RESPONSE TO THE GREEN ECONOMY IMPERATIVE FOR AFRICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

(Inyang, 2016)

OVERALL VISION

Sustainable Development

VISION AREAS

Economic Development

Population Management Environmental/ Natural Resources Stewardship

Social Equity

OPERATIONS

ASSETS

Natural Resources

Physical Infrastructure Systems

Process and Decision Support Systems

Service and Governance Systems

Systems Planning

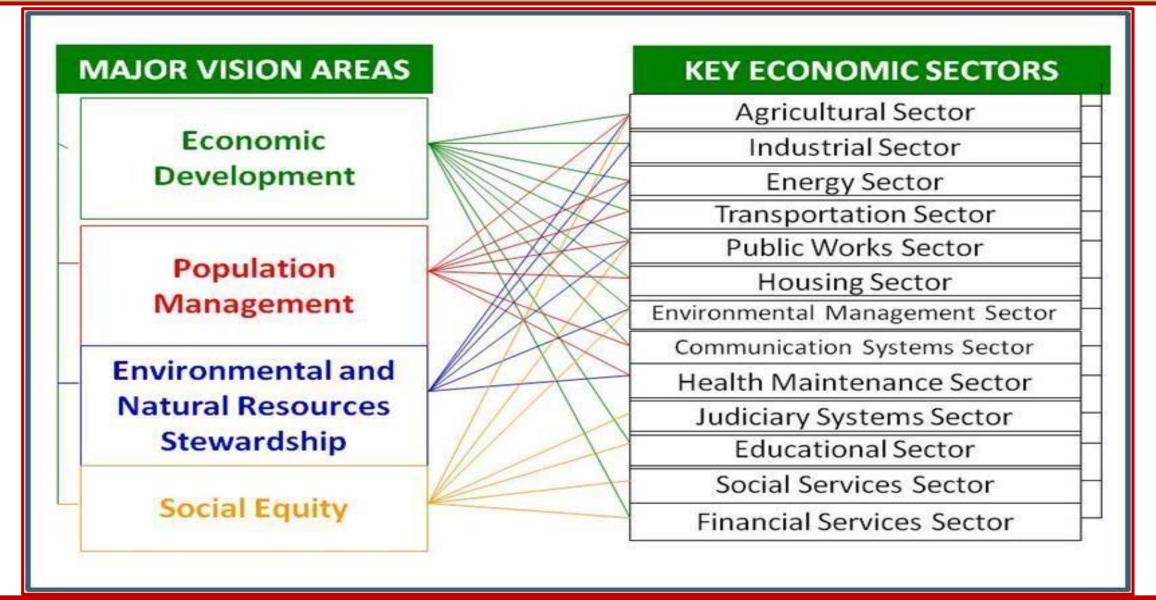
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Systems Design

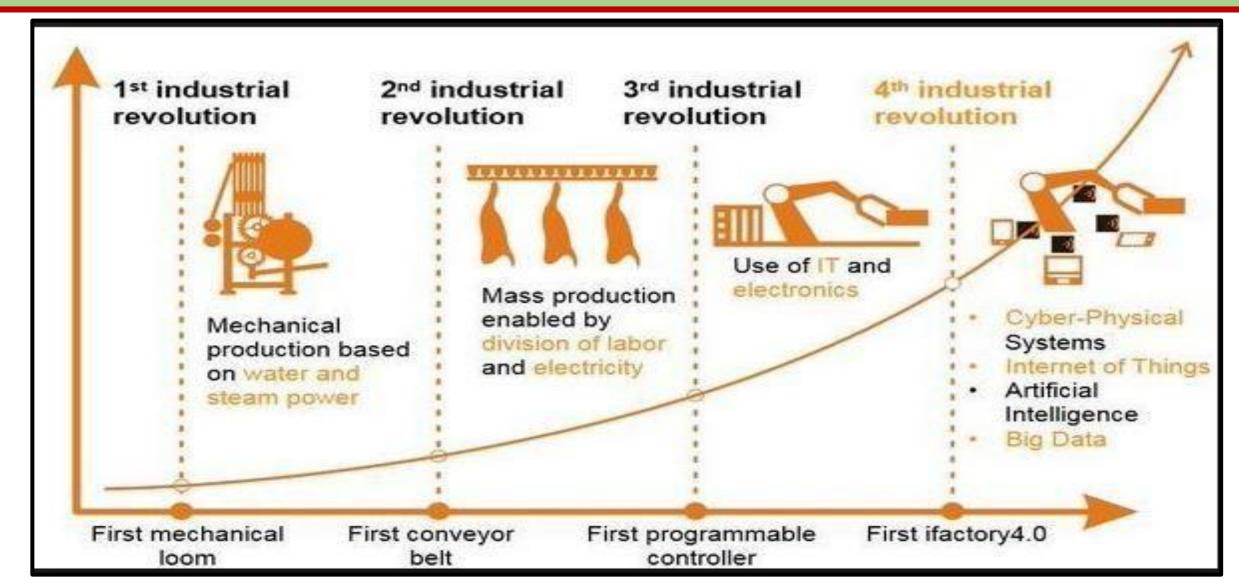
Systems Maintenance and Improvement

GREEN ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT NEED TO PERCOLATE THROUGH ALL SOCIOECONOMIC SECTORS

(Inyang, 2016)



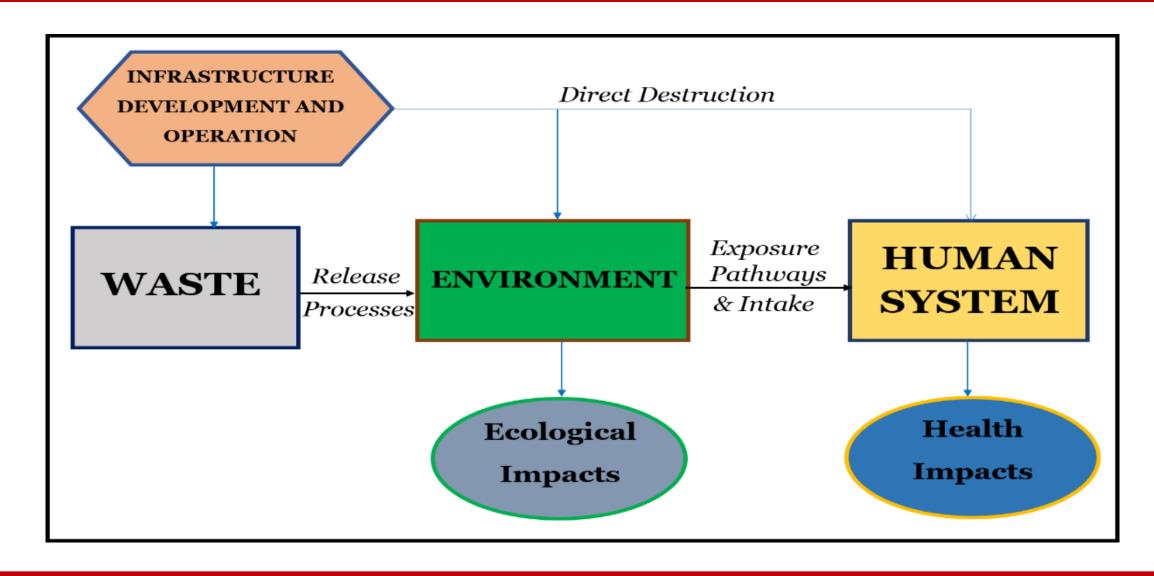
GREEN ECONOMY IS TARGETED BY MOST COUNTRIES EVEN AS THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION UNFOLDS



SECTION A

INTRODUCTION: DEFINING GREEN ECONOMY AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT/OPERATION AND THEIR IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH



DEFINING GREEN ECONOMY

KEY POINTS TO NOTE

UNEP'S DEFINITION OF GREEN ECONOMY

"An economy that results in improved well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities"

CHARACTERISTICS OF GREEN ECONOMIES

- Low-carbon development
- Enhanced efficiency
- Social equity/inclusiveness

SECTORS IDENTIFIED BY UNEP (2011) AS KEY TO GREENING THE ECONOMY

SECTORS OF GREEN ECONOMY TO ADDRESS

- AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AND FORESTRY
- BUILDING MATERIALS
- ENERGY SUPPLY
- FISHERIES

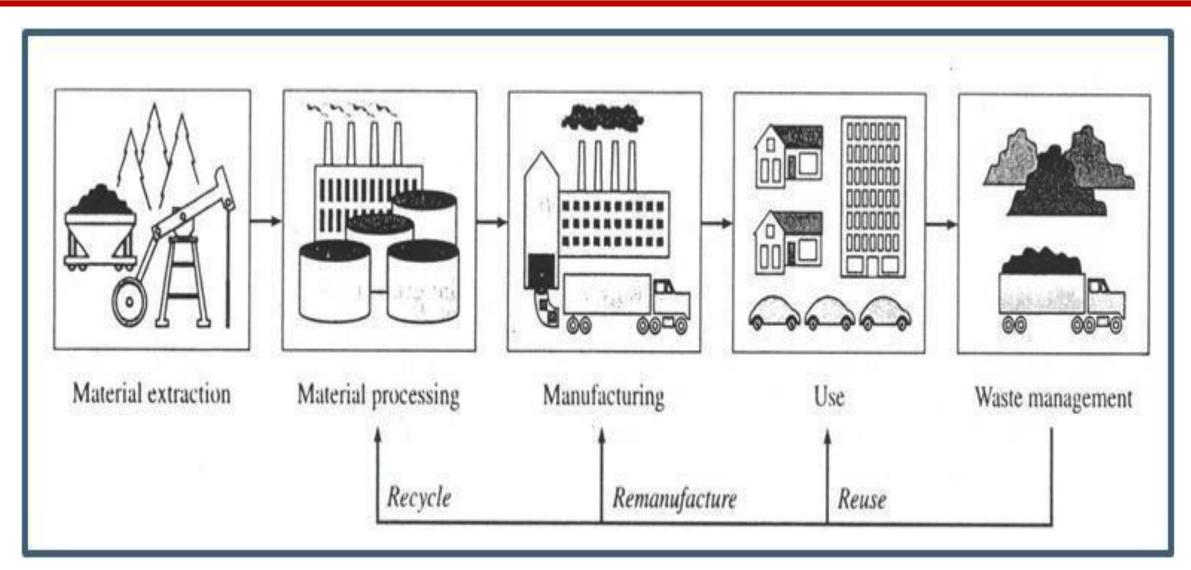
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN INDUSTRY
- TOURISM
- WASTE MANAGEMENT
- WATER SYSTEMS

 80% of Africa's employment derives from agriculture, mineral exploitation, fishing and forestry (UNESEC, 2011)

SIGNIFICANCE OF GREEN ECONOMY INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA

- On July 15, 2021, the African Union Commission (AUC) launched a 5-year Continental Green Recovery Action Plan 2021-2027.
- The African Development Bank (AfDB) (Undated) estimates that with proper capacity building, the private sector can exploit 75% of about US \$3 trillion investment opportunities that climate change will generate in Africa by 2030.
- The World Meteorological Organization (2021) as reported in Africa Report (2021), estimates that African countries are spending 2-9% of their GDP on climate change adaptation and mitigation.

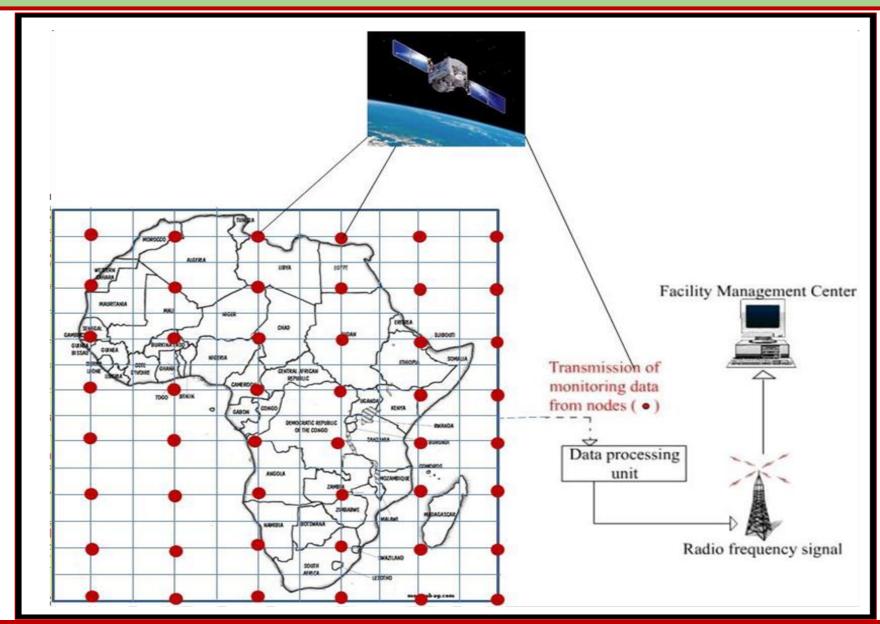
NATURAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION, PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING PROCESSES HAS SUPPORTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT HAS GENERATED WASTES AND ECOLOGICAL CHALLENGES AT VARIOUS STAGES: GREEN ECONOMY SHOULD PROMOTE RECYCLING, REMANUFACTURING AND REUSE (RRR) AND WASTE MANAGEMENT LOOPS



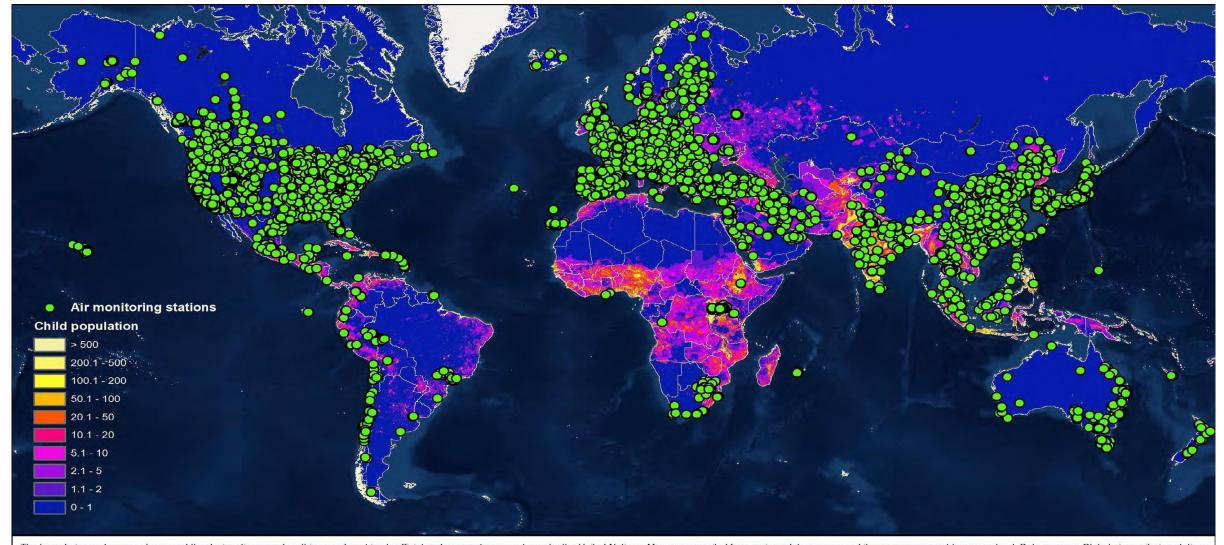
CATALOG OF OPTIONS FROM WHICH MEASURES CAN BE SELECTED, OPTIMIZED AND IMPLEMENTED TO ADAPT TO ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES

OPTION CATEGORIES	EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC OPTIONS
1. Engineering	a. Revegetationb. Ground Stabilizationc. Wind breaksd. Surface water cleanup
2. Communication/Education	a. Community outreachb. Formal educationc. Technical guidanced. Research support
3. Regulation	 a. Code of standards in construction b. Banning of products (in agriculture) c. Facility sitting controls (e.g. EIA) d. Facility controls
4. Enforcement	a. Litigation b. Fines
5. Market Incentives	a. Tax reliefb. Relaxation of controlsc. Subsidies for sustainable farmingd. Direct purchase of friendly products
6. International/Inter-Governmental Cooperation	a. International treatiesb. International standards (ISO)c. Tariffs on goodsd. Foreign on goods
7. Environmental Management Systems	 a. Application of technology and techniques to mitigate risks, and direct use by communities for operations and planning.

EXISTING DATA THAT ARE GIVEN VARIOUS SPATIO-TEMPORAL COORDINATES NEED TO BE INTERLINKED WITH MORE RECENT DATA THAT CAN BE GENERATED BY SATELLITES AND TRANSFERRED BY BOTH SATELLITE AND CABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

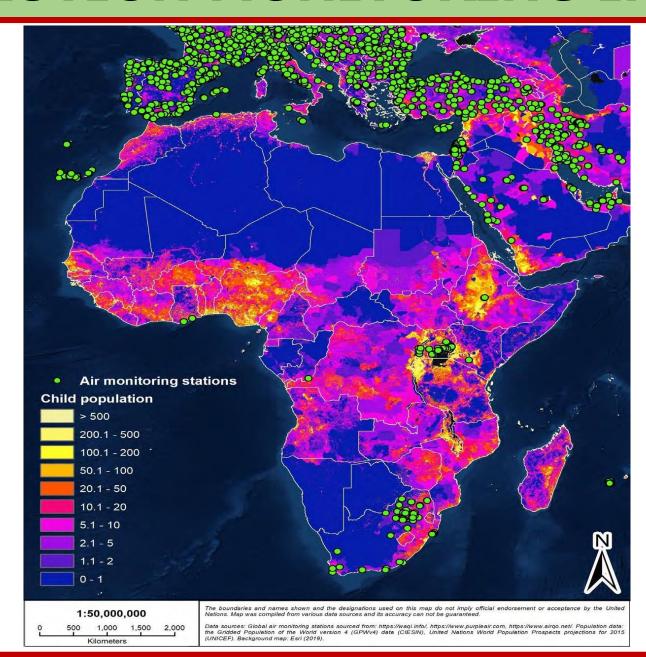


REAL-TIME AIR POLLUTION MONITORING STATIONS GLOBALLY NOTE THE SPARSITY OF MONITORING STATIONS IN AFRICA



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AIR POLLUTION MONITORING IN AFRICA



SECTION B

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS THE GENERATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND ASSOCIATED SOCIAL CONFLICTS

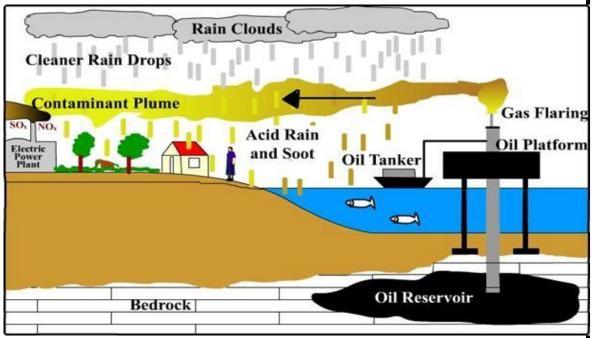
AIR POLLUTION (1)

- Dust emissions
- Industrial stack emissions
- Acid rain

- Chemical vapors
- Noise pollution and control
- Ozone depletion

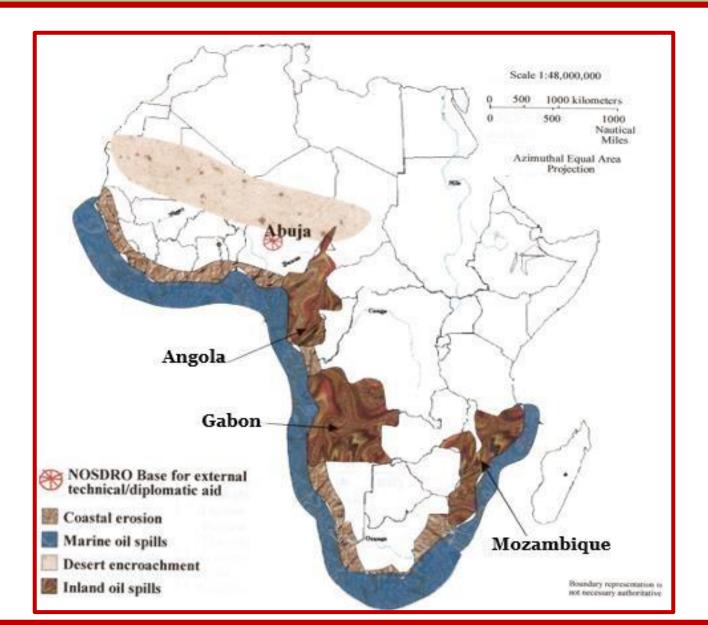


Air pollutant emissions from factories



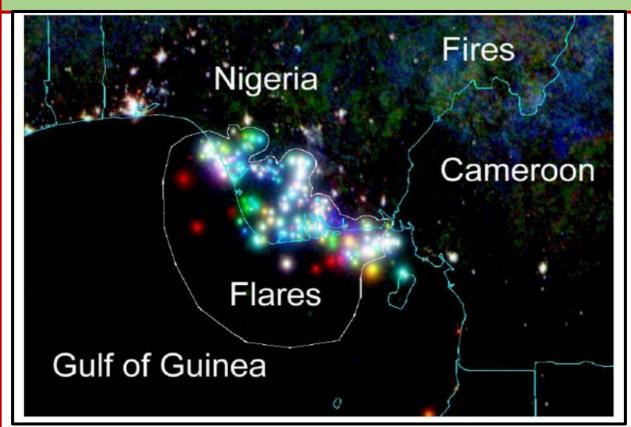
Depiction of air pollutant emissions from oil platforms through gas flaring (Inyang, 2010)

COASTAL COUNTRIES IN WEST, SOUTHERN AND EAST AFRICA HAVE COASTAL MARINE OIL POLLUTION PROBLEMS (INYANG, 2010)



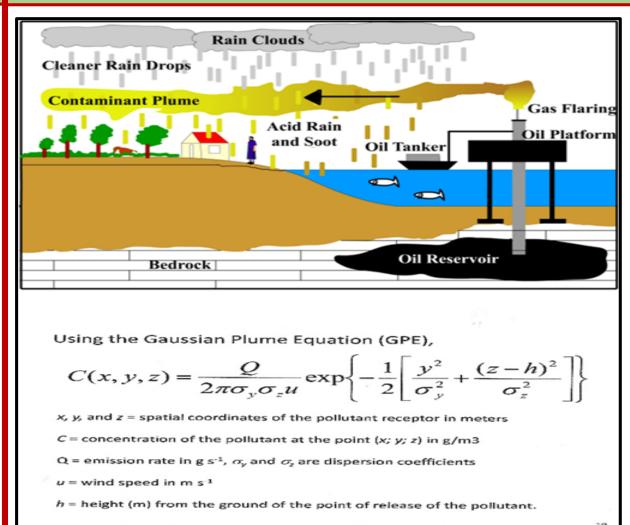
AIR POLLUTION (2)

NIGHT-TIME SATELLITE PICTURES HAVE SHOWN THE INTENSITY OF GAS FLARING IN THE NIGER DELTA OF NIGERIA



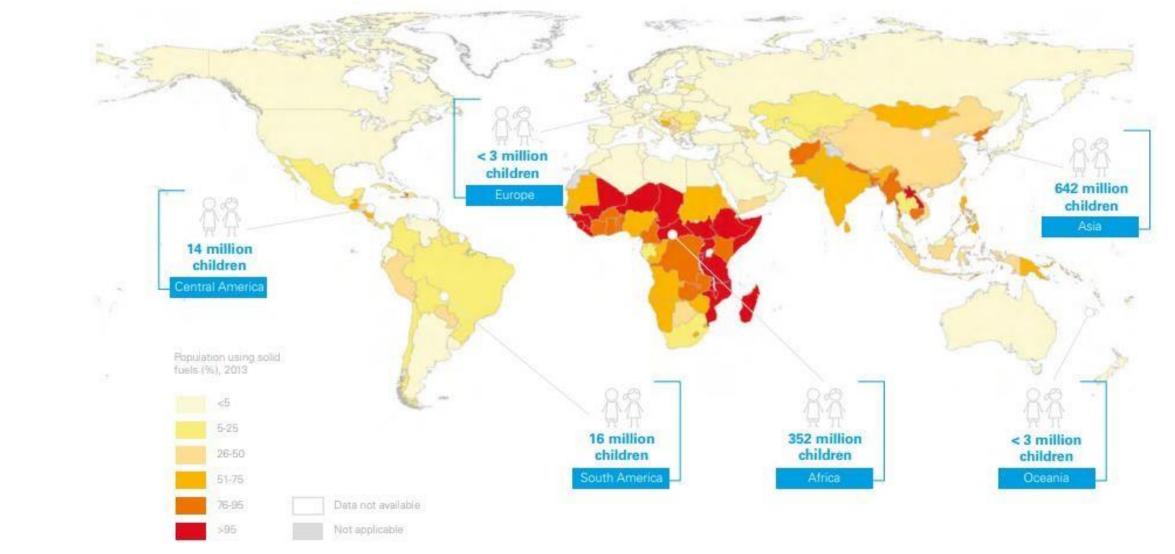
(Color Composite of Nighttime Gas Flares in The Coastal Region of Nigeria (1992 In Blue, 2000 In Green And 2006 In Red) (NASA)

DEPICTION OF GAS FLARING IN THE NIGER DELTA OF NIGERIA WHICH IS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACID RAIN (Inyang)



OVER 1 BILLION CHILDREN LIVE IN HOMES WHERE SOLID FUELS ARE USED IN COOKING AND HEATING

(POPULATION USING SOLID FUELS (%), 2013)



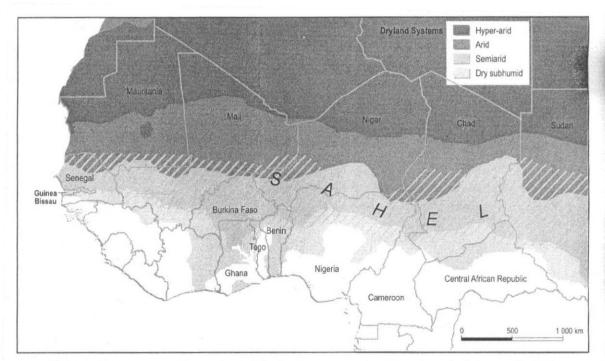
ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM IMPACTS

DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHTS

THE WEST AFRICAN SAHEL: WILL EXPAND SOUTHWARDS AS THE DESERTIFICATION GROWS AS AN IMPACT OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE. ABUJA MAY BE MARGINALLY AFFECTED BY DRY SPELLS.

THE IMPACTS ARE NOT ONLY REGIONAL BUT GLOBAL AS THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF AIRBORNE SOIL PARTICLES CAUSES ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN MANY COUNTRIES

(GIANT DUST STORM ABOVE NORTHWESTERN AFRICA BLOWS OUT INTO THE ATLANTIC OVER THE CANARY ISLANDS ON FEBRUARY 11, 2001)



Note: The Cape Verde Islands, although not included in the map, are also defined as Sahel. Prepared by Philippe Rekacewicz and Emmanuelle Bournay of UNEP/Grid-Arendal.

Source: Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005).



Source: Dale, D. W., Kellogg, C.A., Garrison, V.H., and Shinn, E.A. (2002). "The Global Transport of dust: an intercontinental river of dust, microorganisms and toxic chemicals flows through the Earth's atmosphere". American Scientist Magazine, May-June Issue, pp. 228-235

RESOURCE DAMAGES, OCCUPATIONAL LOSSES, POLLUTION AND COMMUNAL CONFLICT FACTORS HAVE CONTINUED TO THREATEN ECOLOGICAL SAFETY OF COASTAL MARINE AREAS OF AFRICA (A AND B IN NIGERIA; AND C AND D IN SOUTH AFRICA)

A. Oil spillages and fish mortality due to spreading of contaminant resulting from climate change will diminish fishing as an occupation

C. Oil spill near Robben Island affects penguins (South Africa) | Posted by: The ocean update | September 3, 2012 (SABC)



Source: maryelikafoundation death of biodiversity.



 ${f B}_{ullet}$ Threats to farming by land losses (due to erosion and submergence) and pollution will increase in the Niger Delta

D. Oil Spills in South Africa. By Jane | Ocean Adventure (December 2, 2014) | (https://oceanadventures.co.za/oil-spills-south-africa/)

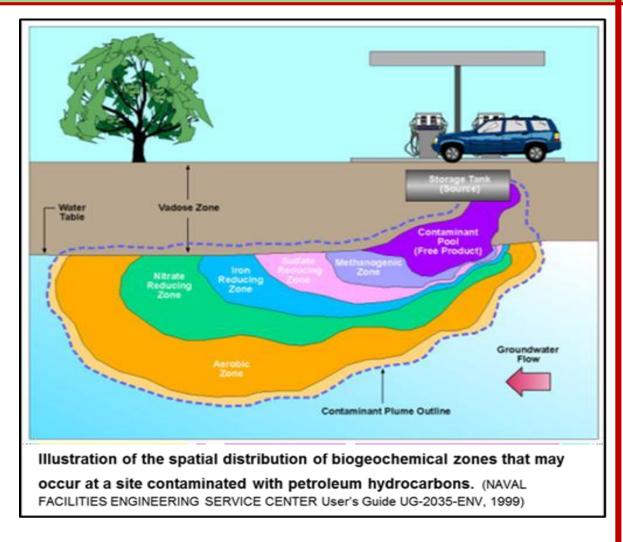


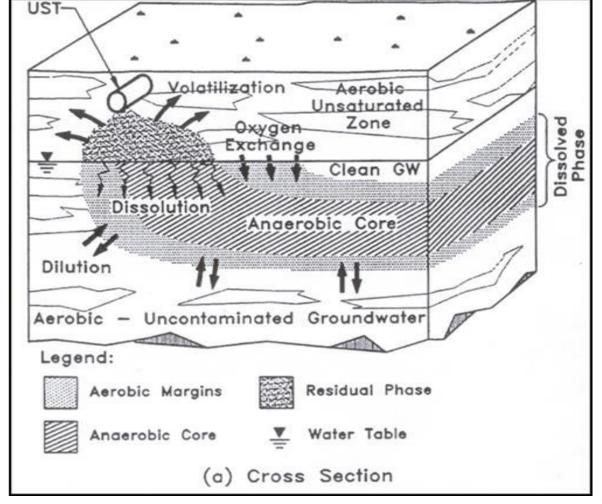
Source: inhabitat.com



THOUSANDS OF BURIED UNDERGROUND TANKS FOR PETROL ARE POSSIBLY LEAKING ALL OVER AFRICAN MUNICIPALITIES AND MAY CONTAMINATE BOREHOLE WATER WITH KNOWN IMPACTS ON HUMAN HEALTH WITHOUT MONITORING AND MITIGATIVE ACTIONS

DEPICTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FATE AND TRANSPORT PROCESSES IN THE SUBSURFACE: SOME PROCESSES WILL BE ENHANCED BY HIGHER SOIL TEMPERATURE AND ELEVATION OF THE WATER TABLE IN NIGERIA DURING WET SEASONS



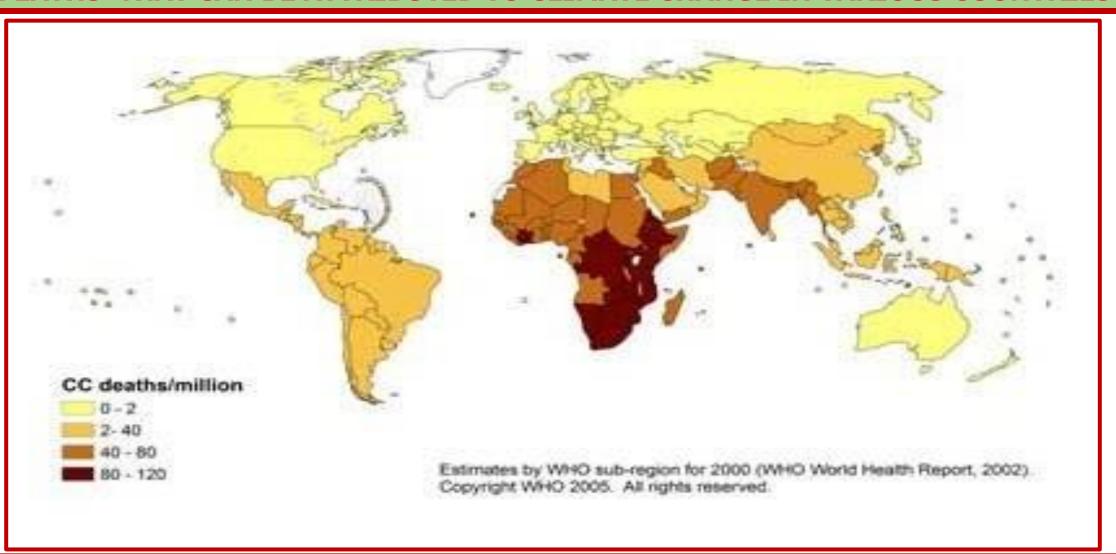


SECTION C

HUMAN HEALTH IMPACTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN AFRICA

HUMAN MORTALITY IMPACTS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

DEATHS THAT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES



HEALTH IMPACTS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

HUMAN INTAKE OF CONTAMINANTS THAT WILL BE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE BY GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

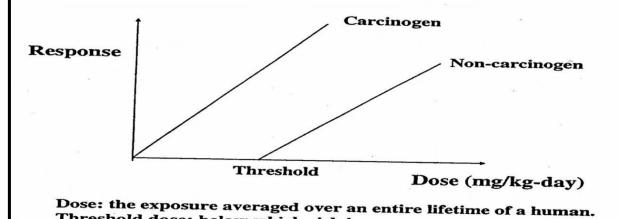
THERE ARE DIRECT QUANTITATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CONTAMINANT CONCENTRATION IN AIR, SOIL & WATER AND HUMAN INTAKE, WITH **POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS**

THE BASIC EQUATION OF HUMAN EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT THAT CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH CONTAMINATE IS TAKEN IN BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EXPOSED TO IT OVER A GIVEN TIME INTERVAL

SOME CONTAMINANTS TAKEN IN BY RESIDENTS BY POLLUTED AREAS REQUIRE THRESHOLD DOSES FOR MANIFESTATION OF DISEASES JUST BECAUSE IT HAS NOT HAPPENED YET DOES NOT MEAN IT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE

$$IN = \frac{(C)(IR)(ABS)(EF)(ED)}{(BW)(AT)}$$

$$C(t) = f(\int_{0}^{t} V_{t} \partial t)$$

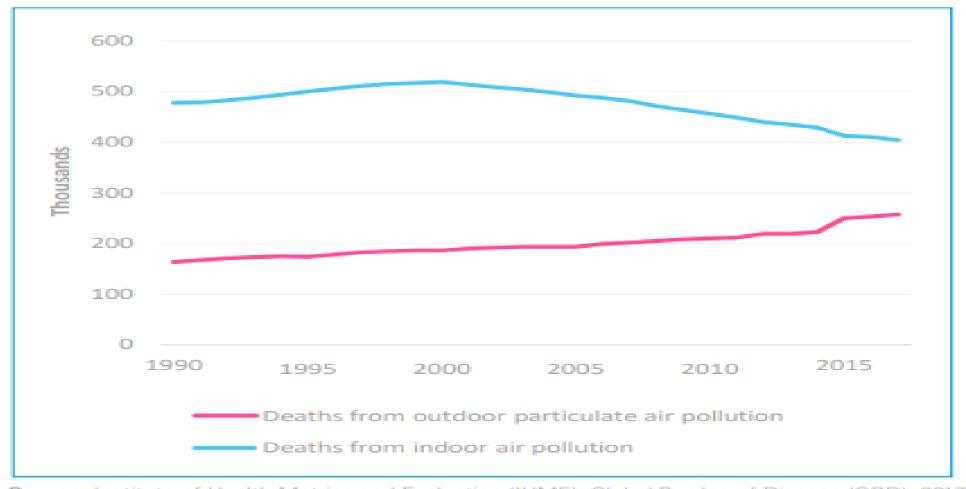


Threshold dose: below which risk is zero.

- = the intake defined as the amount of a specific chemical in a contaminated medium taken (mg/kg of body weight per day).
- = the average chemical concentration contacted over the exposure period (mg/L for liquid and gases, and mg/mg for solids);
- = the intake rate defined as the amount of the contaminated medium contacted per unit of time or event (mg/day or L/day)
- ABS = fraction of contaminants that are absorbed
- = the upper-bound value of the exposure frequency (day/year)
- = the upper-bound value of the exposure duration (years)
- BW = the average body weight over the exposure period (kg)
- = the average time period over which exposure is averaged (exposure duration for non-carcinogens and 70 years for carcinogens)
- = the volume of contaminant released at the performance time frame of interest, t

AIR POLLUTION AS THE MOST DAMAGING ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN MORTALITY AND HEALTH

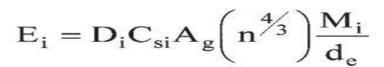
ABSOLUTE NUMBER OF DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO AMBIENT (OUTDOOR) AIR POLLUTION, AND TO HOUSEHOLD POLLUTION FROM COOKING AND HEATING (1990-2017)



MASS EXPOSURE OF PEOPLE TO HYDROCARBON FUMES DURING QUEUES AT PETROL STATIONS IN AFRICA IS DAMAGING TO HUMAN HEALTH

TRAFFIC JAMS IN MANY AFRICAN CITIES EXEMPLIFIED BY THE SITUATION IN LAGOS, ENABLES EXPOSURE OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO AUTO EMISSIONS DAILY





E_i = emission rate of contaminant i (M/T)

 D_i = diffusion coefficient of contaminant i in air (L²/T)

 C_s = saturation vapor concentration of contaminant i (M/L³)

A_o= exposed area on the ground surface (L²)

n = total porosity of the soil (fraction)

Mi= mole fraction of the toxic contaminant i in the waste (mole/mole)

de= effective depth of the soil cover



The Basic Equation of Human Exposure Assessment: $IN = \frac{(C)(IR)(ABS)(EF)(ED)}{(BW)(AT)}$ $C(t) = f(\int V_t \partial t)$ = the intake defined as the amount of 9 specific chemical in a contaminated medium taken (mg/kg of body weight per day). = the average chemical concentration contacted over the exposure period (mg/L for liquid and gases, and mg/mg for solids); = the intake rate defined as the amount of the contaminated medium contacted per unit of time or event (mg/day or L/day) = fraction of contaminants that are absorbed = the upper-bound value of the exposure frequency (day/year) = the upper-bound value of the exposure duration (years) = the average body weight over the exposure period (kg) = the average time defined as the time period over which exposure is averaged (exposure duration for non-carcinogens and 70 years for carcinogens) = Volume of contaminant released at the performance time frame of interest, t

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL COMPONENTS OF COMMON (HOUSEHOLD) PRODUCTS IN MOST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, SOME OF WHICH MAY END UP IN DOMESTIC BOREHOLE WATER THAT IS CONSUMED (1)

PRODUCT	TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS
Antifreeze (gasoline or coolant systems)	Methanol, ethylene glycol
Automatic transmission fluid	Petroleum distillates, xylene
Battery acid (electrolyte)	Sulfuric acid
Degreasers for driveways and garages	Petroleum solvents ,alcohols, glycol ether
Degreasers for engines and metal	Chlorinated hydrocarbons, toluene, phenols, dichloroperchloroethylene
Engine and radiator flushes	Petroleum solvents, ketones, butanol, glycol ether
Hydraulic fluid (brake fluid)	Hydrocarbons, fluorocarbons
Motor oils and waste oils	Hydrocarbons
Gasoline and jet fuels	Hydrocarbons
Diesel fuel, kerosene, #2 heating oil	Hydrocarbons
Grease, lubes	Hydrocarbons
Rustproofers	Phenols, heavy metals
Car wash detergents	Alkyl benzene sulfonates
Car waxes and polishes	Petroleum distillates, hydrocarbons
Asphalt and roofing tar	Hydrocarbons
Paints, varnishes, stains and dyes	Heavy metals, toluene
Paint and lacquer thinner	Acetone, benzene, toluene, butyl acetate, methyl ketones
Paint and varnish removers, deglossers	Methylene chloride, toulene, acetone, xylene, ethanol, benzene, methanol

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL COMPONENTS OF COMMON (HOUSEHOLD) PRODUCTS IN MOST AFRICAN COUNTRIES, SOME OF WHICH MAY END UP IN DOMESTIC BOREHOLE WATER THAT IS CONSUMED (2)

PRODUCT	TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS COMPONENTS
Paint brush cleaners	Hydrocarbons, toulene, acetone, methanol, glycol ethers, methyl ethyl ketones
Floor and furniture strippers	Xylene
Metal polishes	Petroleum distillates, isopropanol, petroleum naptha
Laundry soil and stain removers	Hydrocarbons, benzene, trichloroethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane
Other solvents	Acetone, benzene
Rock salt	Sodium concentration
Refrigerants	1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane
Bug and tar removers	Xylene, petroleum distillates
Household cleansers, oven cleaners	Xylenols, glycol ethers, isopropanol
Drain cleaners	1,1,1-trichloroethane
Toilet cleaners	Xylene, sulfonates, chlorinated phenols
Cesspool cleaners	Tetrachloroethylene, dichlorobenzene, methylene chloride
Disinfectants	Cresol, xylenols
Pesticides (all types)	Naphthalene, phosphorous, xylene, chloroform, heavy metals, chlorinated hydrocar
Photochemicals	Phenols, sodium sulfite, cyanide, silver halide, potassium bromide
Printing ink	Heavy metals, phenol-formaldehyde
Wood preservatives (creosote)	Pentachlorophenols
Swimming pool chlorine	Sodium hypochlorite
Lye or caustic soda	Sodium hydroxide

MINING WASTE PILES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND MANY MINERAL-RICH AFRICAN COUNTRIES CAN GENERATE HEALTH-DAMAGING GAMMA RADIATION THROUGH RADIOACTIVE DECAYS OF RADIOLOGICAL WASTES:

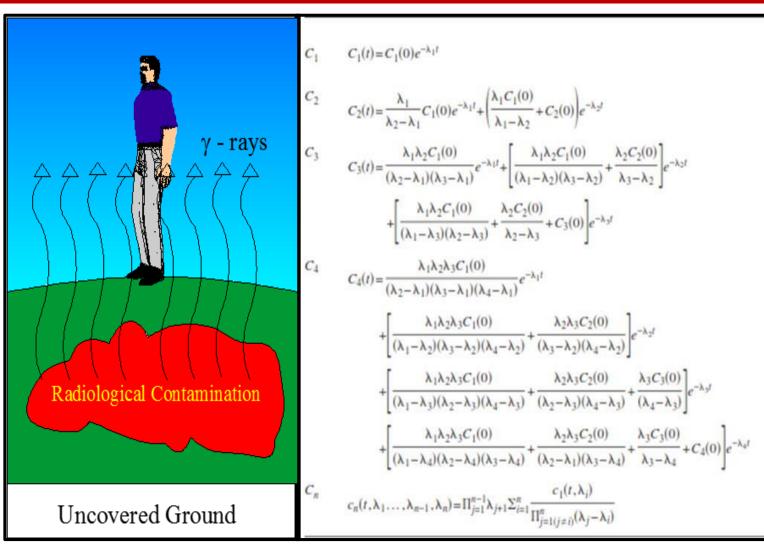
THIS PROBLEM HAVE NOT BEEN INVESTIGATED MUCH IN AFRICA



Drilling and blasting creates large volumes of radioactive dust. Photo: Andrey Serebryakov. (Dr Stefan Cramer (2016). Uranium mining threatens South Africa's iconic Karoo. Ecologist.



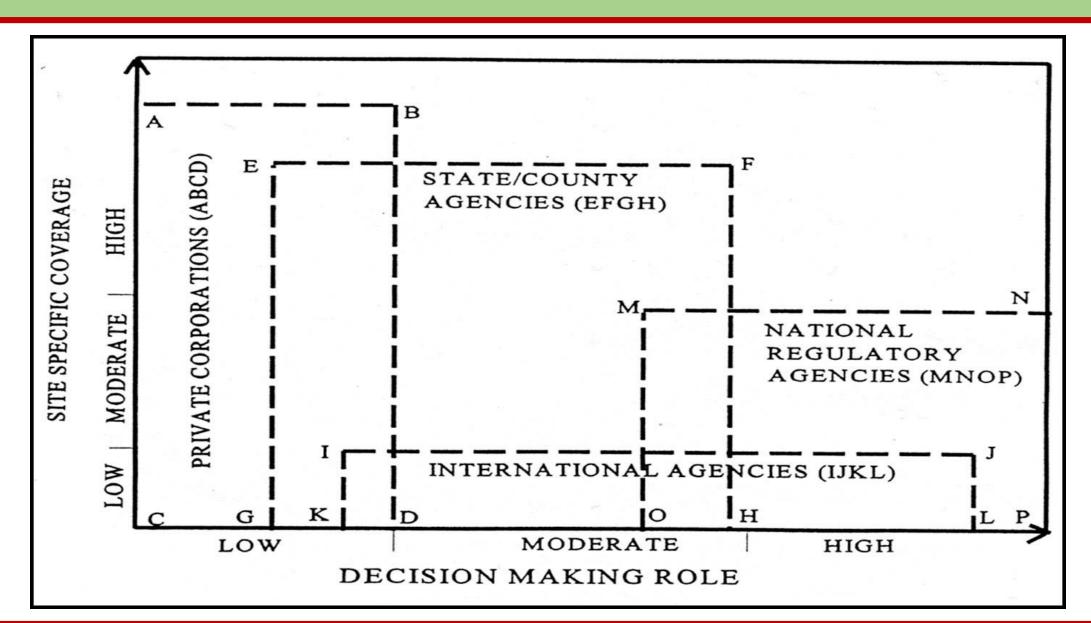
Johannesburg's Soweto Riverlea neighbourhood in the shadow of a gold mine slag heap. Photograph: Alamy



SECTION D

FRAMING GREEN ECONOMY TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN VARIOUS SECTORS

JURISDICTIONAL COVERAGE OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ON IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS



THE ENERGY SECTOR IS CRITICAL TO GREEN ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT AND A MAJOR SECTOR ON WHICH TO ENGAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR

 Energy Accessibility: Affordability of reliable energy services for which payment is made

2. Energy Availability: Continuous availability of reliable and

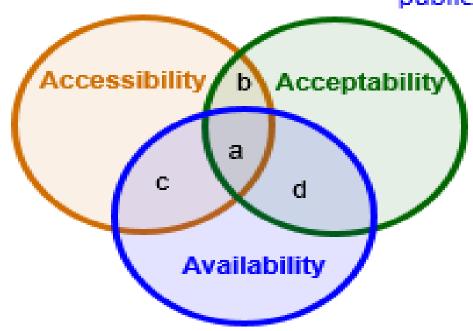
efficient energy

3. Energy Acceptability: amenability of the energy sources to be

produced, transmitted, and used in ways

that preserve the environment and gain

public acceptance



- a. Excellent market prospects
- b. Very good market prospects
- c. Fair market prospects
- d. Low market prospects

OPTIONAL ENERGY SYSTEMS

(MAIN CATEGORIES)

- Coal-fired Systems
- Hydrocarbon Oil or Gas-fired Systems
- Solar Energy Systems
- Wind Energy Systems
- Nuclear Energy Systems
- Hydropower Systems
- Geothermal Energy Systems
- Renewable Fuels
 Biofuels; Hydrogen; Fuel Cells; and Others

POSSIBLE MARKET EXPANSION MEASURES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS THAT THE PUBLIC SECTOR SHOULD PROMOTE IN ORDER TO GREEN THE ECONOMY (1)

1. Expansion of Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)

- Pushing for Net-Zero 20XX energy policies
- Locally appropriate time-frame
- Trading of renewable energy credits
- Provision of tax incentives

2. Improvement (Technical & Policy) of Connectivity of Distributed Energy Systems to General Grids

- Grid blockage systems for maintenance
- Development of power quality requirements for renewables connection

POSSIBLE MARKET EXPANSION MEASURES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS THAT THE PUBLIC SECTOR SHOULD PROMOTE IN ORDER TO GREEN THE ECONOMY (2)

3. Public Ownership of Interconnection Equipment

- Synchronizing relays
- Isolation transformers
- Over and under-voltage protection equipment
- Inverters (DC to AC)

4. Liberalization of the Energy Market Including:

- Development of legal and institutional frameworks
- Investment risk assessment & management
- Cost based pricing mechanisms
- Cross-border cooperation and integration

5. Development of International and Inter-regional-transmission Lines with Multiple Connection Points, Especially, in Developing Countries

POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT METHODS TO SUPPORT THE ENERGY SECTOR FOR PROMOTION OF GREEN ECONOMY IN AFRICA (1)

A. Increase Research Support to the Levels of other Economic Sectors

- Reduction of costs and improvement of efficiency
- Improvement of energy storage systems
- Development of industrial-scale hybrid renewable systems

B. Generate Innovation In Electric Power Systems

- Increase in renewables to 30%
- Implementation of cleaner coal technologies
- Promotion of coal gasification technologies
- Construction of combined cycle power plants
- Switching from coal-fired to gas-fired power plants

POSSIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT METHODS TO SUPPORT THE ENERGY SECTOR FOR PROMOTION OF GREEN ECONOMY IN AFRICA (2)

C. Transportation Fuels

- Environmentally-friendly drilling procedures
- Use of biodegradable and non-toxic drilling fluids
- Better management of brine, oil spillages & refinery wastes
- Cessation of gas flaring
- Reduction in the use of charcoal
- Switch to biofuels (diversify raw material use)
- Control of emissions from automobiles & fueling stations

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