany-district-heating-companies-encourage-
customers-feed-solar-heat]. [Hong Kong source.]

17. For more information on the Boulder smart-grid project see [http://www.dac.dk/en/dac-
cities/sustainable-cities-2/all-cases/energy/boulder-smart-grid-city/?bbredirect=true

18. [Pending]

Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Munich, Sacramento from Hafen City University, Hamburg, and World
Hamburg, Germany, 29 pp. For more information on German municipal utilities see
[http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2012/10/city-utilities-push-
germany-switch-to-renewables?page=all

20. For more information on Yokohama strategy see
[http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTURBANDEVELOPMENT/Resources/336387-
1296405826983/7699103-1296623042596/4_2Okazaki%28Yokohama%292.pdf], For
Hamburg see [http://e-mobility-
nsr.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/events/02_Lindlahr_Hamburg_HAW.pdf]. FOR São Paulo REN21
(2012).

21. For more information on the C-Train wind-power commuter system in Calgary [http://esci-
ksp.org/iproject=c-train-wind-powered-commuter-system-in-calgary]. For Genoa, see
[http://www2.comune.genova.it/servlets/resources?contentId=535057&resourceName=ALLEG
ATO-02

22. Forms of supply to charging stations: local PV or green power purchasing.

23. All examples from REN21 (2012), except Hamburg [http://www.now-
gmbh.de/uploads/media/NOW-FactSheets-ModelRegionsElectromobility_01.pdf].

25. [Pending]


27. As one recent example, Copenhagen and MIT are developing a new electric bike (the “Copenhagen Wheel”), which will integrate ICT – in this case providing real-time information on traffic congestion.

28. [Pending]


32. In the city of Malmö, a former industrial area, the Western Harbor district, has become energy self-sufficient thanks to renewables through the development of the city’s district heating grid and power supply network. The Aktern heat pump plant is the heart of the energy system. It produces energy for heating and cooling. A local 2 MW wind power plant provides the electricity needed to power the heat pumps and also supplies 1,000 apartments with electricity. For more information, see http://www.symbiocity.org/en/Cases/Western-Harbour/. Västra Hamnen, another district in Malmö, is now entirely self-sufficient with renewable energy from water, wind, sun and compostable waste. A wind power plant nearby serves powers the district’s energy system. Solar cells are used for electricity. Aquifers store warm sea water from the summer in the bedrock and use it in the winter as district heating for residential housing. In the winter cool sea water is stored to be used as district cooling in the summer. Solar collectors connected to the district heating network are also used for heat and hot water (700,000 kWh). Biogas is derived from the domestic waste and fed into Malmö’s natural gas network. [Source.]

33. One of the earliest Masdar projects was a 10 MW solar PV plant. For Masdar, see http://www.masdarcity.ae/en/110/frequently-asked-questions/ For PlanIT, see http://www.pikerresearch.com/blog/articles/planit-valley-a-blueprint-for-the-smart-city. For Songdo, see http://www.songdo.com/songdo-international-business-district/why-songdo/sustainable-city/energy-use.aspx. For Tianjin Eco City, see http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/big-city/25556/china-s-second-eco-city-set-soar”
CHAPTER 5

1. For complete list of scenarios see Annex 2. For specific scenarios projections see the Scenario Profiles Report.

2. [Pending]

3. It is impossible to cover all countries and regions adequately in a few pages. Countries given here reflect the majority of interviews conducted for the report, plus a balance of developing countries, and results from workshops in three developing countries (see Annex 1). For more details on these countries and others, see Topics [pending] in the online Topical Discussion Report. It is hoped that additional country profiles can be added to that online report and any future editions of the present report.


5. Wind power targets from REN21 (2012), Table R11. France 19 GW onshore 6 GW offshore in text is based on calculation from 25 GW total including 6 GW offshore, which is the official target. In EWEA (2011) offshore wind plays a significant role in the growth of the wind power industry. Indeed, the report estimates 150 GW of offshore wind installed capacity by 2030, a 50-fold increase compared to 2010.

6. 2011 data from REN21 (2012). For Germany solar PV target see http://www.sma.de/fileadmin/content/global/Investor_Relations/Documents/2010-12_16_DT_2_01_10_009_Komplett-02-Kurz_E.pdf. In EREC (2010), solar PV will have become by far the most important renewable energy source by 2050; almost 50% of the total renewables installed capacities, and more than twice the ones of the second most important renewable energy (wind).

7. [Pending]

8. See “Europe” topic in Topical Discussion Report for further discussion.

9. [Pending]

10. An RPS, or quote policy mandates utilities to obtain a certain share of power from renewables by future years, typically 2015, 2020, or 2025, and typically ranging from 10% to 30%. As of early 2012, 29 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. possessions of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands had RPS policies. See REN21 (2012) for details.

11. [Pending]


13. RPS policies have been widely credited with accelerating wind power markets in the U.S.; see for example [LBL report], and are considered, notably by the U.S. DOE EIA, as a key asset for their future growth. 2011 data for the U.S. wind power market from REN21 (2012).
14. Softbank expects to build the largest solar plants of the country with an installed capacity between 200 MW and 340 MW able to provide electricity for roughly 100,000 homes in Hokkaido Prefecture. The Chief Executive Officer of the company Masayoshi Son, who is playing an important role in Japan’s green shift, has also decided to invest in the Gunma, Kyoto and Tokushima Prefectures, see http://japandailypress.com/softbank-announces-hokkaido-as-home-for-new-solar-plant-05390 (viewed 06/21/2012). Toshiba will spend ¥30 billion in a solar farm project of 100 MW installed capacity in Fukushima Prefecture, which is supposed to begin constructed in the current business year and operate by fiscal year 2014, see http://www.japantimes.co.jp/text/nb20120622a4.html#T-QmXRc5LQA (viewed 06/22/2012). Kyocera, along with Mizuho Corporate Bank and IHI Corporation, expects to build a 70MW solar plant able to provide electricity for roughly 22,000 homes in Kagoshima Prefecture, on the southwestern island of Kyushu, see http://japandailypress.com/kyocera-claims-to-build-largest-solar-plant-in-japan-11693 (viewed 06/21/2012). The Obayashi group plans to launch giant solar power plants in four locations with a combined capacity of 20MW, including a 15MW facility planned in the town of Ashikita in Kumamoto Prefecture, see http://www.japantimes.co.jp/text/nb20120714a4.html (viewed 07/15/2012). The Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan has also announced that its members are building 20 mega-solar facilities for a total installed capacity of 103MW, which will provide electricity by March 2015, see http://news.yahoo.com/crisis-hit-japan-mulls-shift-renewable-energy-074520569--finance.html (viewed 06/21/2012). As of the end of September 2012, 1,480 MW of solar projects had already been approved by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), see http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2012/10/solar-makes-up-83-of-clean-energy-projects-approved-by-japan (viewed 10/22/2012).

15. See Topic #7.


19. REN21/GSR 2008-2011. refs to TR [Pending].


21. 2011 data for wind power installed capacity from REN21 (2012). China’s target for wind power capacity by 2020 from REN21 (2012). 2011 data for new wind power installed capacity from REN21 (2012). The capacity 18 GW denotes constructed capacity, whereas only 15 GW became operational. As this disparity in China and elsewhere was becoming large, REN21 started to document both figures.

23. 2011 data for solar PV capacities from REN21 (2012). NDRC Medium and Long Term Development Plan, September 2007; see Martinot and Li (2007) for details. These targets were not necessarily official, but called “provisional” by some. China’s 12th Five-Year Plan (July 2012 update) sets target for solar PV installed capacity to 50 GW by 2020, in IEA WEO (2012), p.213.


25. 2011 data for biomass power capacity in China from REN21 (2012). Target for biomass includes waste-to-energy, see BNEF (2012). Scale 500–1,000 kW for use with smaller gas engines and gas turbines.


28. refs to TR. For feed-in and RPS policies in India at national, and state levels see REN21 (2012), Tables R12, and R13.


32. Target for solar thermal collectors capacity in REN21 (2012), Table R11.

33. According to the IEA WEO (2012), hydropower installed capacity represented 71% of India’s renewables installed capacity in 2010. While the growth of hydropower in India is undisputed the scale of its deployment is relatively uncertain. Greenpeace (2012) “Revolution” estimates 64 GW of hydropower capacity by 2030 (compared to 39 GW in 2009), less than half of what the IEA WEO (2012) “450” projects; 148 GW.

34. Target for rural lightning systems in REN21 (2012), TABLE R11.
35. For more developing countries perspectives, see topics [pending] in the Topical Discussion Report. [More Pending]


39. For rural (off-grid) renewable energy targets see REN21 (2012), Table R11.

40. [Pending]

41. [Pending]

42. The replacement or supplementation of diesel generators with renewables is a potentially huge market, as there are millions of diesel generators in rural areas around the world [more pending]. IRENA (2012) indicates that over 50% of the power generation capacities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Mauritania, and 17% in West Africa, are based on diesel fuel because of the current important need of diesel generators to overcome daily power outages.

43. [Pending]

44. The unbundling and liberalization of power markets is often perceived as theoretically making possible the introduction of massive quantities of renewable energy in the grids through notably increasing competition among power producers. Unbundling generation and transmission of electric power makes it easier for smaller utilities to send and sell the electricity they generate to consumers, as such reform puts an end to monopolies’ control over transmission of power. In addition, on the one hand deregulating the power system means that smaller energy companies can enter the market and vie for consumers and on the other hand that consumers are able to choose their own electric companies. As a result, consumers with environmental consciousness are able to pay for electricity generated from utilities supplying power from renewable energy sources. Denmark is an illustrative successful example of this type of reform. [More pending]

45. The Greenpeace scenario mentioned here is the “Advanced Revolution” one.
46. In this regard IRENA (2012) notes that “There is a range of concrete developments in place to create new interconnections and significant interest has been shown in improving current grid interconnection in Africa in order to provide security of supply and facilitate the development of large electricity generation projects. The southern African Power Pool (SAPP) is an effort by the national electricity companies of 12 countries in Southern Africa to improve cooperation through grid connection. Similarly, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) West Africa Power Pool (ECOWAPP) includes all the ECOWAS countries. The Central African Power Pool includes 11 utilities... The Arab Maghreb Union has a set of interconnections... that connect the countries of North Africa,” p. 33.

47. [Pending]

48. [Pending]

49. REN 21 (2012) notes that "The expansion of hydropower production must take into account the potential for significant evaporative water losses from the regional watershed as well as the environmental impacts associated with altering natural water flows and siltation patterns,” p. 52. In the World Bank scenario it is estimated that hydropower capacity represented 53% of the 295 GW total power capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2008 (data from the Organización Latinoamericana de Energía (OLADE), 2009). The World Bank estimates that 239 GW of new power capacity will be required to meet the electric demand of the region by 2030, of which 36% will be hydropo. Hydropower installed capacity in Africa in 2009 was 25 GW per Greenpeace (2012).

50. Golemberg ref [pending]. IPCC (2011), while referring to Egré and Milewski (2002) “The diversity of hydropower projects” notes that the "classification according to size has led to concepts such as "small hydro" and "large hydro", based on installed capacity measured in MW as the defining criterion. Small-scale hydropower plants (SHP) are more likely to be run-of-river facilities than are larger hydropower plants, but reservoir (storage) hydropower stations of all sizes will utilize the same basic components and technologies. Compared to large-scale hydropower, however, it typically takes less time and effort to construct and integrate small hydropower schemes into local environments. For this reason, the deployment of SHPs is increasing in many parts of the world, especially in remote areas... Nevertheless, there is no worldwide consensus on definitions regarding size categories. Various countries or groups of countries define “small hydro” differently,” p. 450. In the same report, Table 5.3, p. 450, shows various ranges for small hydropower capacity; from 1.5 MW or less in Sweden to 100 MW in the U.S.

51. See Endnote 1, Chapter 1 for definition of traditional biomass.

52. See REN21 (2012). Some experts particularly noted the expanded use of cogeneration in agricultural industries.


54. For Africa, GWEC (2012) "Advanced Scenario" is 83 GW and IRENA (2012) 95 GW.

55. One expert also noted, however, that, "the notion that we must use "the best wind areas" or "the best solar areas" is a big and pervasive fallacy" prevalent in many countries.

56. For global repartition of solar PV operating capacity see REN21 (2012), Figure 12. For Africa, IRENA (2012) gives approximately 90 GW of solar installed capacity in 2030 and 320 GW in
2050. Greenpeace (2012) gives 91 GW (49 GW of solar PV and 42 GW of CSP) and 316 GW (155 GW of solar PV and 161 of CSP) respectively. For 2030 only, Greenpeace (2012) gives Middle East 162 GW of Solar PV and 102 GW of CSP. Latin America 74 GW of solar PV and 21 GW of CSP. Non-OECD Asia 199 GW of solar PV and 64 GW of CSP.

57. For more on energy access, see the "Off-Grid (Rural) Energy" section of the REN21 (2012).

58. [Pending]

CHAPTER 6

1. [Pending]

2. Data from REN21 (2012). In this edition the hydropower capacity does not include pure pumped storage anymore; see notes for Table R2. This is the reason why the hydropower capacity in the 2012 edition is lower than in the 2011 one (i.e. 1,010 GW, of which 136 were estimated to be pumped storage, 2010 data from REN21 (2011)). The distinction is done because pumped storage is not an energy source, but rather a means of storage. Global power generating capacity was estimated to 5,360 GW in 2011, data from REN21 (2012).

3. REN21 (2012) notes that about 86% of the global demand for biomass for energy purposes “is used to produce heating (and cooling), for cooking, and for industrial applications... Of the remaining 14%, nearly three-fourths is used for electricity generation and combined heat and power,” p. 31. Data from REN21 (2012), solar heating capacity includes solar cooling.


5. [Pending].

6. Scenario projections can take several approaches, including learning-curve analysis and engineering and manufacturing advancement models. In contrasting the two, NREL (2012) notes that for its model: “Although the methods used in RE Futures to project the future cost of each renewable electricity technology differ to some degree by technology, the resulting forecasts are largely based on anticipated scientific and engineering advancements rather than on learning-curve-based estimates that are endogenously driven by an assumed learning rate applied to cumulative production or installation,” vol.1, page A-5. For discussion on the sustainability and recycling questions noted in footnote (b), p. 53 see; http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/edg/news/documents/criticalmaterialsstrategy.pdf, http://resnick.caltech.edu/learn/docs/ri_criticalmaterials_report.pdf, and http://svtc.org/wp-content/uploads/Silicon_Valley_Toxics_Coalition_-_Toward_a_Just_and_Sust.pdf.

7. [Pending]


11. IEA ETP (2012) cost projections are just for the U.S. and in 2010$.

12. [Pending]

13. [Pending]

14. [Pending]


16. [Pending]


20. EWEA (2011) in its “High” scenario estimates up to 3 GW of offshore wind power installed capacity in Sweden by 2020, from 164 MW in 2010. In this case offshore wind power capacity will represent about one-third of the country’s total new wind power capacity added during the decade.


23. 2011 data for the global solar PV market growth and Europe’s share of the considered market from REN21 (2012).

24. In some countries, grid parity is also confounded by public subsidies to retail consumer electricity prices. Further, in many countries, industry receives cross-subsidies from other classes of consumers, so grid parity for industry is distorted. In India, the opposite is true; cross-subsidies flow from industry to consumers. See [glossary] for these terms. There are many utility rate structures in use today that confound the meaning of “grid parity” and make solar PV...
cheaper than many existing rates under these structures today. Peak pricing generally refers to
time-of-day-based rates, and peak rates can be double or triple off-peak rates. Rates can also
vary by season. And some customers can face higher “demand charges,” meaning that power
costs increase significantly above a certain threshold of use. As one example of prices linked to
grid conditions, Pacific Gas and Electric in California has a new “SmartMeter” option that charges
high per-kWh rates on days of high power demand (i.e. hot days linked to air conditioning use),
offset by lower off-peak rates; the cost of solar PV electricity is significantly lower than peak
retail rates on these high-demand days (some rates have been exceeding $1.00/kWh). [Cost- or
price-based policy support is generally a capital investment subsidy or tax credit, or a feed-in
tariff (preferential power purchase pricing). However, other forms of policy support may
continue to be needed even at grid parity, such as net metering rules, interconnection standards,
and guaranteed-purchase mandates.]

25. [Pending]

26. One example of an expert claim that grid parity including subsidy/tax support already exists,
one U.S. expert said, “one obvious piece of evidence about grid parity is that Sun Run, Sungevity,
Sun Edison, and Solar City operate collectively in about 20 US states where they can often
finance rooftop PV systems with no down payment and guarantee to beat your utility bill
[including available tax/subsidy support]. Case closed.” [Claims of grid parity often do not
distinguish whether they are based on subsidized or unsubsidized costs. Generally, the
presumption is that claims are based on subsidized costs under current policy regimes, such as
California and Hawaii, but based on unsubsidized costs in areas with feed-in tariffs but no other
policy support.]


28. One solar PV expert stated that prices had fallen below $1/watt in 2012 for high-volume
orders.

29. Solar PV costs for rooftop and utility-scale installations from REN21 (2012). IRENA in its
2012 “Solar Photovoltaics Cost Analysis” report, available at:
http://www.irena.org/DocumentDownloads/Publications/RE_Technologies_Cost_Analysis-
SOLAR_PV.pdf, shows solar PV costs of US 25-65 cents/kWh (2010$) for residential system
without battery storage, and costs of US 36-71 cents/kWh for residential system with battery
storage. The report also shows solar PV costs of US 26-59 cents/kWh (2010$) for utility-scale
declining to US 3-13 cents/kWh in the future. Some experts cited radically lower numbers for
Europe, in the range US 9-13 cents/kWh rather than the US 22-44 cents/kWh given by REN21.
One expert said in 2012, “Germany may well have achieved already the US 9-10 cents/kWh
unsubsidized cost that the IEA foresees for 2035.” Another pointed out that extremely low
interest rates were lowering solar PV generation costs, perhaps artificially and temporarily.

30. IEA ETP (2012) cost projections are just for the U.S. and in 2010$.

31. [Pending]

32. Another expert said $2.50/watt for balance of system was too high, and must include more
than just BOS.

33. [Pending]

34. [Pending]
35. Greenpeace (2012) point of view is that “Technologies like PV thin film (using alternative semiconductor materials) or dye sensitive solar cells are developing quickly and present a huge potential for cost reduction,” p. 63. NREL (2012) notes that “Several promising next-generation PV device concepts are being developed, but they have not yet reached sufficient maturity to be introduced to the market. Examples include dye-sensitized PV cells and several PV nanostructures like quantum dots. These, and other, next-generation PV technologies have the potential to lower module costs by using less expensive materials and simpler manufacturing processes, but there have been challenges in reaching high-efficiency and long-term durability for the materials explored to date,” Vol. 2, p. 10-6.

36. [Pending]


39. [Pending]

40. Quote from IEA ETP (2010), p. 503. No similar statement was made in IEA ETP (2012), so reference is retained to the 2010 edition. IPCC (2011) notes “Although CSP is now a proven technology at the utility scale, technology advances are still taking place. As plants are built, both mass production and economies of scale are leading to cost reductions. There is scope for continuing improvement in solar-to-electricity efficiency, partly through higher collector temperatures. To increase temperature and efficiency, alternatives to the use of oil as the heat-transfer fluid—such as water (boiling in the receiver) or molten salts—are being developed, permitting higher operating temperatures,” p. 67.

41. IEA ETP (2012) notes that improvements in heat-transport media and storage systems are critical in order to reduce the technology costs of CSP, p. 80.

42. [Pending]


44. [Pending]

45. [Pending]

46. Greenpeace (2012) notes that “Biomass can provide a large temperature range of heat and can be transported over long distances, which is an advantage compared to solar thermal or geothermal heat. However, sustainable biomass imposes limits on volume and transport distance,” p. 257.

47. See IPCC (2011) for more information on advanced or second generation bio-refineries that would be based on more sustainably derived biomass feedstocks, and which would aim to optimize the use of biomass and resources in general (including water and nutrients), while mitigating GHG emissions.


55. Debates on sustainability, refer to REN21 (2010), Sidebar 7, p. 43. One developing country expert said: “I am afraid [the world] is placing excessive emphasis on bio fuels. This would virtually mean diversion of land in developing and poor countries from food crops to fuel crops - a strategy that may not be acceptable to all the countries.” [V Subramanian]


57. [Pending]


59. [Pending]