

Policy Trends & Insights from Asian Markets

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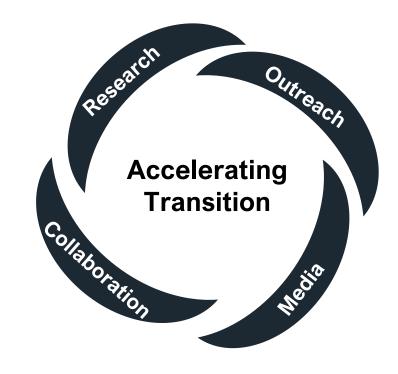


IEEFA's Mission: Accelerating the Energy Transition

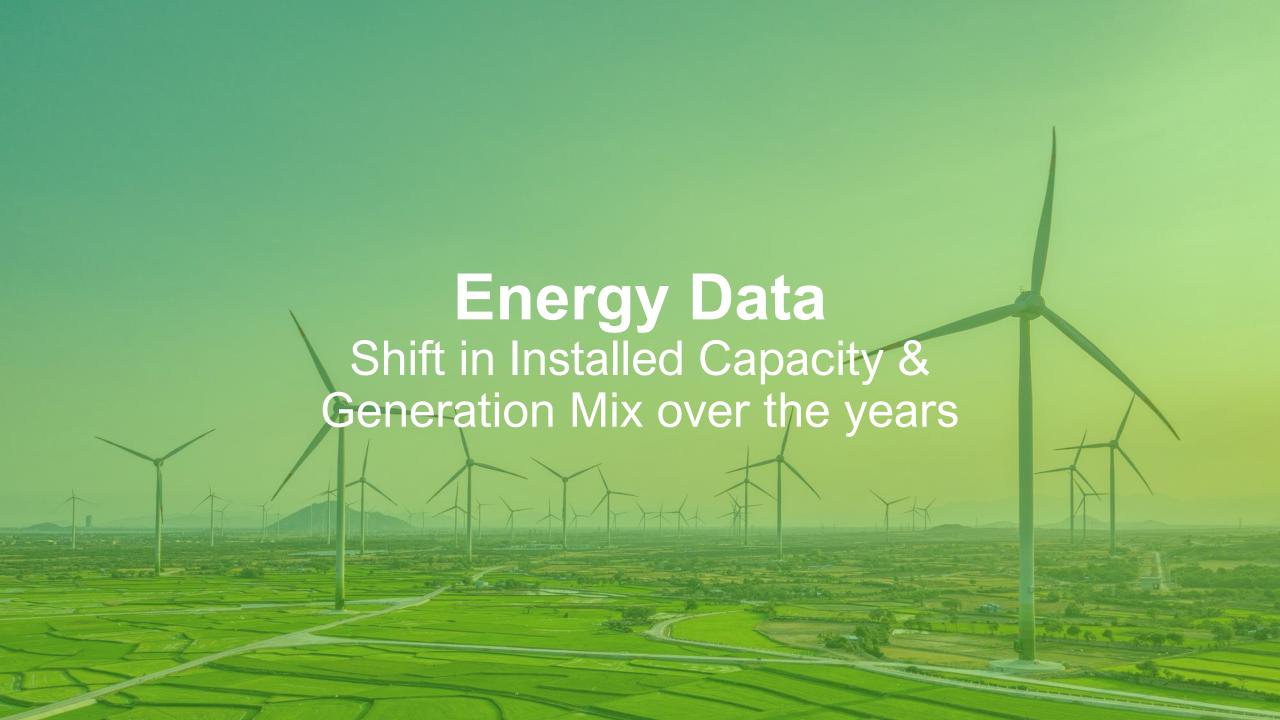
The overall purpose of IEEFA's work is to **strategically conduct** and **disseminate financial analyses** to **accelerate transition** to a diverse, sustainable and profitable energy economy.

Globally, we achieve our goal through **research**, **outreach**, **collaboration and media**.

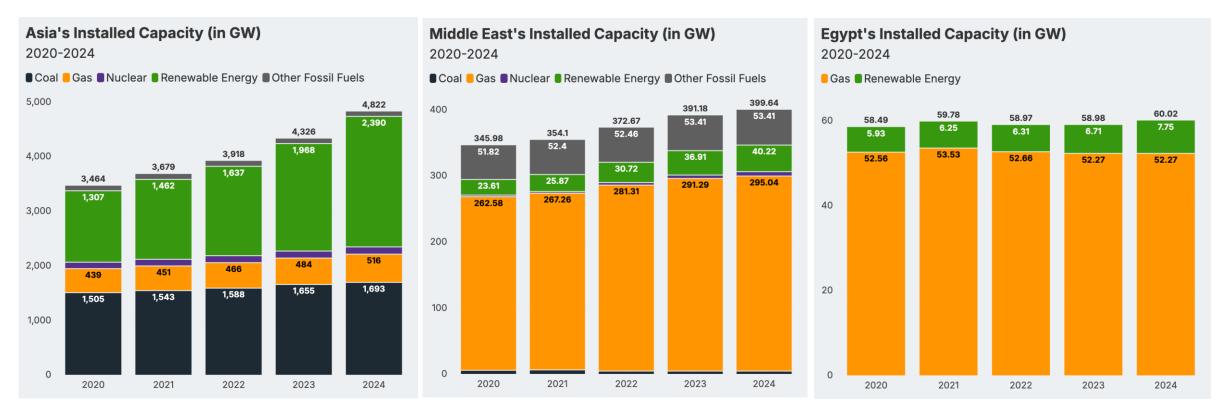
Specifically, South Asia needs policy certainty and continuity, technology innovation and government backing for existing and new technologies to derisk the flow of domestic and global capital to clean energy alternatives.



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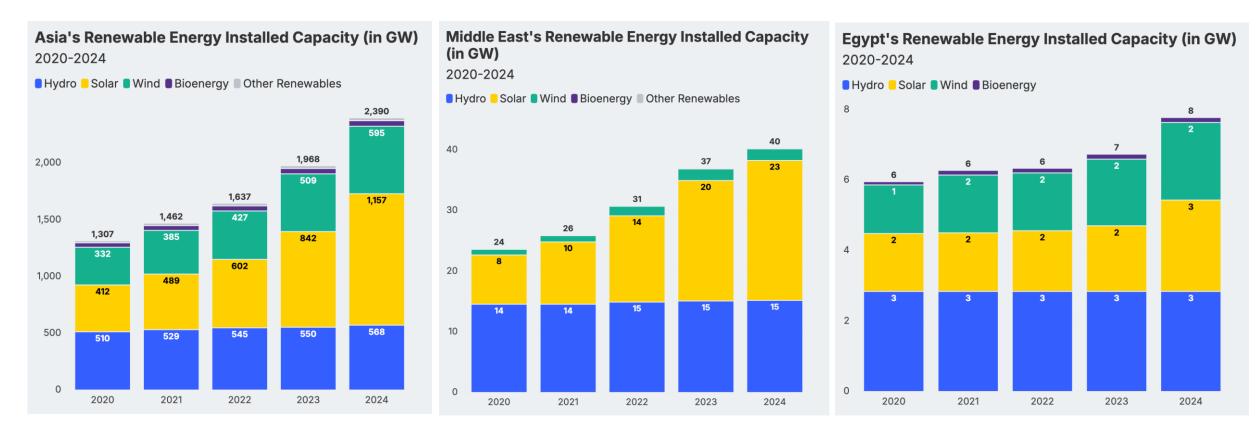
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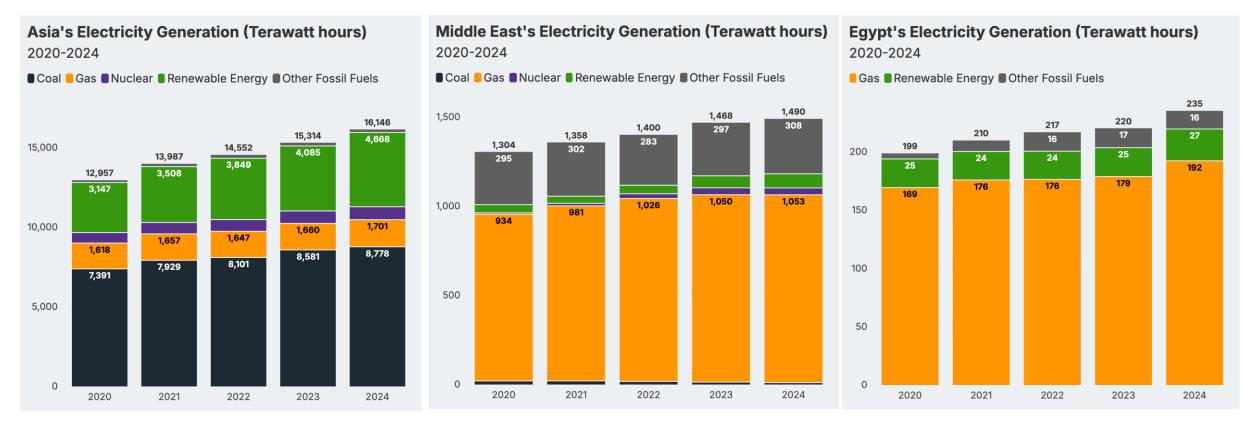
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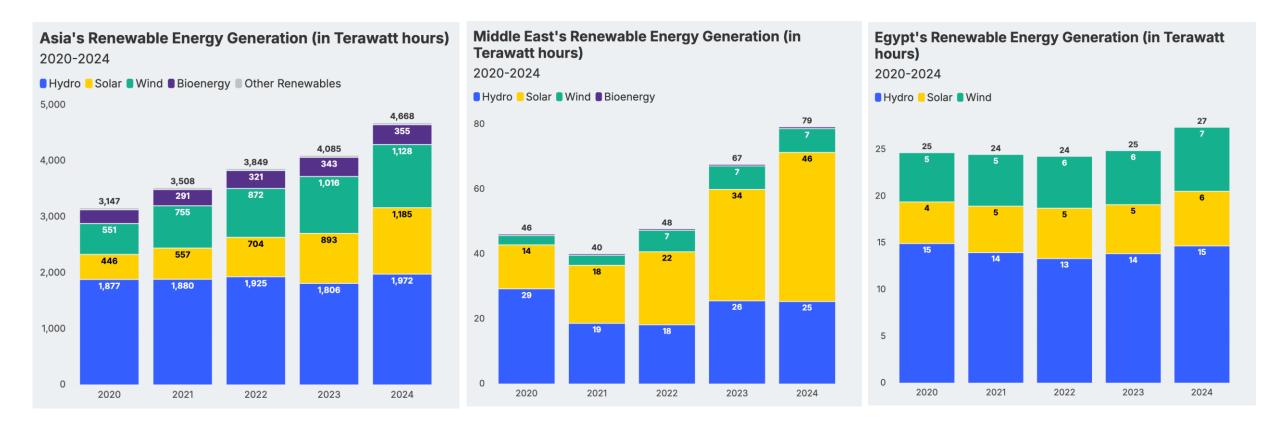


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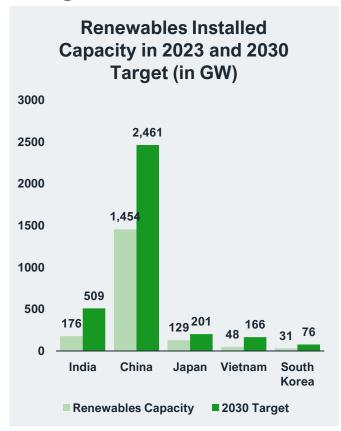


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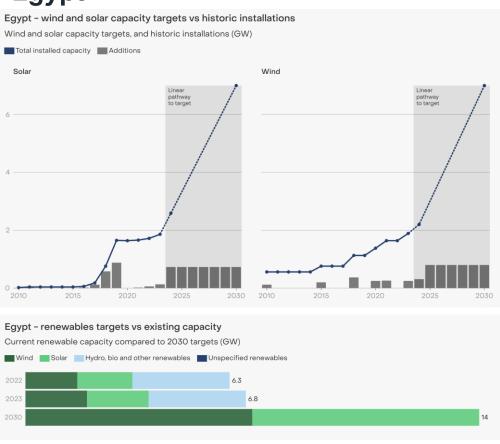
2030 renewable energy target

Targets for Countries in Asia





Egypt



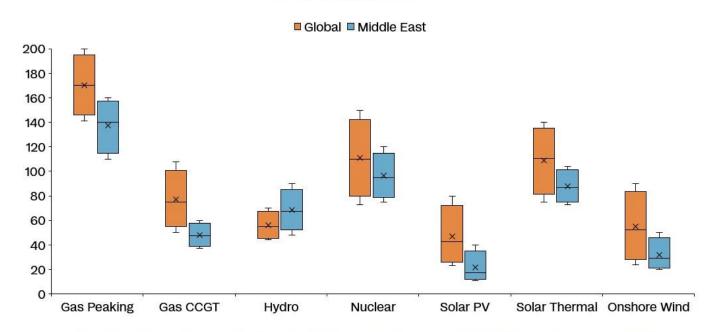
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Comparison of LCOE across different technologies – Solar has the least LCOE

Current LCOE* range in the Middle East compared to global average

USD per megawatt-hour

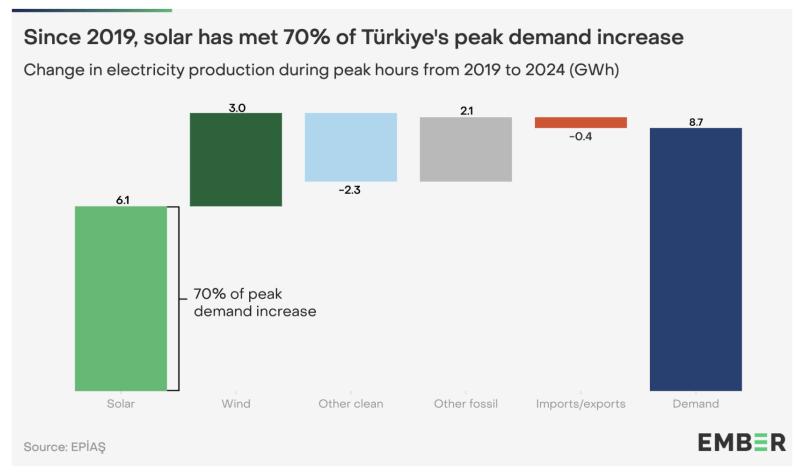


^{*} LCOE (levelized cost of electricity) range is for capacity of over 100 megawatts and is based on the reported average LCOE in the last five years
Source: Rystad Energy's Renewables & Power Solution; May 2024
A Rystad Energy graphic

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Solar can meet the peak demand effectively



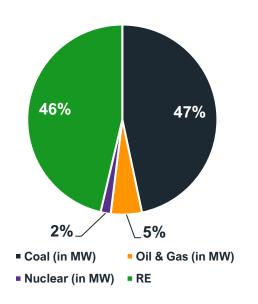
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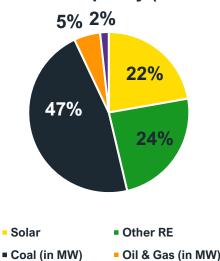


India's share of renewables in total installed capacity & electricity generation



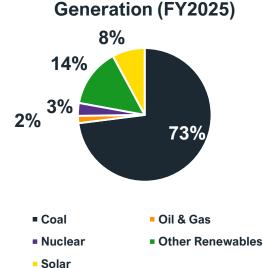


Share of Solar in Total Installed Capacity (FY2025)



■ Nuclear (in MW)

Share of Solar in Electricity



Source: Niti Aayog



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Electricity Generation (FY2025)

73%

Oil & Gas Nuclear RE

22%

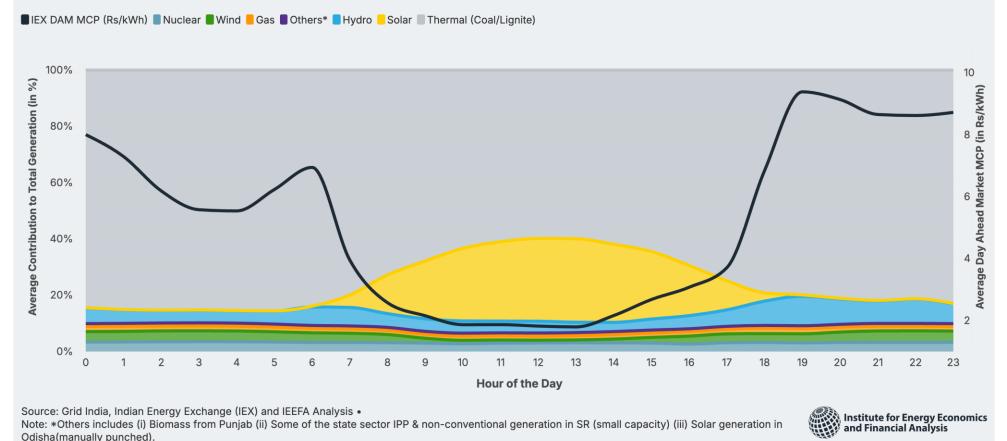
3%

2%

Solar can meet the peak demand effectively & economically

Rising solar generation helps temper electricity markets during the daytime in April

More investment in battery storage can help meet evening, night and early morning demand sustainably, while keep electricity prices in check





Policies driving solar deployment

Key Enablers

Policy

JNNSM, NAPCC, NEP 2023, PM-KUSUM

Market **Mechanisms** Competitive bidding, RECs, GTAM, VGF

Financial Support

Capital subsidies, PLI for manufacturing, concessional loans

Regulations RPOs, Green Open Access, Grid codes Institutions

SECI, IREDA, NTPC, State Nodal Agencies

2003 -**Electricity Act** 2008 - National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)

2011 – Solar **RPOs** and Solar **REC Mechanism** 2014: Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects scheme

2020 - PM-**KUSUM Scheme** and Launch of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" with Solar Manufacturing Incentives (PLI)

2023 - National **Electricity Plan** (NEP) Update

Solar Capacity: 0.03 GW

2.8**GW**

35.6GW

66.7 GW

Solar Capacity: 0.006GW

1.6 GW

3.9**GW**

53.9GW

81.8 GW

2024

2005 - National Electricity Policy

2010 - Launch of Jawaharlal Nehru **National Solar** Mission (JNNSM)

2013 - Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Mechanism by SECI

2015 - Revised National Solar Mission Target 2017- Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (MSIPS)

2022 - Basic **Customs Duty** (BCD)



2024 and Beyond

- 1. Focus on solar-plus-storage, roundthe-clock (RTC) renewable power, solarization of agriculture
- 2. Implementation of National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023)
- 3. Union Budget 2025: Increased Renewable Energy Allocation
- 4. GST on Solar Components Remains at 12%
- Expansion of the Solar Park Scheme
- 6. Rooftop Solar Incentives Under 'PM-Surva Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'

FY2025 Solar Capacity - 105.6 GW



Market mechanisms



Net Metering:

Allows homeowners to sell excess solar electricity back to the grid, making solar energy more financially attractive.



Feed-in Tariffs (FiTs):

FiT schemes provide a fixed rate for electricity generated from solar, ensuring a reliable revenue stream.



Green Term Ahead Market (GTAM):

Facilitates the sale of renewable energy, including solar power, through exchanges.



Standard Bidding Guidelines:

Competitive bidding for solar power procurement helps lower electricity tariffs and promote cost-effectiveness.



Waiver of ISTS charges:

Waiving Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) charges for solar and wind projects incentivizes inter-state power sale.



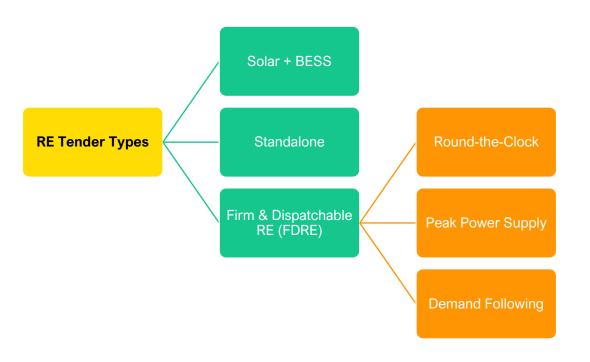
Green Open Access Rules

Simplified procedures and reduced thresholds for consumers to buy solar power directly from developers.

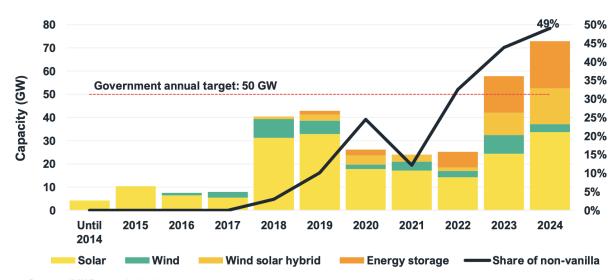


Tender evolution

ESS Tender Types Under Utility-scale Applications



Renewable Energy Issuance, Annual Trend

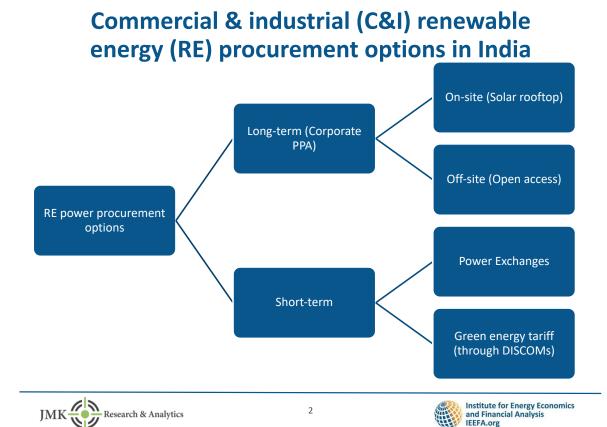


Source: JMK Research database

Note: Energy storage capacity includes WSH (with storage), Solar + ESS and firm and dispatchable renewable energy (FDRE). It does not include standalone storage.

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Procurement through open access route picking momentum



Renewable energy Open Access (OA) power procurement models

RE OA power procurement models

Third-Party

- Developer owns and operates the OA project.
- Generally all OA charges applicable

Captive

- C&I consumer owns at least 26% of the plant.
- C&I consumer uses at least 51% of the electricity generated.
- Cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge waived off.

Group-Captive

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Private sector led the solar growth story

India's solar transformation has been made possible by:

Entrepreneurial leadership in deployment and innovation

Robust financing ecosystem aligned with risk-return expectations

Policy push with private execution — a true public-private partnership model

Metric	2014	2024 (Est.)
Installed Solar Capacity	~3 GW	~85 GW
Lowest Solar Tariff	₹6–7/kWh	₹1.99–2.50/kWh
Private Sector Share	<40%	>75%

- Over \$20 billion in FDI in solar since 2014
- Strong growth in Open Access solar, rooftop adoption, and green finance flows

ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN SOLAR GROWTH IN INDIA

Private Sector Companies



Project Developers

Adani Green, ReNew Power, Tata Power Solar, ACME. Azure Power

Large-scale utility projects, rooftop solar deployment, hybrid and RTC projects



Technology Providers & EPC Firms

Sterling & Wilson, L&T Vikram Solar

Engineering, procurement construction' domestic module manutacturing



Corporate Off-takers (C&I segment)

Infosys, Amazon

Driving demand through Open Access and captive solar procurement



& Innovators

Digitizing rooftop-solar, solar financing tools, Al/IoT integration

Financial Institutions



Development Finance Institutions (DFis)

World Bank, ADB, KIW, AIIB Low-cost debt, risk guarantees, credit lines via IREDA and commercial banks



Domestic Banks & NBFCs

SBI, PFC, REC

Project financing, rooftop solar loans, secoritization of solar assets



Green Bonds & Capital Markets

ReNew, Greenko have raised international green bonds



Sovereign & Institutional Support

SECI Payment Guarantees,

IREDA Refinance Scheme Clean Energy Funds (NCEF)

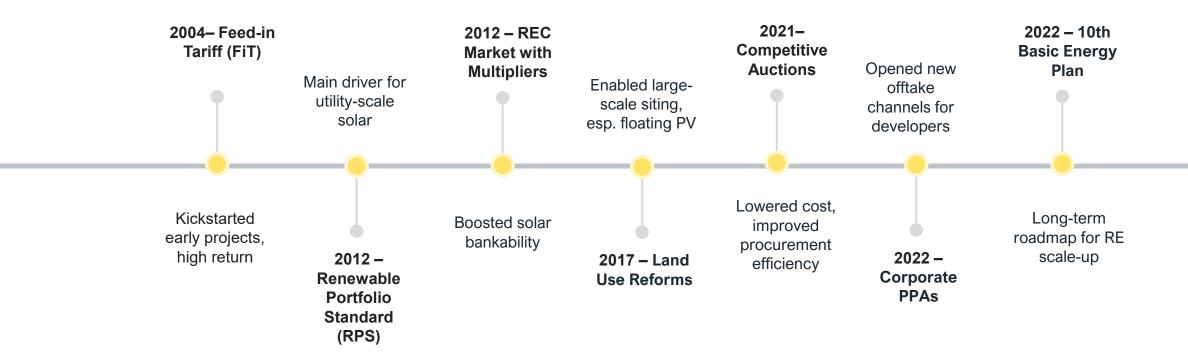




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South Korea: Solar policy tools





Pakistan: Solar policy tools

2015- Net Metering 2021- Shift to 2019 - ARE 2023 -Net Metering Regulations 2006-2013 - Quaid-Competitive **Policy Reform Proposal** (finalized by Renewable e-Azam Solar **Bidding (pilot** (drafted) NEPRA) **Energy Policy** Park (QASP) stage) Framework Emphasizes replacing Improved Created financial Supported solar introduced for imported fuel, solarizing licensing and Enabled viability for early auctions, finance rooftop solar systems public buildings, and technical clarity implementation utility-scale solar tools, and grid to feed excess power financing for SMEs and for distributed across provinces. integration and wind projects to grid. households. solar. improvements. Laid foundation Proposed First large-scale Enabled Set goal of 30% RE in Moved away from for renewable lowering buysolar project consumers (1 kW electricity by 2030; FiTs to reverse energy back rates; faced to 1 MW) to install promoted auctions (Bahawalpur); auctions for development; public opposition. 100 MW solar and export over FiTs. utility-scale solar. tax/duty commissioned in surplus electricity. incentives. 2015. 2014 - Net 2020 - ARE 2009 - Feed-in 2022 - World 2024 - National Solar 2017 -Metering **Policy** Tariff (FiT) **Bank Solar Energy Initiative** Amendment to Regulations approved by Market Framework (10,000 MW plan) **Net Metering** (drafted) Council of **Transformation** (initial work) Regulations Common **Program** Interests (CCI)

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