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## Overview

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How much electricity does Panama need?

At the same time, electricity demand in the country has continued to increase, reaching a peak demand of over 1 600 megawatts (MW) in 2015. To meet this growth, Panama introduced wind and solar photovoltaic (PV) energy in 2013, which reached 270 MW and 90 MW of installed capacity by 2016, respectively.

How can Panama adapt its energy system?

To adapt Panama's energy system to this evolving paradigm, a comprehensive plan is needed that considers a rapid growth in demand from the electrification of transport, including from the introduction of expanded metro lines, electric passenger vehicles and electric buses.

Are power system operations in Panama still a 'old paradigm'?

Challenge: Power system operations in Panama still reflect the “old paradigm” of centralised, dispatchable generation units. Given the unique physical conditions of VRE sources, challenges emerge for system operation with high shares of variable renewables.

What type of energy does Panama use?

Buildings in Panama use electricity for lighting, cooling, heating and motive power, while bunker fuel and diesel are used in boilers and furnaces to produce heat, and petroleum coke is used in cement plants. The use of oil products corresponds to more than 80% of the industrial sector's total energy consumption (Figure 8).

What is Panama's national energy plan 2015-2050?

To address these challenges, Panama's National Energy Plan 2015-2050 has started moving the energy sector decisively towards a more diverse energy mix that takes full advantage of the country's significant renewable energy

resource potential. At the core of the plan is a massive scale-up of solar photovoltaic and wind energy.

What are the challenges facing Panama's energy sector?

Challenge: Planning will remain an important cross-cutting area for Panama's energy sector, as planners must cope with rising variability and uncertainty from the envisaged high penetration of solar and wind generation through to 2050.

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