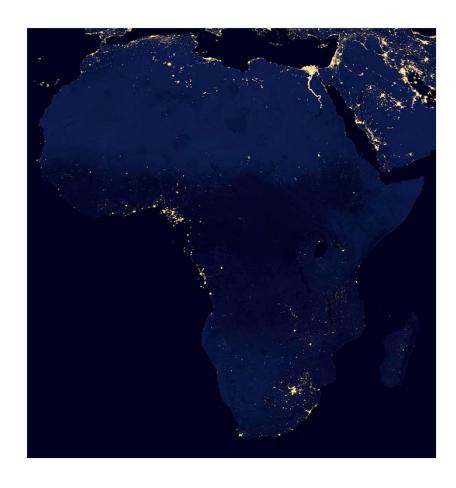
Electricity Supply in Africa – is the situation improving?

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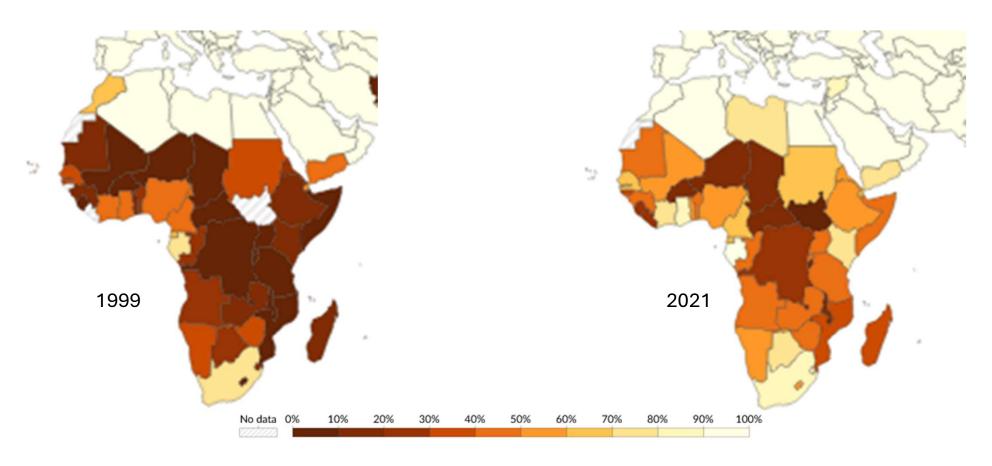
The Dark Continent



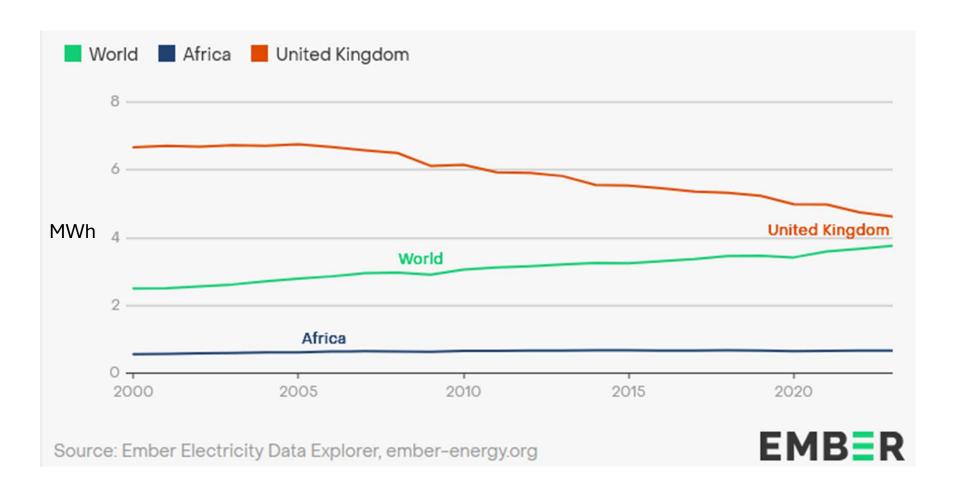




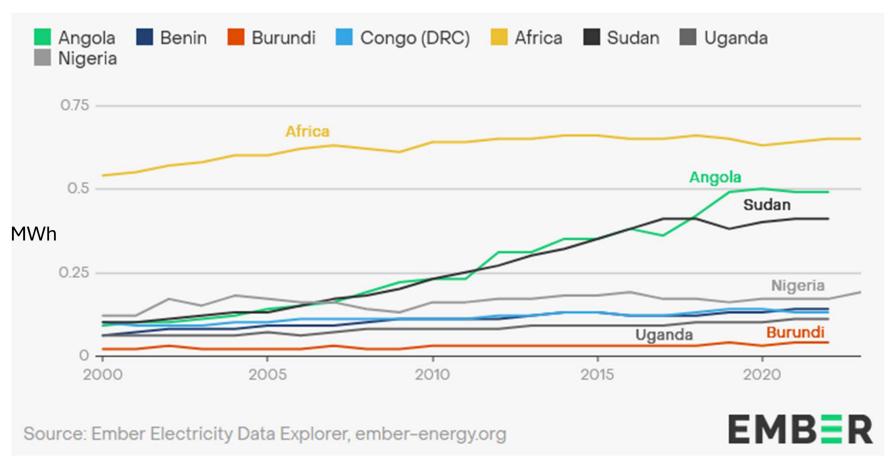
Share of Population with access to electricity



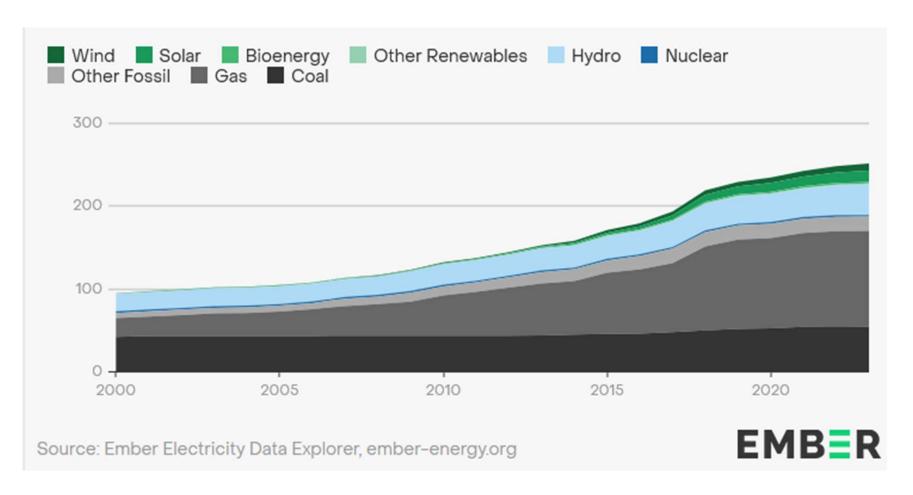
Per Capita Consumption



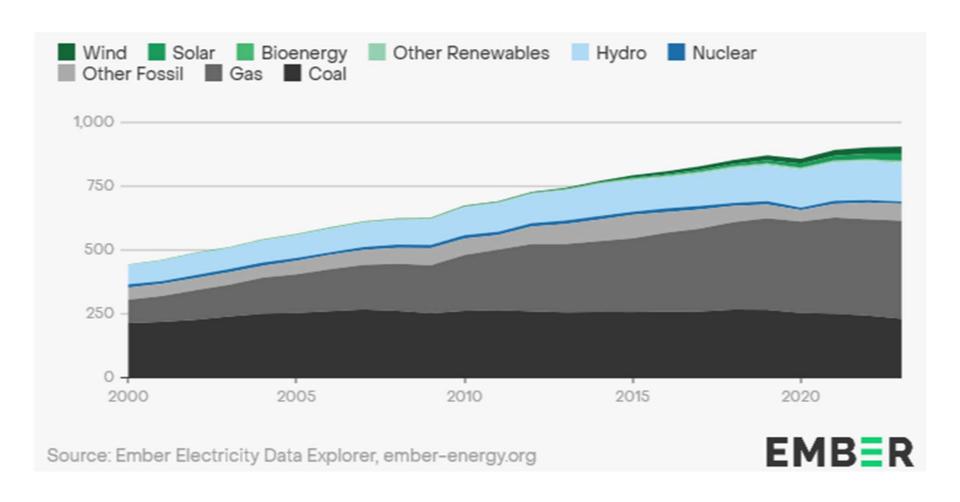
But some countries are a lot more electricity poor



Installed Capacity (GW)



Electricity Generation by source (TWh)



Grid supply or local systems?









© Renewable World Typically 0.006 MW

Medupi Coal Fired Power Plant, South Africa



4 800MW Eighth largest coal fired plant in world

Gas Fired Power Plants



200 MW Amandi Energy Power Plant, Ghana



130 MW Malicounda Power Plant, Senegal

Grand Renaissance Dam, Ethiopia



5100 MW – Now Operational



Bujagali, Uganda





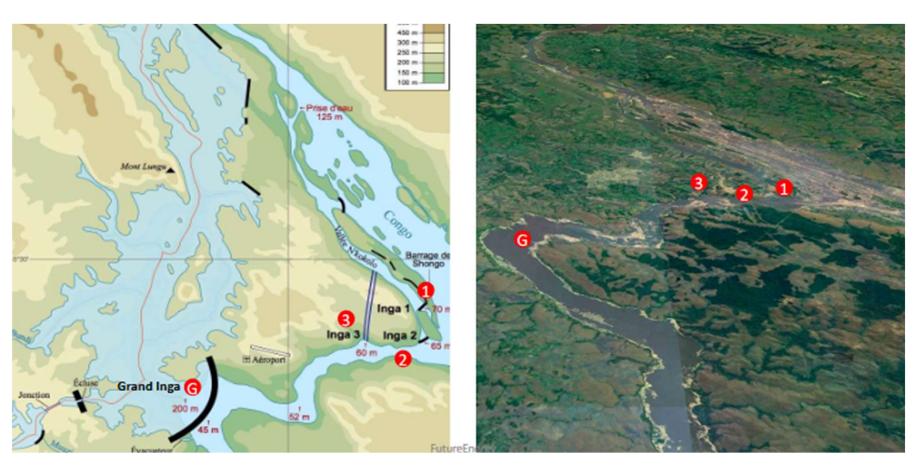
250 MW

Julius Nyerere Hydropower Plant, Tanzania



2115 MW

Grand Inga, DRC



Between 40 000 and 70 000 MW?

Geothermal Power Station – Olkaria, Kenya



Total Geothermal Capacity 900 MW

Wind Power – Lake Turkana, Kenya



365 turbines each with 0.85MW capacity totalling 310 MW

Solar Generation – Kenhardt, South Africa



540 MW

Nuclear – Koeberg, South Africa



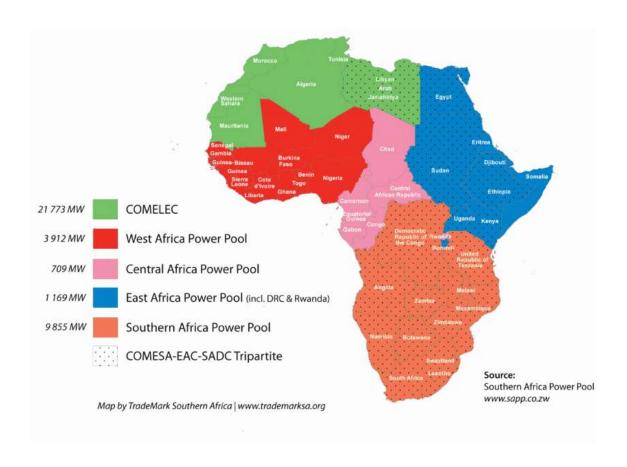
Kingtom Power Station, Sierra Leone



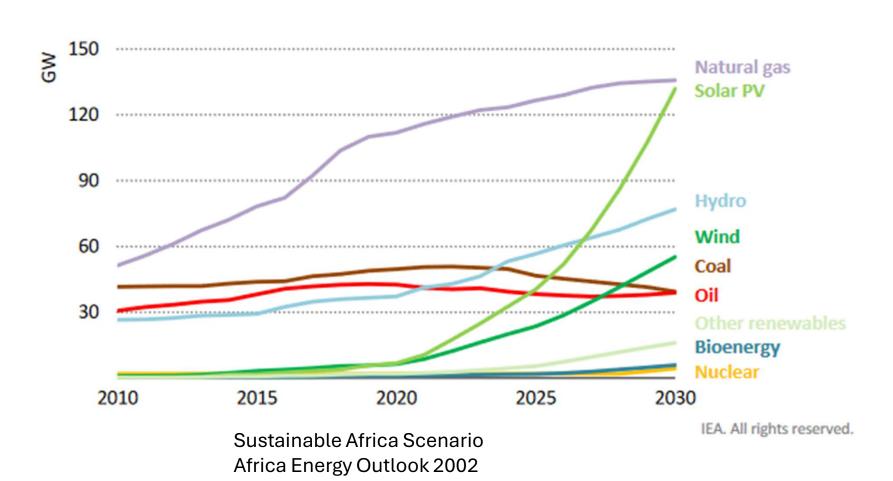
Emergency Generation – Sierra Leone



African Power Pools

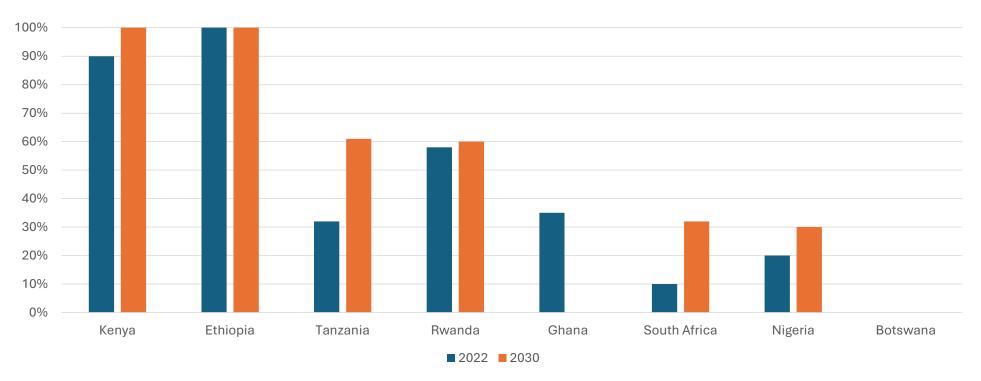


Growth in renewable generation?



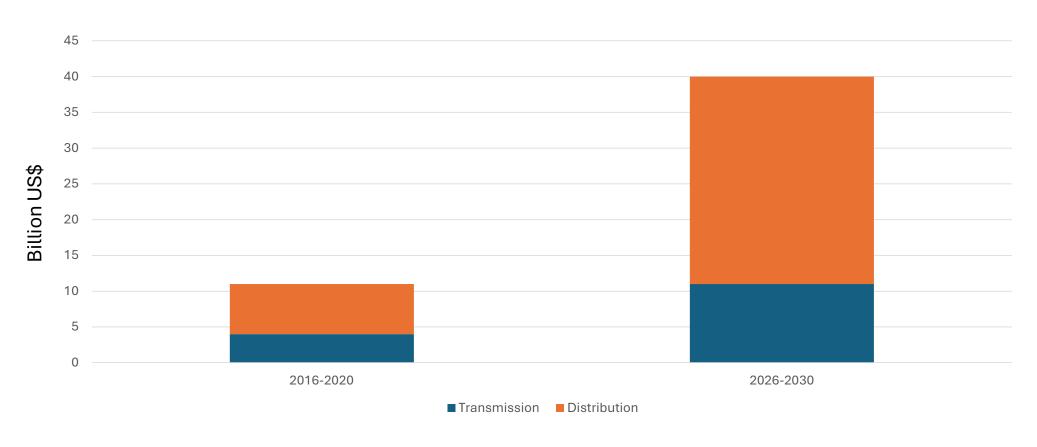
But national renewable targets for 2030 are more modest

Share of Renewable Generation as % of total



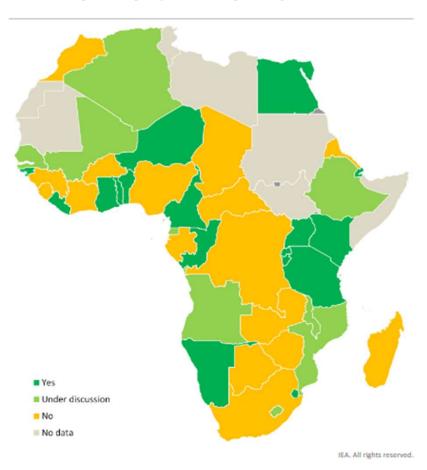


Electricity Supply is not cheap

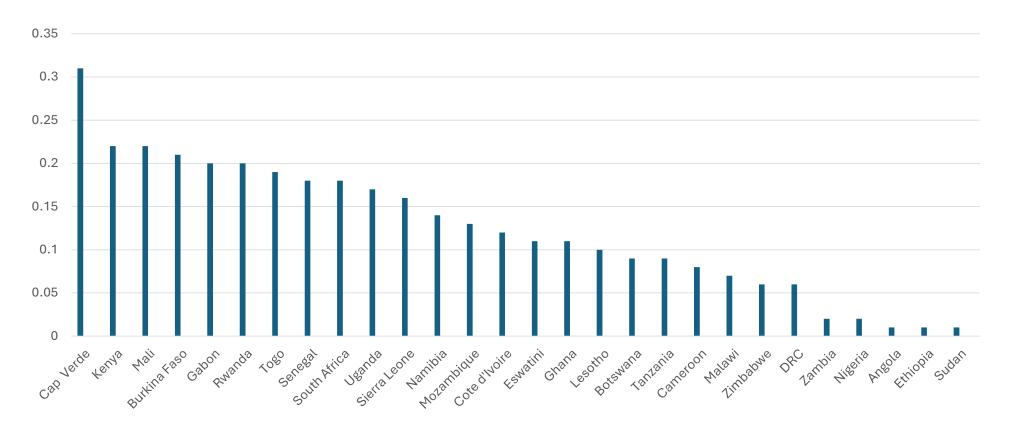


Source IEA, based on sustainable scenario

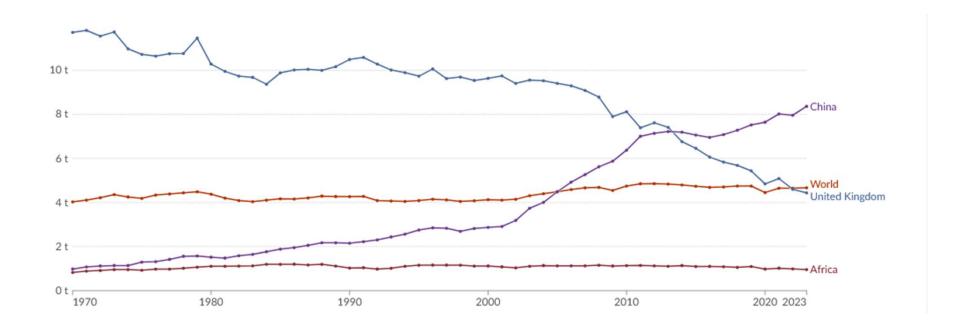
Status of cost reflective tariffs in 2021



Average Electricity Prices (US\$/kWh)

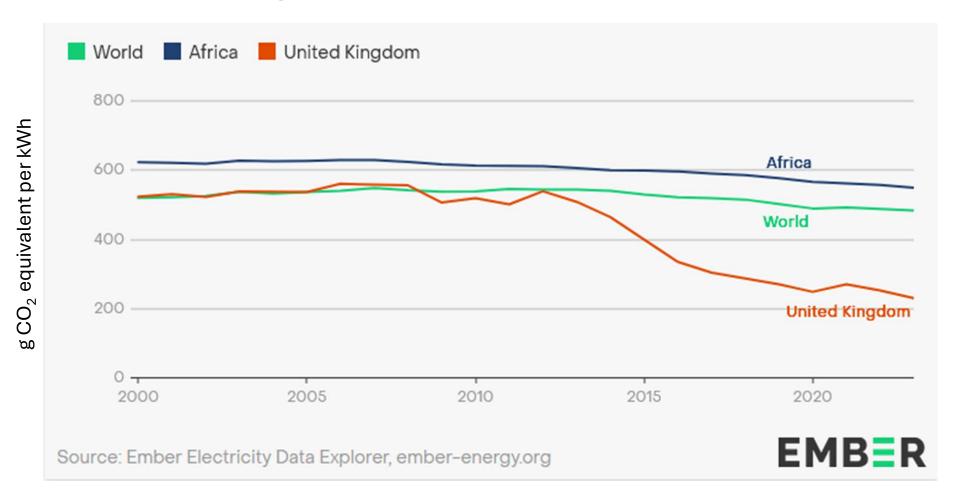


Per capita CO₂ emissions



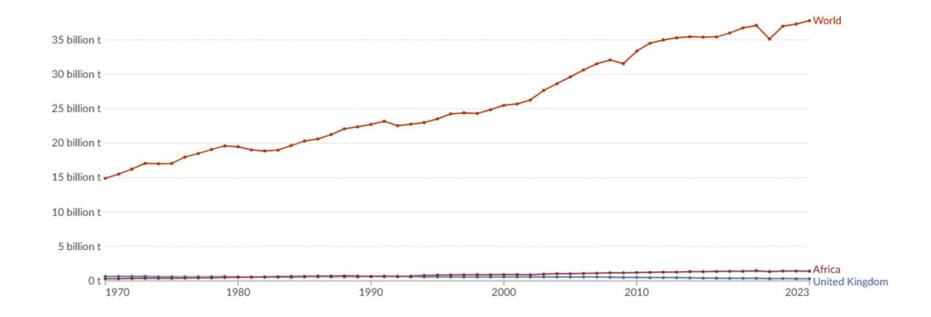
Source Global Carbon Budget (2024) - Emissions only from fossil fuels and industry excluding land use

But is Africa green?



But it contributes only a negligible amount to world global CO₂ emissions





Conclusions

- Access to electricity in Africa is improving
- But per capita consumption is not
- And the costs of supply are increasing
- Is Renewable Energy a solution?