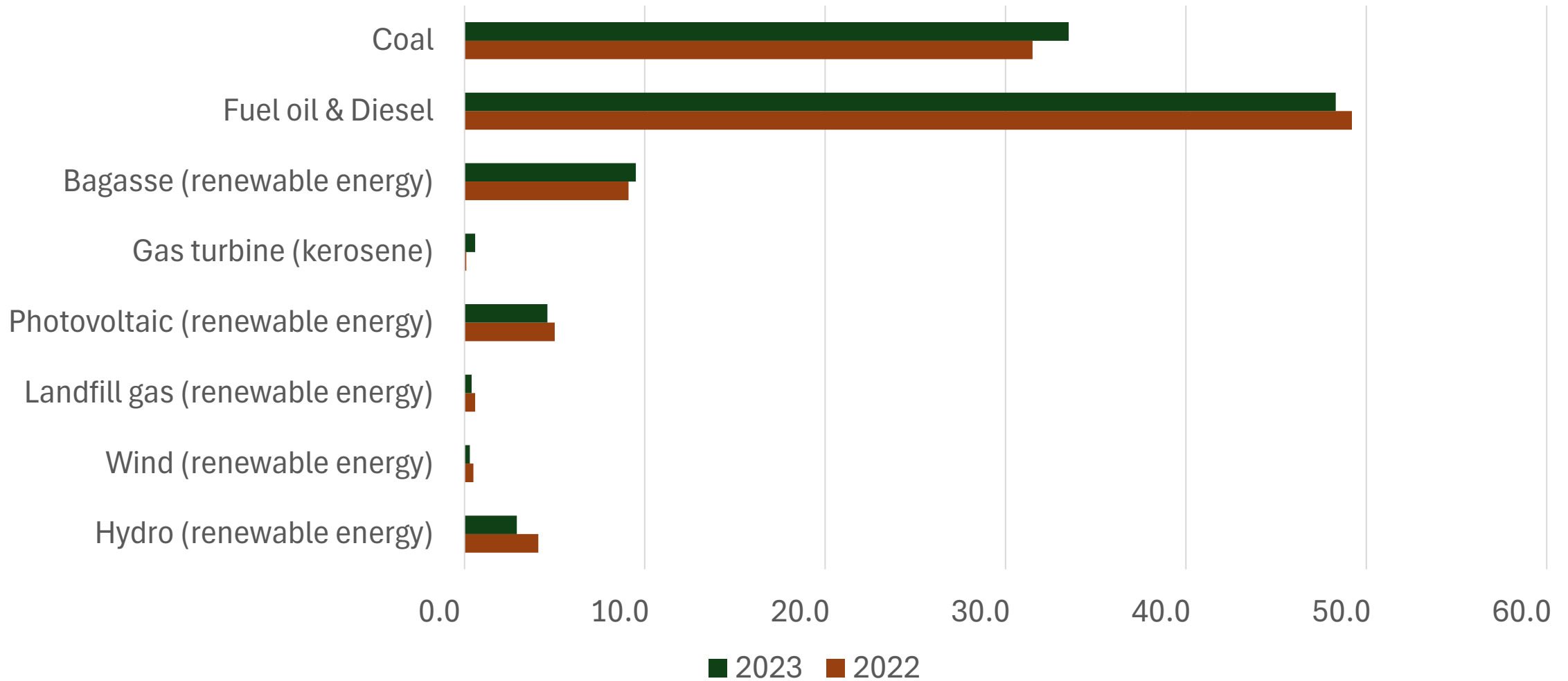




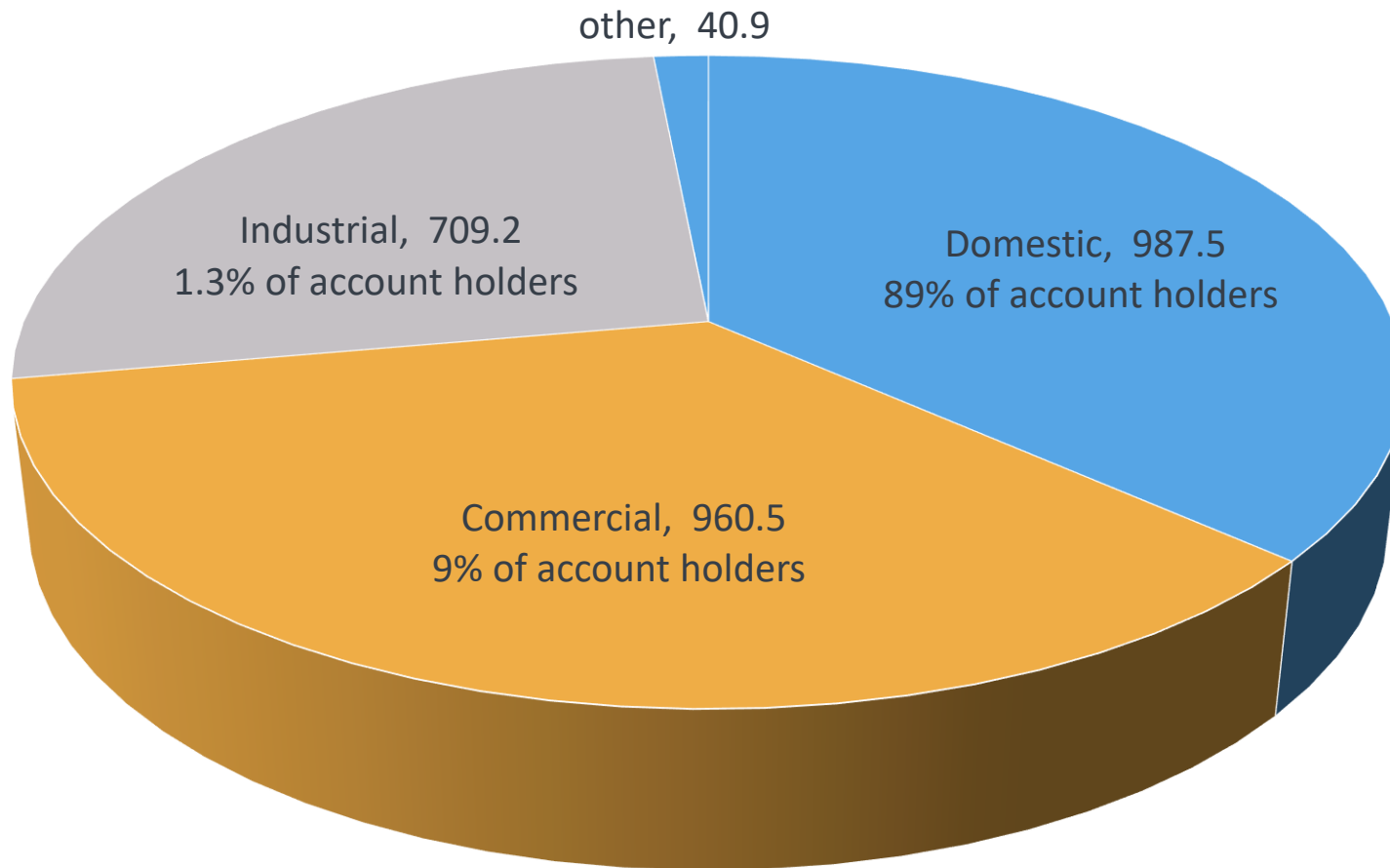
Energy Sector in Mauritius

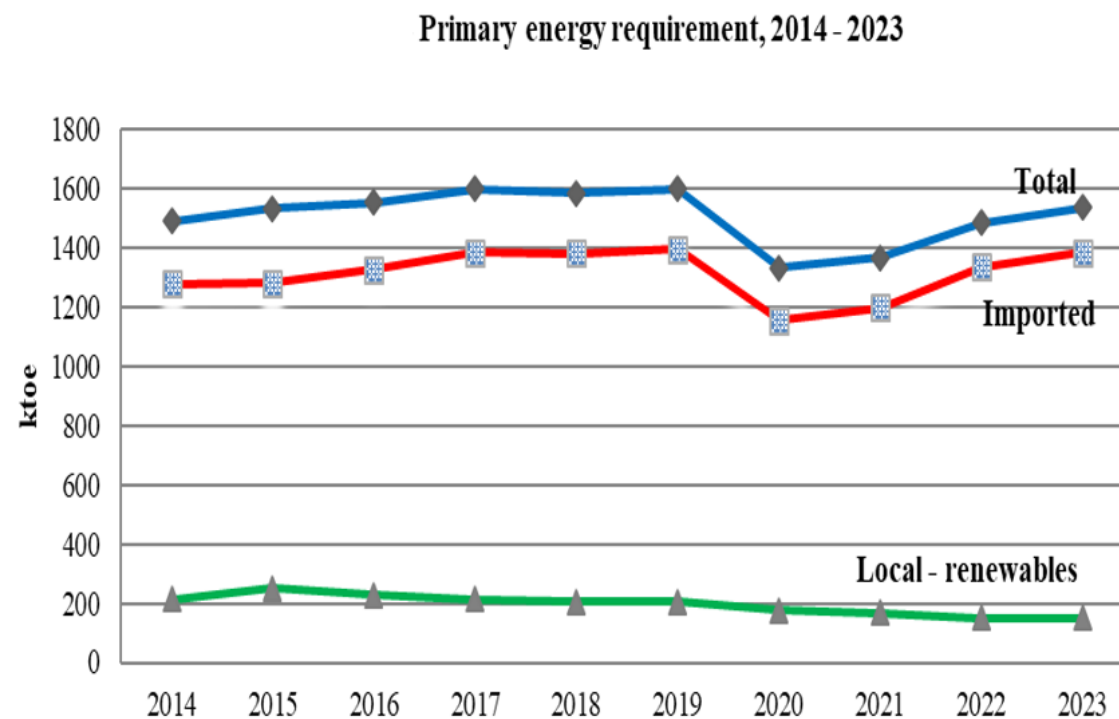
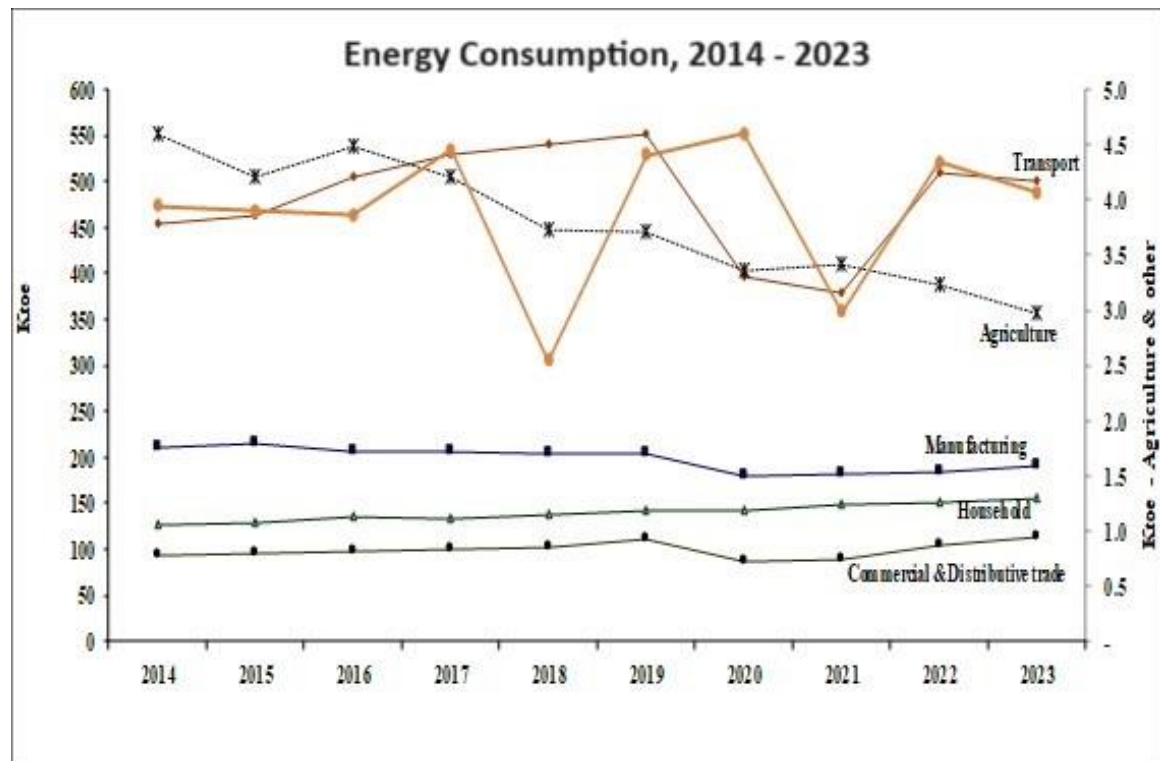
- Decarbonize energy sector to achieve 60% of renewable energy by 2030 along with the phasing out of the use of coal by the same year.
- In order to meet the set target, the Central Electricity Board (CEB) has:
 - (a) launched several renewable energy schemes covering a broad spectrum of the electricity market
 - (b) signed contract agreements with seven renewable energy hybrid facilities comprising of solar and battery for a cumulative installed capacity of 130 MW.
 - (c) Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FPV) systems - pilot project of 2MW at Tamarin Fall reservoir in Henrietta. A feasibility study for the implementation of an additional 30 MW FPV ongoing.

Sources of Energy



Electricity Consumption by Category (GwH)





In 2023, electricity generation increased by 4.7% from 3,119.2 GWh (268,205 toe) in 2022 to 3,265.5 GWh (280,780 toe), of which 82.4% (2,691.0 GWh) was generated from non-renewable sources and 17.6% (574.4 GWh) from renewable sources. The Independent Power Producers produced 47.9% of the total electricity generated and the Central Electricity Board produced the remaining 52.1%.

Why Mauritius?



Conducive Business Environment



Robust and Modern Infrastructural Landscape



Competitive Sectoral Advantages



Low Tax Rate & No Capital Gains Tax



No Minimum Capital Requirement for Incorporation of a Domestic Company



Free Movement of Capital



Bilingual (English & French) Pool of Professionals



Qualified & Multi-Skilled Workforce



Rule of Law, Arbitration Court & Political Stability



High Level Security



IP Protection



No Exchange Control



A Reliable and Expanding Logistics Platform



State-of-the-Art Logistics Facilities



An Efficient Port with Deep-Water Quays



High Standard of Living



Occupation & Residence Permits

Investor -

- Minimum investment of USD 50,000

Retired Non-Citizen -

- Monthly transfer of USD 1,500 or
- Yearly transfer of USD 18,000

Professional -

- Basic monthly salary >USD 1,500 (Current)
- Proposed: MUR 22,500

Innovator –

- Minimum investment of USD 40,000

Self-Employed –

- Minimum investment of USD 35,000



Work & Live in Mauritius

- Investor **Occupation Permit (OP) - 10 years**
- **Possibility for OP holders to bring their parents as dependents**
- **No restriction for spouses of OP holders to work in Mauritius**
- **Extension of Permanent Residence Permit (PRP) from 10 years to 20 years**
- **Existing OP holders with a permit of 3 consecutive years will be eligible for a 20-year PRP**
- Investment of minimum **USD375,000** for residency
- **A holder of an OP as Professional may invest in any business under certain conditions**
- A **10-Year renewable Young Professional Occupation Permit** upon graduation
- **Extension of the validity period for Professionals from 3 years to 10 years**
- **Premium Visa allows foreign nationals to come with his/her family for a long stay for a period of 1-year (renewable), as a tourist, a retiree or a professional and work remotely from Mauritius**



Premium Investor Certificate

The **Premium Investor Certificate:**

Minimum Investment of MUR 500 million

Others: Manufacture of pharmaceuticals and medical devices

Bespoke incentives, upon recommendation of a Technical Committee and approval by the Minister.

Incentives, negotiable with the EDB, assessed by a T.C and **approved by the Minister of Finance**, includes **rebates, exemptions, preferential rates** (in relation to **taxes, duties, fees, charges and levies**), utilities, amongst others.



Guidelines

Guideline for **Premium Investor Certificate** if the project fulfills the following:

A project shall be considered under the Premium Investor Scheme if –

- It entails a **minimum investment of Rs 500 million rupees** in –
 - emerging sectors;
 - pioneering industries and first movers;
 - innovative technologies and industries; or
 - such targeted economic activities as the Minister may approve.

or

- It relates to the manufacture of pharmaceuticals or medical devices.

- Mauritian Green Energy Industry – a New Pillar
Manufacturing of solar panels, inverters, dc cables, combiner boxes
- Global Biofuels Alliance
Mauritius – Signatory of Foundational Document for the GBA during G20 Summit in September 2023

- **8-year income tax-holiday for companies engaged in manufacturing including solar panels, inverters, dc cables, combiner boxes etc, as well as manufacturers of high-tech products, etc.**
- **No import duties on equipment and raw material and no export duties in Mauritius**
- **Reduced corporate tax of 3% for Export oriented companies**
- **VAT Refund Mechanism on raw materials and capital goods**
- **Preferential Market Access (duty free / reduced duty) for 'Made in Mauritius' products to developed markets (EU,USA, UK), Emerging Markets (Africa, China, India, Turkey)**

- In the past few years, over 100 MW of installed capacity of wind and solar farms have been commissioned.
- Government targets an additional installed capacity of 253 MW for facility scale R.E projects by 2025 and another aggregated 269MW of installed capacity through scheme-based projects.
- The 2030 energy transition roadmap provides for an estimated investment of USD 1.35 billion in the sector by horizon 2030, encompassing generation from solar, wind, biomass, hybrid renewable systems as well as marine renewables, among others.



- Currently the project pipeline is estimated at USD 700m.
- Government plans to materialize its renewable energy target by commissioning facility scale renewable energy projects through:
 - a tender based approach
 - encouraging individuals and business to generate electricity from renewable energy sources.



- Mauritius ambitions to emerge as a regional leader in the development and testing of innovative renewable energy technologies.
- To this effect, the Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency (MARENA), in collaboration with the CEB launched the National Scheme for Emerging/Innovative Renewable Energy Technologies which allows the on-grid testing of renewable energy technologies.
- The Mauritius Research and Innovation Council (MRIC), an apex body spearheading research and innovation also provides for funding of R&D activities in the sector.



- Solar PV panels will be set up on rooftops of public buildings for a total capacity of 5MW
- An Agri-voltaic scheme with a premium purchase price of electricity at MUR 5 per Kwh targeting planters, farmers, and breeders will be introduced.
- An ICT Sector Carbon Neutral Scheme to allow purchase of excess electricity produced at Rs 4.20 per kWh will be introduced.
- 3,500 solar PV kits on rooftops of households, NGOs, religious bodies, and charitable institutions will be installed.



Solar Energy Investment Allowance:

- Eligibility for income tax deduction for individuals investing in solar generation



Concessional loans:

- The Development Bank of Mauritius provides individuals a concessional loan of MUR 250,000 at an interest rate of 2% for solar PV kits.
- Industrial users eligible for a Carbon Neutral Loan Scheme by the Industrial Finance Corporation of Mauritius (IFCM) over 7 years at a preferential rate of 3 percent.
- Leasing facilities of 3 percent per annum over 10 years to transport operators to acquire electric vehicles and charging infrastructure by IFCM
- Concessionary leasing at 3.5 percent per annum to companies renewing their company fleet to electric mobility only offered by IFCM
- A 0.5 percent loan of up to Rs 3 million to taxis and van operators over a period of 7 years for the purchase of electric vehicles by Development Bank of Mauritius.



Annual allowance in respect of the capital expenditure incurred on:

- Acquisition of solar energy unit - 100% / Green technology equipment – 50% (straight line)



Exempt Income for investment in green projects:

- Exemption from Interest derived by individuals and companies from debentures, bonds or sukuks issued by a company to finance renewable energy projects
- Exemption from Interest derived by individuals and companies from a sustainability bond or a sustainability-linked bond issued in accordance with the bond principles, guidelines and handbooks administered by the International Capital Market Association to finance sustainable projects in Mauritius.



Buy back Guarantee:

- Prosumers under the SSDG and MSDG can produce up to 150% of their current electricity consumption with a buy back of MUR 4.20.
- Industrial users are eligible to produce up to 150% of their current electricity consumption with a buy back guarantee of MUR 4.20.



No restriction on production site:

- Industrial users, smart cities and telecom operators can produce electricity from renewable energy sources both onsite and off-site.



Exemption from Land Conversion Tax:

- Renewable Energy projects undertaken on agriculture land benefit from land conversion tax exemption both upon acquisition and lease



Income and Excise Duty Exemption:

- Solar PV equipment exempt from Custom Duty and VAT



Fast charger for electric car investment allowance:

- Eligibility for income tax deduction for individuals investing in solar generation
- Eligibility for Double Deduction for Corporates



Premium Investor Certificate:

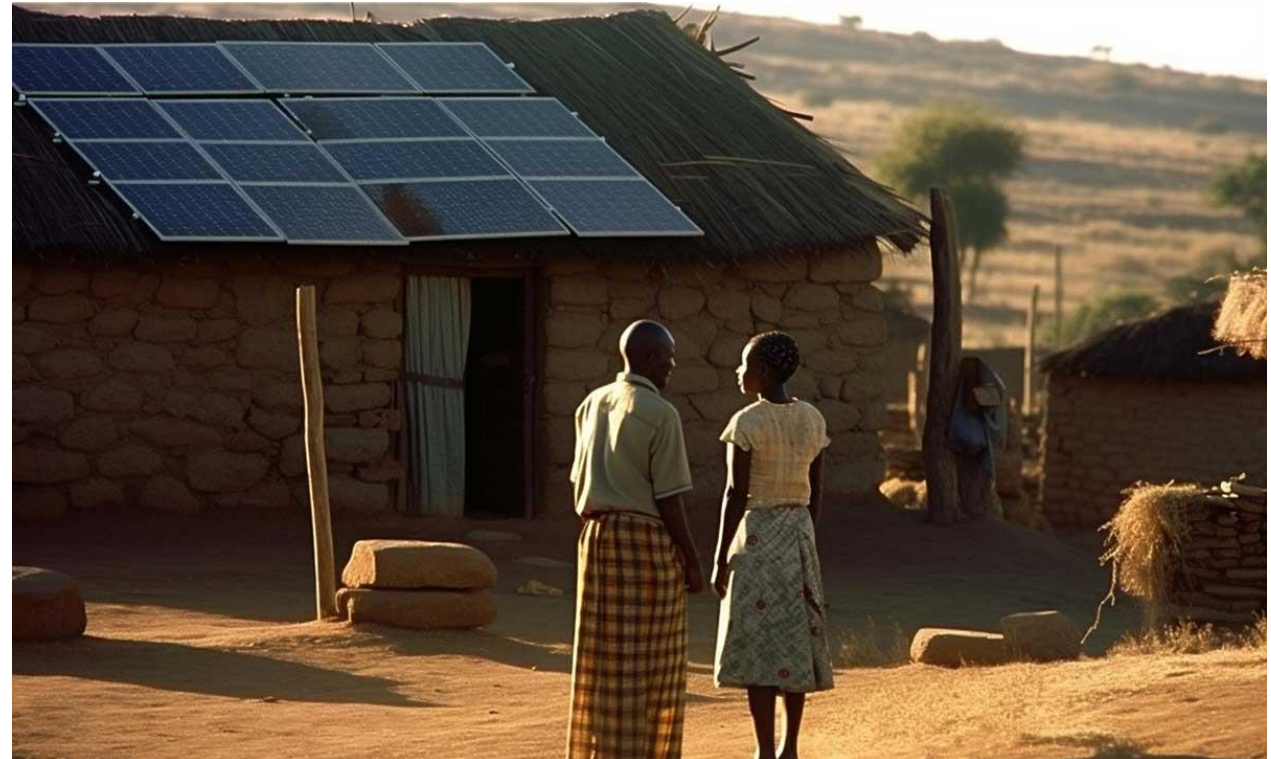
- Eligibility for premium certificate in innovative technologies and ESG projects for investments exceeding MUR 500M

- Government led facility scale project are based on an Independent Power Producer Model and follows a tender based approach. Individuals, industries and business are encouraged to generate electricity from renewable energy sources through targeted schemes. R.E schemes in Mauritius are based on a Gross Metering basis except for the **Carbon Neutral Industrial Scheme (CNIS)**.
- The CNIS provides for industries and operators in the KEY FACTS:
 - telecommunication sector the opportunity to generate up to 150% of
 - their electricity requirements through both onsite and offsite facilities
 - based on a mix of gross and net metering contract.
- In the agricultural sector, the operationalization of the **biomass framework** with cane trash and woody biomass to be remunerated at the same price of bagasse estimated at some USD 7.5 cents. This will revitalize electricity production from biomass from sugar cane and other high yield biomass sources.

- Africa is termed as a land of opportunities for Renewable Energies with potential solar capacity estimated at 10 TW, abundant hydro (350 GW), wind (110 GW), and geothermal energy sources (15 GW).
- The African Development Bank has ranked energy in its top 5 high priorities areas and launched the New Deal on Energy for Africa with an overarching goal of universal energy access in Africa by 2025.
- This will be achieved through expanding grid power by 160 GW and connecting 130 million people to the grid.



- Mauritius, as an integral part of the African Continent has excellent bilateral ties with African Countries.
- Moreover, the local expertise of Mauritius in the energy sector coupled with the offering of its International Financial Centre can be leveraged upon for structuring and management of energy projects in Africa.
- The Mauritius Africa Fund also provides seed capital to Mauritian companies exploring opportunities in Africa.



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