



The global use of biomass for energy Can diverging agendas be merged?





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- RWE: power plants in UK and Netherlands to substitute coal
- Berlin: LED Strategy includes switching from brown coal to biomass (wood)
- Denmark: 33% renewables (2030), fossil free (2050)
- USA: Use of wood energy for heating has grown by 30% between 2000 – 2010.
- Europe: Increasing household demand for wood for heating















Wood Energy in Africa – Economics

Wood energy as principle energy source:

- ➔ Wood energy accounts for 70-90% of total energy use
- ➔ Rural (fuelwood) vs. urban (charcoal)
- → Charcoal is a vibrant sector of the economy:
- Annual value of USD 8 billion (2030: USD12 billion)
- Employment & livelihoods: 7 million people (2030: 12 million)
- 2030: one billion consumers
- Annually several hundreds of millions of dollars in forgone revenue collection (Kenya: USD 65 million, Tanzania: USD 100 million)







Wood Energy Drivers in Africa – Urbanization



Population without access to electricity [in millions]



Urbanization & Population Growth

City	'50	' 90	' 00	'10	'2 5	Solid Fuel	PG 05-10	DT 05-10	PG 10-25	DT 10-25
Kinshasa		3,520	5,414	8,415	14,535	68.7%	4.46%	15.9	3.71%	19.0
Maputo		776	1,019	1,132	1,823	65.0%	1.10%	63.5	3.23%	21.8
Kampala		755	1,097	1,594	3,540	73.5%	3.83%	18.4	5.47%	13.0
Dar es Salaam		1,316	2,116	3,415	7,276	79.5%	4.94%	14.4	5.17%	13.7

PG = *Population Growth; DT* = *Doubling Time*

More forests – less forest?



Projected growth in plantations



Meeting Future Forest Product Demand



Source: Global Vision for Forests 2050 Project

- 1. Can these agendas be merged and how?
- 2. What is the role for the private sector?
- How can it be done to achieve economic development (poverty & prosperity)
- 4. What are the obstacles and challenges?















