## Photovoltaic Technologies: Status and Trends

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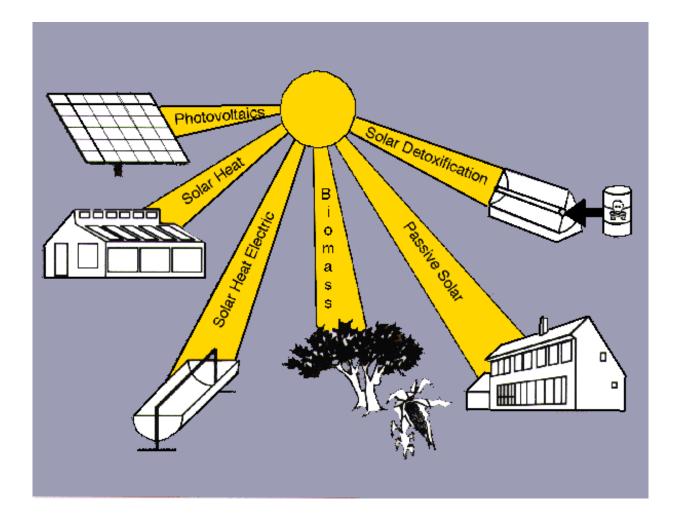


- Solar Energy Fundamentals
- Solar Energy Trends
- Issues related to grid-tied solar
- Summary comments



# **Solar Energy Applications**

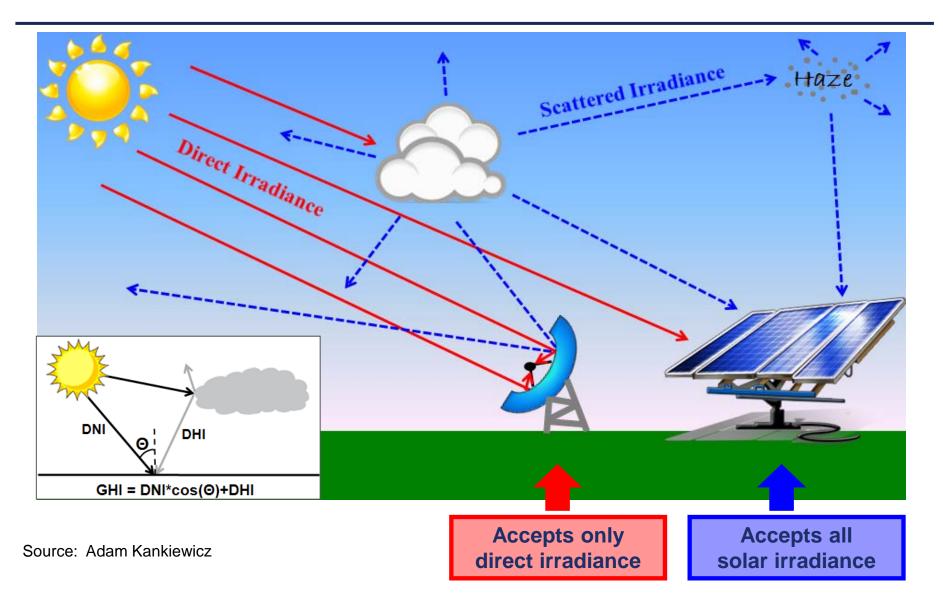






## Components of the Solar Resource

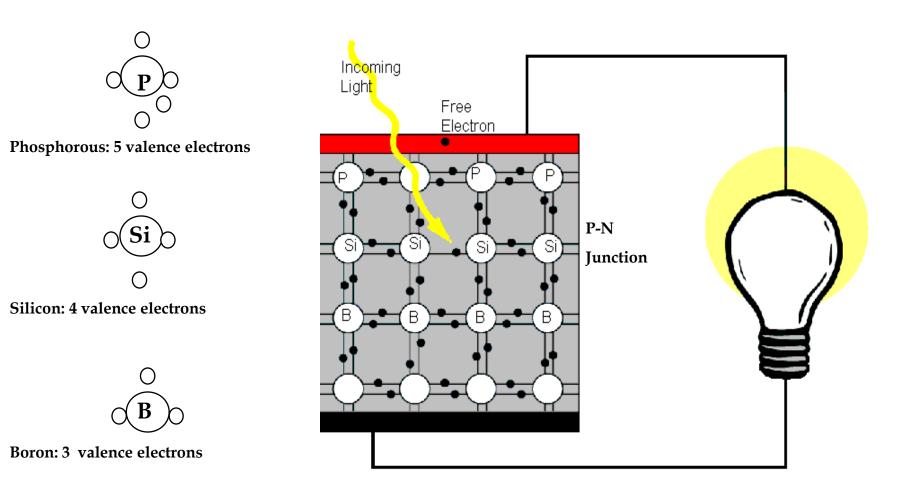






# The Principle of Solar Electricity



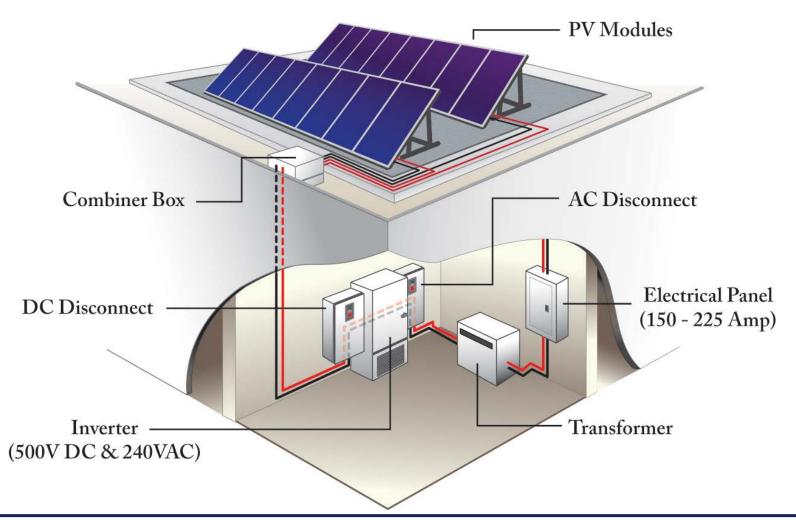


No material is consumed and the process could continue indefinitely



## A Grid-Connected PV System

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# +75 GW



### Global Capacity at end of 2016 = 303 GW

# 2017 Estimate: +98 GW

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# Growth in Other Solar Technologies, 2016



# +21 GW<sub>th</sub>

# +0.1 GW





#### Global Capacity at end of 2016 = 456 $GW_{th}$

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#### Global Capacity at end of 2016 = 4.8 GW

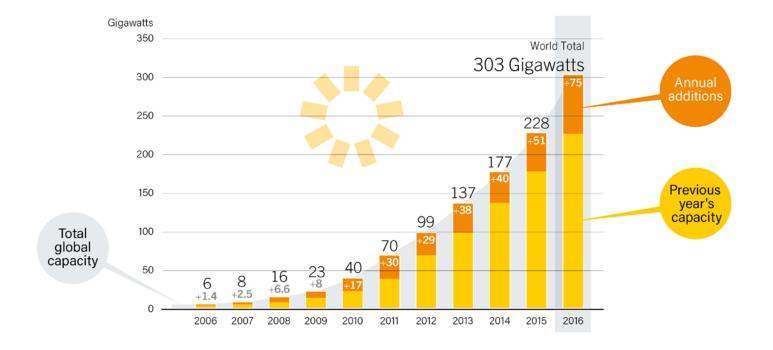
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#### Solar PV Global Capacity and Annual Additions, 2006-2016

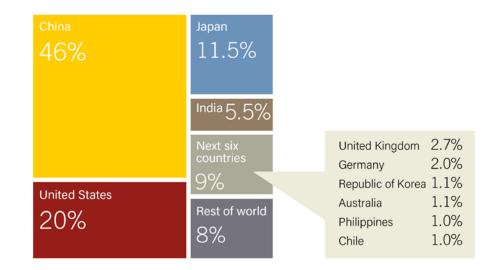


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#### PV Capacity expected to grow to >1 TW in next 5 years



Solar PV Global Capacity Additions, Shares of Top 10 Countries and Rest of World, 2016



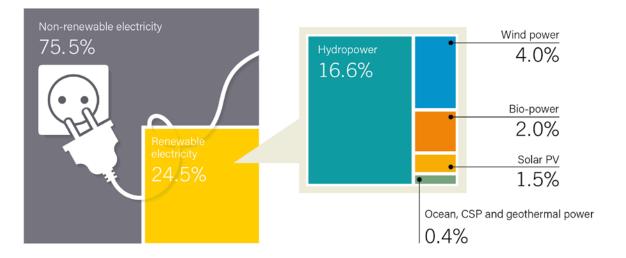
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## Top 4 Markets Account for >80% Additions in 2016



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



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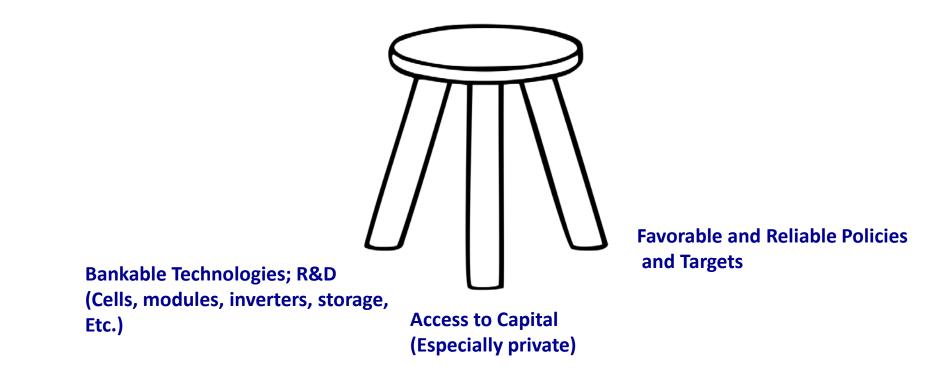


## **RE Share Continues to Increase in Power Sector**



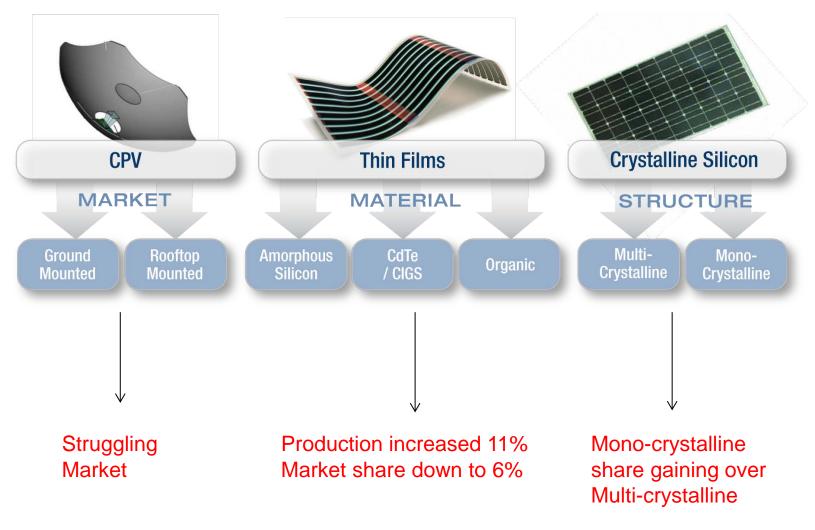
The "Three-Legged Stool" that Supports Successful Solar Programs

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Source: REN21 GSR, 2017





## Global New Investment in Renewable Power and Fuels, Developed, Emerging and Developing Countries, 2006-2016



Note: Figure does not include investment in hydropower projects larger than 50 MW. Investment totals have been rounded to nearest billion.

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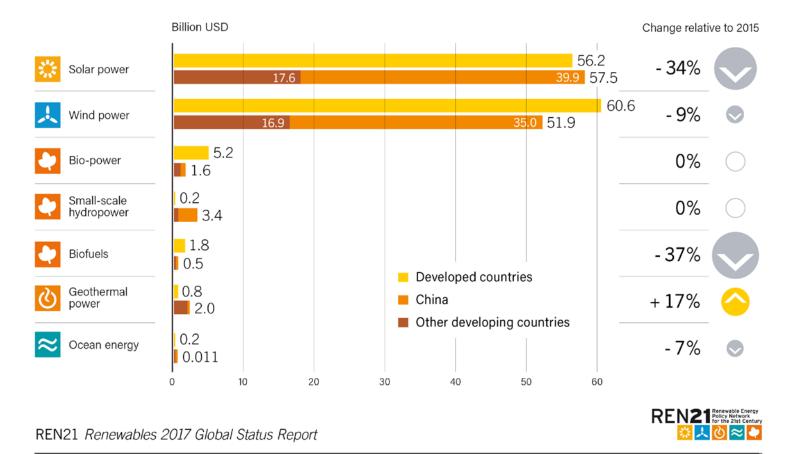
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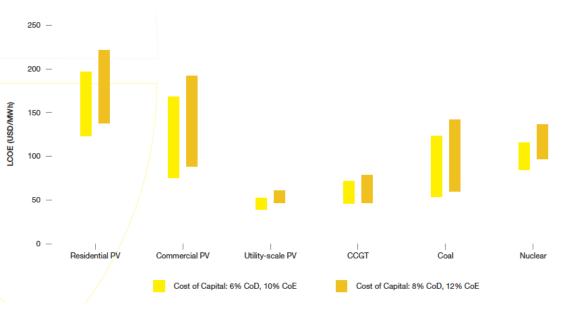
#### Global New Investment in Renewable Energy by Technology, Developed and Developing Countries, 2016



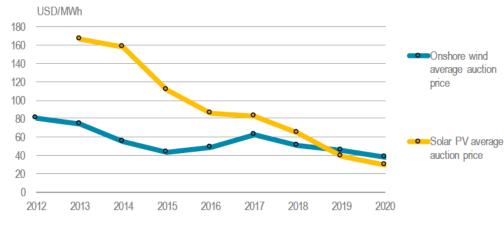
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Source: SolarPower Europe Global Market Outlook 2017

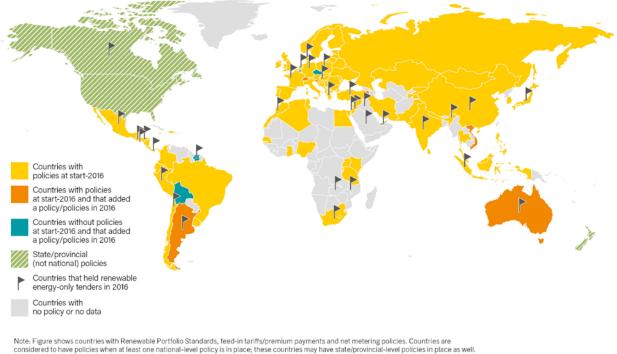


Announced wind and solar PV average auction prices by commissioning date

Source: IEA Renewables 2017



Countries with Renewable Energy Power Policies, by Type, 2016



Diagonal lines indicate that countries have no policies in place at the national level but have at least one policy at the state/provincial level.



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Source: REN21 Policy Database.

#### Auctions are the most rapidly expanding form of renewable energy policy support.





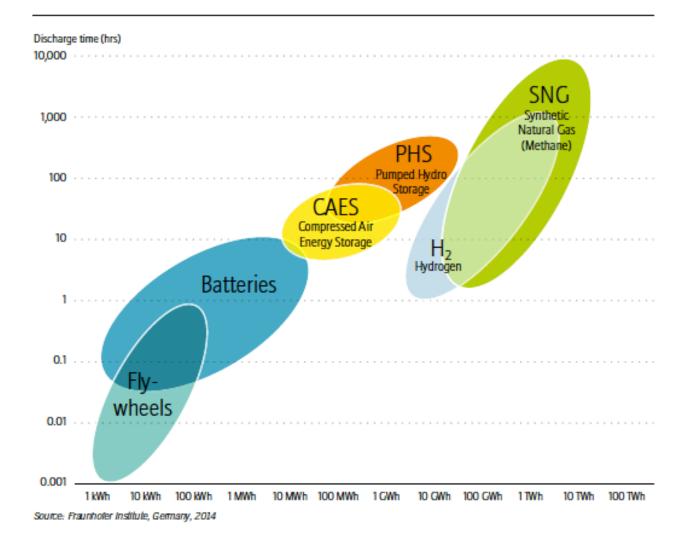
- Integration of VRE
- Forecasting resource variability
- Efficiency measures
- Storage Technologies
- Smart grids and load management
- Energy pricing strategies
- Effective balancing strategies
- International technology and integration standards





## Storage will be Key





Source: REN21 Global Futures Report 2017





- Even with short-term oil price drops, renewables are now cost-competitive choice for power sector in many cases
- PV Applications, both distributed as well as central station, offer significant benefits
  - Increase grid and energy security
  - Improve our environment
  - Enhance local economy
- Issues for ICAO to address:
  - Creation of an enabling policy environment
  - Workforce development
  - Access to capital investment

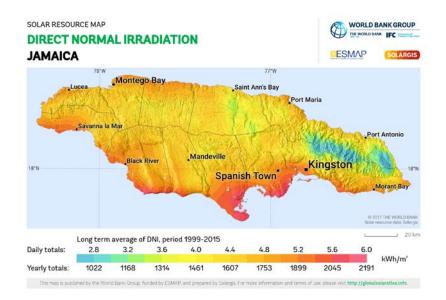






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Jamaica Solar Resource Maps from SolarGIS