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**Transition to Sustainable, Secure Energy Future
City of Cape Town**

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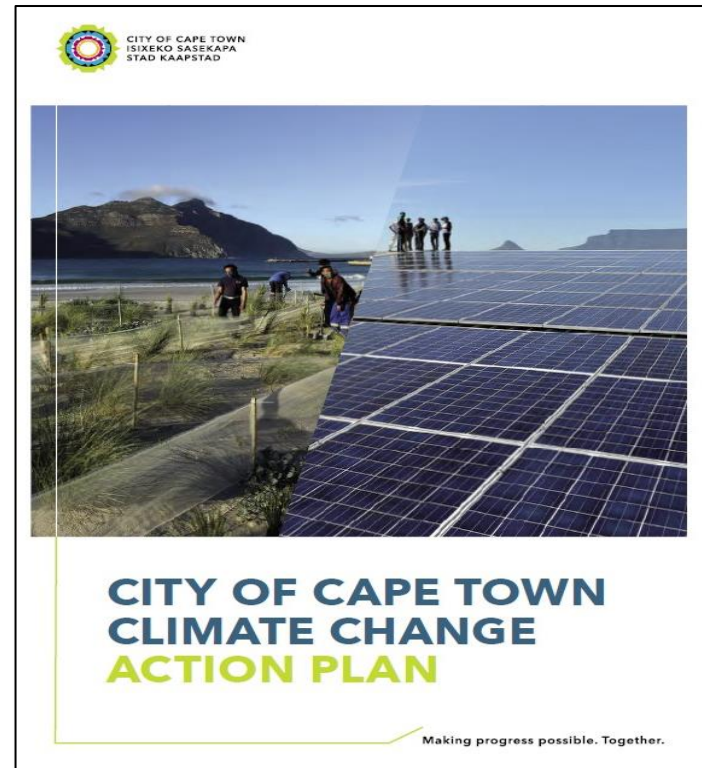
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CoCT Climate Action Imperative (RE Program)

- City will contribute to reduction in climate change impacts that risk socio-economic development, environmental sustainability, and human health and well-being
- Becoming leader in transitioning to competitive, resilient and efficient green economy key objective
- Entered into global climate change action commitment with C40

SFA 8: Zero-emission buildings and precincts



SFA 7: Carbon-neutral energy for work creation and economic development



Credit: GreenCape

CoCT Embedded IPP Program

- Embedded IPP Tender launched in Feb2022
- Targeting “lower carbon energy” embedded IPPs up to 200MW
- Fully lifted licensing exemption threshold may speed up process
- City will still conduct grid integration studies to ensure network stability
- Energy cost savings key benefit being pursued by program
- Increase in RE components globally poses risk to meeting tariff cap
- Proposed tariff regime encourages supply of energy over peaks
- Energy may be available for LS mitigation / peak shaving
- First power expected end 2025



Very encouraging response received from market so additional bid windows planned for future

Own-Generation: Atlantis Solar PV

- Atlantis Solar PV project will be 10MW facility connected directly to the City's network
- Sited in Atlantis on vacant land between existing industrial and residential zones (Wesfleur)
- First City utility scale Solar PV plant
- Site will be “future-proofed” to accommodate battery storage
- City has taken investment decision to move project into DD phase
- Execution start planned Q1 of 2023
- Localisation of benefits key component of project objectives



Successful development and execution of Atlantis Solar PV will serve as “lighthouse” project for City – we can go bigger/better

Own-Generation: Paardevlei Solar PV

- City owned Site in Somerset West area (400ha)
- Potentially suitable land parcels identified for 50 - 60MW Solar PV
- Project may include battery storage, depending on timing
- Depending on operating regime ~ can support LS Mitigation
- City secured support from C40 CFF to assess feasibility in 2022/23
- FID projected in 2024, COD in 2026



**Paardevlei will be significant
“step-up” for City**



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Own-Generation: SSEG Solar PV

Rooftop and Small Groundmounted PV:

- Three projects of between 100kWp to 999kWp fully developed
- Feasibility studies completed and FID received
- Target COD of last installation June 2023
- Second phase under development



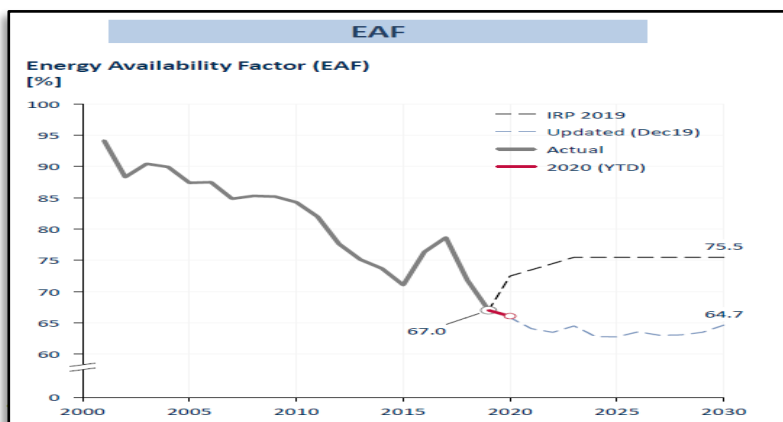
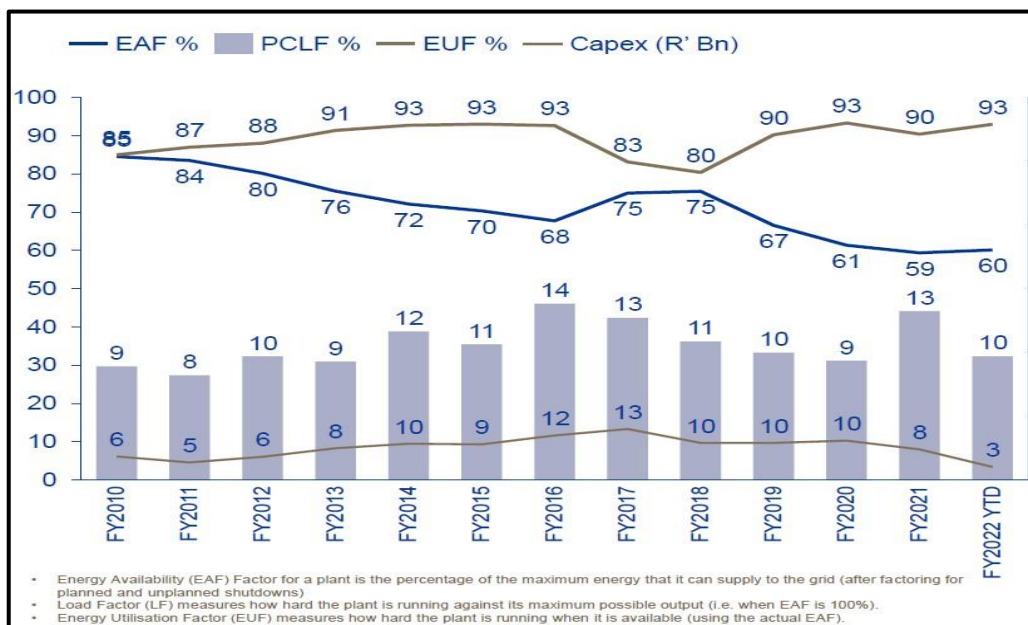
Floating Solar:

- Pilot project at Kraaifontein WWTW
- Assessment of water evaporation reduction, and higher yield due to cooling effect of water proximity
- Pilot and testing period underway until early 2023
- Additional sites under consideration at Bulk Water Facilities



CoCT Energy Security Imperative (Dispatchable Energy Program)

- National energy supply/demand balance ever more precarious
- Most recent Eskom technical performance data points to continuously decreasing EAF and increasing EUF
- Trend does not bode well for machine longevity ~ may lead to widespread generator outages if not stopped
- City does not see improvement in Eskom technical performance over short-medium terms



Statistics of utility-scale power generation in South Africa

H1-2021

(1 Jan 2021 – 30 June 2021)

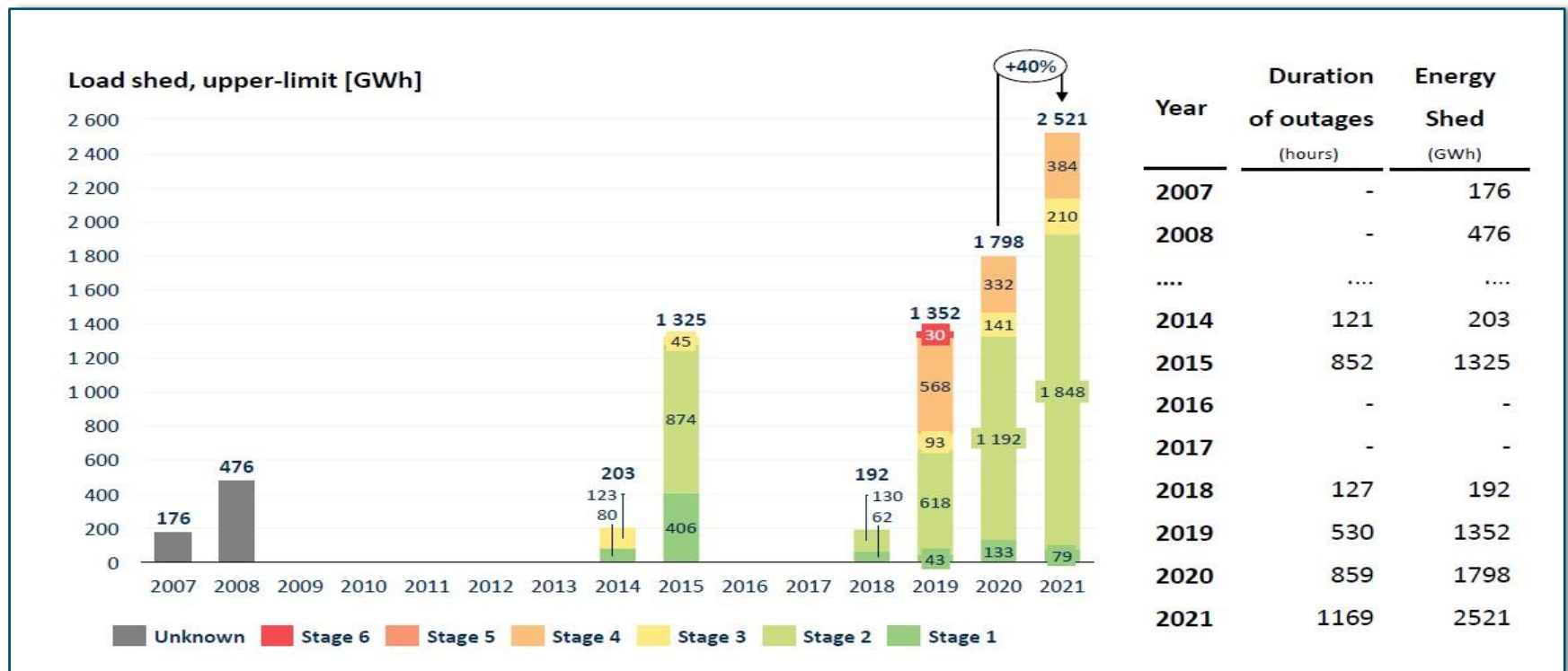
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Loadshedding Stats (CSIR)

- Loadshedding levels have been increasing dramatically since 2017, in line with regression in Eskom technical performance
- Loadshedding events are becoming more frequent, are more severe and decoupling from seasonality – **2022 LS will be worst on record**



Loadshedding Mitigation Fundamentals

- Eskom technical performance **not** going to improve short/medium term
- **Declining EAF and increasing EUF** of aging Eskom coal fleet pointing towards potential catastrophic collapse of the energy supply/demand balance (Status of Black Start facilities unclear)
- However, SA does not have an installed capacity problem (**~50GW vs ~34GW winter peak**) but an inability to extract required energy from installed generation sources to meet demand over day/week/month
- Adequate response must thus not be constrained to a capacity focused solution (MW only) but focus on broader energy requirement
- National/local response must meet two fundamental criteria:
 - **Dispatchability** (can be switched on when required)
 - **Large Energy Output** (High power output over long periods)

The introduction of additional high energy, dispatchable capacity is a non-negotiable

CoCT Dispatchable IPP Program (Initial Design)

- City fully intent on improving energy security and mitigate against loadshedding impacts
- Over medium/long term: MUST either self-build or buy dispatchable, high CF energy - CAPEX burden deciding factor
- Technology agnostic, but MUST be dispatchable and able to generate for extended periods
- Competitive tender process will be followed – probable cost > Eskom
- Impact on tariff remains key consideration
- Larger scale than Embedded IPP Program envisaged
- Wheeling will be allowed
- Higher complexity level; City is procuring TA Services to support program
- First power expected 2026
- Depending on technologies, various infrastructure enablers may be needed



Dispatchable Energy program has significant catalytic potential for economic growth in City and Province

CoCT Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Program

- City will commence utility scale BESS Program in 2023
- Technology is seen as aiding in dispatchability of CoCT energy supply
- Roadmap under development, with significant work done via Greencape and in-house
- Cognisant of declining cost trends in technologies, but also currency, market, logistics and other risks
- Multiple use cases feasible within City to support BESS business case
- Main focus on network investment deferral, back-up supply to critical facilities and (later) arbitrage
- Arbitrage becomes feasible once “critical installed mass” is reached
- Detailed location analysis has been completed, and business case development (per site) next steps



CoCT Electricity Pathways

- City has commissioned 'Electricity Pathways' least-cost study via CSIR
- Provides "roadmap" on various ways for City to reach energy objectives
- Climate resilience objectives to be balanced with energy security needs of citizens, commerce and industry
- Lowering energy cost over time high priority to reduce energy poverty
- Various scenarios modelled to present City with options and costs
- Results support City taking action now
- Grid constraints major factor going forward in ability to implement plan
- Further work to refine results envisaged



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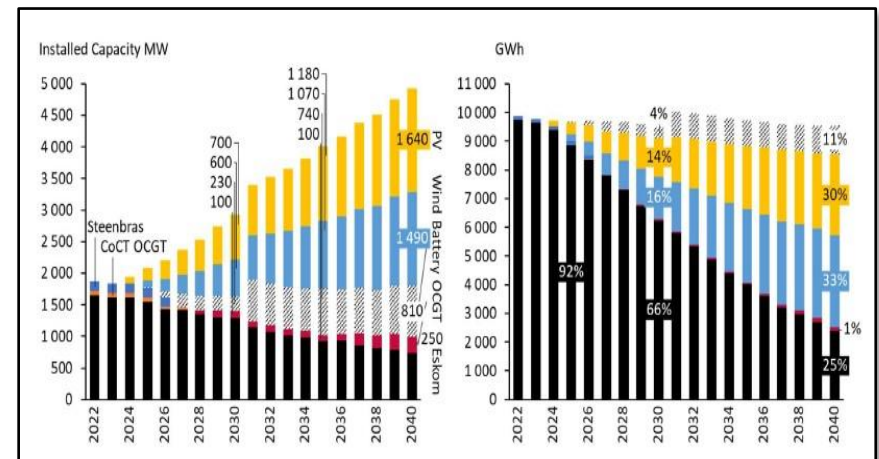
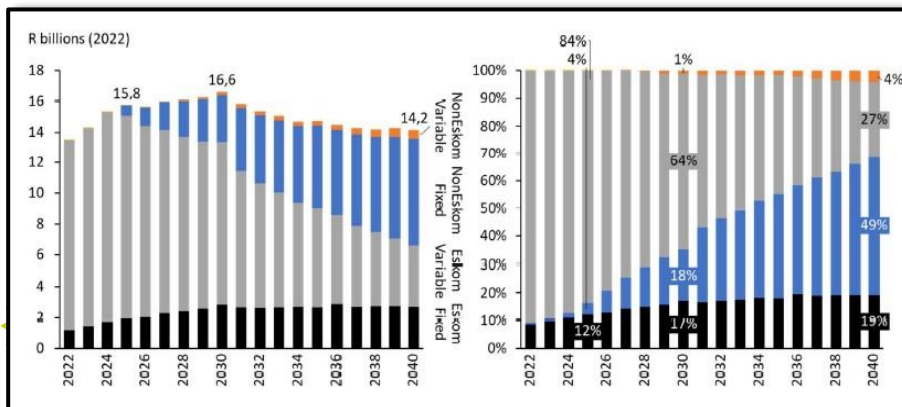
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MUNICIPAL ELECTRICITY MASTER PLAN (MEMP)

Electricity pathways for the City of Cape Town



MEMP will become standing feature in energy transition

Final Thoughts (and more questions)

- **Striking a balance between climate change resilience and energy security is crucial** – this will require the pursuit of an energy mix of different technologies at national and/or local level
- **Lenders will not finance “newbies” on IPP Procurement programs** – in absence of guarantees, can municipalities really “go it alone” to procure energy? Should they?
- **Additional cost burden** of (dispatchable) energy procurement may be bridge too far for Munics that are less strong financially. Is it really the mandate of Munics to pursue this?
- **Increase in RE component costs** may impact ability to meet IPP Procurement tariff cap requirements, while potential **changes in Eskom tariff structure** may impact business case for IPP Procurement and RE own-build projects.
- **Sustainability of local component manufacturing** is critical to ensure price stability and price shock mitigation – how does this align with calls to scrap local content?
- **Access to land** is very real constraint – revised municipal spatial planning process can enable greater availability of land specific to RE development, but is this the best utilisation of (arable/usable) land?
- **Fast-changing power industry and environment** is challenge – we need to cater for changes coming a decade from now in decision-making through sound risk allocation
- **Infrastructure requirements** must be met to ensure success of energy procurement programs (e.g. gas import capacity at ports) – unlocking value chains increases benefits

**The pursuit of a “just” energy transition is a noble goal, but
“justice” for who?**



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Thank You

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