# RENEWABLE ENERGY Medium-Term Market Report 2012

# **PV** in the selected IEA **publications**

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Market Analysis and Forecasts to 2020

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### **Strong momentum for renewable electricity**

#### **Global renewable electricity generation**



Renewable electricity projected to scale up by 45% from 2013 to 2020

# The role of China

#### **Renewable power annual net capacity additions**



China dominates the capacity additions

# Increasing risks are expected to slow renewable growth



#### **Renewable power annual net capacity additions**

PV, wind and hydropower dominate the capacity additions

# Rapid cost decrease for PV systems...

#### Historical and projected typical solar PV investment costs



Notes: investment costs are overnight costs and include value-added tax or sales tax where relevant; costs are indicative and may not represent all transactions. National currencies converted to USD at average 2013 exchange rates. Historical data points omitted for Australia where market was not well established. Global reference is the estimated global weighted average.

Source: IEA analysis based on IEA-PVPS (Implementing Agreement for a Co-operative Programme on Photovoltaic Power Systems) (2014a), PV Cost Data for the IEA, personal communication; SEIA (Solar Energy Industries Association)/GTM Research (Greentech Media) (2014), US Solar Market Insight, GTM and SEIA, Washington, DC.

# Socket parity emerging as potential deployment driver for distributed PV



Economic attractiveness from offsetting electricity bill requires self-using most of the PV electricity

Currently limits potential, in particular for households

Reaching socket parity is a driver for private actors

 But PV may still have significant impact on total system costs, in particular depending on allocation of fixed network costs

### **Higher solar PV under enhanced case**

600 500 Cumulative capacity (GW) 400 300 200 100 0 2013 2020 2020 Baseline Enhanced High Baseline Rest of World United Kingdom 🔳 Australia France 🔳 India Italy United States Germany China apan 🖉

#### Solar PV cumulative capacity, baseline versus enhanced case

- With certain market and policy enhancements -
  - Fair rules and appropriate electricity rate design for allocating the costs and benefits from fast-growing distributed solar PV
  - Greater implementation of ambitious policy aims (e.g. Middle East)
  - Faster-than-expected decreases in solar PV costs
- Solar PV capacity could top 500 GW globally in 2020

## New modelling results





Increased role of renewables in ETP 2014 climatefriendly electricity mix



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## Solar deployment in the hi-Ren



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- In the hi-Ren PV and STE increase by 50% over the 2DS
- PV + STE first source of electricity from 2040 on.



**Photovoltaic Energy** 



Solar Thermal Electricity

2014 Edition

# IEA Technology roadmaps for solar electricity: the 2014 editions



Technology Roadmap

2014 edition



Forthcoming end of September



Technology Roadmap

2014 edition



### Main messages to policy makers

Solutions to future development rest in policy makers' hands

- Policy risk main barrier to investment
- Policies to focus on cost-efficiency
  - But policy changes must be predictable, and retroactive changes must be avoided
- Given capital-intensive nature, renewables require market context that assures reasonable and predictable returns
- Resolving governance question will be key for investor certainty in post-2020 EU framework
- Muddled signals may send the wrong messages about renewables at a time when newer markets have opportunity to leapfrog to more flexible and cleaner energy systems