

# Laos renewable energy and distributed generation

Renewable energy can be competitive in fossil energy market in the following sectors: Power generation, water heating and space warming, biofuels for transportation, and rural energy service (off-grid).

This study aims to forecast energy supply and demand in Lao PDR from 2020 to 2050 and to determine the country's potential for energy savings and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emission reduction, improved energy efficiency, and feasible renewable development if Lao PDR uses or implements certain alternative policy scenarios (APSs).

renewable hydrogen and ammonia as crucial energy carriers that can support the transition of Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) towards a net-zero emissions status and sustainable energy system.

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The Renewable Energy Development Strategy in Lao PDR of 2011 aims to encourage the development of renewable energy sources at a national level. The Strategy gives (1) an overview of renewable energy and its potential in the country; (2) lays out strategy and policy; and (3) presents possible implementation measures for RE deployment

Laos' 2011 Renewable Energy Development Strategy aims to achieve a renewable energy share of 30% in total energy consumption by 2025. The policy encourages investment in renewables and small power development for self-sufficiency and grid connection.

Increase Energy export to boost national socio-economic development; Reserve coal for domestic use and power generation; Increase power export to 12,000 MW by 2020, 7,000 MW to Thailand and 5,000 MW to Viet Nam. Increase a share of other renewable energy to 30% in the total energy mix by 2025;

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launched the Lao PDR Energy Statistics 2018, providing overall energy information about energy demand and supply. The data and statistics have greatly benefited the policy planning in areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and best energy mix to maintain energy security.

developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided

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