REN21 Renewables 2012 Global Status Report North American Perspective

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Overview of presentation

1) Renewable Energy Market Trends

- Technology development and deployment
- Investments
- Policies

2) Overall potential of renewables

3) Renewable energies as a key pillar to reach North American policy priorities

4) Outlook



Installed Capacity and New Additions/Production by Technology

•The U.S. and Canada are global leaders in total capacity and new additions/production for a number of renewable technologies



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Capacity Added/Production

	New capacity investment	Hydropower capacity	Solar PV capacity	Wind power capacity	Solar hot water/heat capacity ¹	Biodiesel production	Ethanol production
1	China	China	Italy	China	China	United States	United States
2	United States	Vietnam	Germany	United States	Turkey	Germany	Brazil
3	Germany	Brazil	China	India	Germany	Argentina	China
4	Italy	India	United States	Germany	India	Brazil	Canada
5	India	Canada	France	U.K./ Canada	Italy	France	France

Total Installed Capacity End 2011

Solar Installed Capacity

Solar PV: U.S.



•The United States has an estimated solar potential of 200,000 GW [NREL]



CSP: U.S.



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Wind Power Installed Capacity: United States

New Additions



•2nd largest capacity by country at 46,919 MW
•Policy fluctuation has had a significant affect on capacity additions

Cumulative Capacity





Wind Power Installed Capacity: Canada



Canada



•9th largest capacity by country at 5,265 MW (end-2011)
•Ontario accounts for over 1/3 of all Canadian wind power capacity

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Geothermal Installed Capacity

Geothermal Installed Capacity : U.S.



 The U.S. accounts for over ¼ of global geothermal capacity

 Canada has no geothermal electricity generation capacity; however, more than 80,000 geothermal heat pumps are in use



Bioenergy

Ethanol

- U.S. was the world's largest ethanol producer at 54 billion liters in 2011 (63% of global production)
- Canada was the world's 4th largest ethanol producer at 1.8 billion liters in 2011

Biodiesel

- U.S. became the world's largest biodiesel producer at 21.4 billion liters
- 159% growth over 2010 production overtook Germany, Brazil, Argentina and France for top spot

Solid Biomass



FIGURE 8. GLOBAL WOOD PELLET PRODUCTION, 2000-2011



Hydro

Global Hydropower Installed Capacity Share



• The United States has the world's 3rd largest hydropower installed capacity, Canada ranks 4th

Hydroelectricity Consumption in the US and Canada



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Policies and Investment Overview

- 1. Trends in renewable energy investment
- 2. Regulatory Policies
 - Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)
 - Feed-in tariff
 - Net Metering
- 3. Fiscal incentives and public financing



Renewable Energy Investment: United States

Total RE Investments: Top 5 Countries and Canada





- U.S. 2nd in global total investment at \$51 billion (to \$52 billion in China)
- 57% growth over 2010 investment
- 5-year growth rate of 11.6%



Renewable Energy Investment: Canada



- \$5.5 billion total investment in 2011
- Ranks 11th of G-20 countries
- 5-year growth rate of 22%



Policies: Overview



Regulatory policies continue to be found primarily at the sub-national (state/provincial) level in North America
Fiscal Incentives and public financing can be found at the federal and sub-federal levels



Policies: Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

United States



Canada

- RPS policies exist in 4 Canadian provinces:
 - British Columbia
 - Nova Scotia
 - Ontario
 - Prince Edward Island



Policies: Feed-in Tariff (FiT)

Provincial FiTs in Canada

2 Canadian provinces have FiTs

- Nova Scotia
 - Wind: CAD 0.131-0.499/KWh
 - Biomass CHP: CAD 0.175/KWh
 - In-stream tidal: CAD 0.652/KWh
 - Run of river hydro: CAD 0.140/KWh
- Ontario FiT
 - Biomass: CAD 0.13-0.138/KWh
 - Biogas: CAD 0.104-0.195/KWh
 - Landfill gas: CAD 0.103-0.111/KWh
 - Wind: CAD 0.135/KWh
 - Solar PV: CAD 0.443-0.802/KWh
 - Hydro: CAD 0.122-0.131/KWh
- Ontario microFIT (10 KW or less)
 - Solar PV: CAD 0.642-0.802/KWh
 - Wind: CAD 0.135/KWh
 - Hydro: CAD 0.131/KWh
 - Biomass: CAD 0.138/KWh
 - Biogas: CAD 0.160/KWh
 - Landfill gas: CAD 0.111/KWH

State FiT in the United States

5 U.S. states have FiTs

- California
- Hawaii
 - Solar PV: USD 0.189-0.218/KWh
 - CSP: USD 0.254-0.315/KWh
 - Wind (on shore): USD 0.120-0.161/KWh
 - Hydro: USD 0.189-0.213/KWH
 - Other RPS eligible RE tech.: USD 0.128/KWh
- Oregon
 - Solar: USD 0.317-0.375/KWh
- Rhode Island
 - Solar PV: USD 0.2895-0.3335/KWh
 - Wind: USD 0.13335/KWh
- Vermont
 - Hydro: USD 0.125/KWh
 - Wind: USD 0.123-0.20/KWh
 - Biomass: USD 0.125/KWh
 - Solar PV: USD 0.30/KWH
 - Landfill gas: USD 0.120/KWh
 - Farm Methane: USD 0.160/KWh



Policies: Net Metering

United States



Note: Numbers indicate individual system capacity limit in kilowatts. Some limits vary by customer type, technology and/or application. Other limits might also apply. This map generally does not address statutory changes until administrative rules have been adapted to implement such changes.

Canada

- Net Metering policies exist in 7 Canadian provinces:
 - Manitoba
 - New Brunswick
 - Nova Scotia
 - Ontario
 - Prince Edward Island
 - Quebec
 - Saskatchewan



Fiscal Incentives and Public Financing

United States

- Wind Production Tax Credit (PTC)
- DoE \$145 million investment in R&D for developing solar energy technologies. The investment is distributed to 69 projects in 24 states
- DoE \$43 million investment over 5 years for advancing the development and deployment of offshore wind technology
- Electric vehicle credits
- 24 states offer tax credits for renewables
- 28 states plus Puerto Rico offer sales tax incentives for renewables
- 15 states plus Puerto Rico offer grant programs for renewables
- 37 states offer loan programs for renewables
- 18 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have public benefits funds for renewables totaling USD7.8 billion in investment by 2017
- 18 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have rebate programs for renewables
- 37 states plus Puerto Rico offer property tax incentives for renewables

Canada

- ecoENERGY for Renewable Power program has provided \$1.4 billion over 14 years for 4500 MW of renewable power capacity
- ecoENERGY Innovation Initiative provides funding for R&D and demonstration projects
- ecoENERGY for renewable heat program expired March 31, 2011
- NextGen Biofuels Fund



Where do we stand?





Renewable Energy as a Pillar of National Policy

- Job creation
 - U.S. has an estimated 392,000-505,000 renewable energy jobs
- Industry and Manufacturing
- Energy security
 - Domestic production from renewables reduces reliance on foreign energy imports
- Environmental preservation
 - Reduce local air and water pollution
 - Positive impact on emissions



Emissions

Fossil fuel combustion accounts for 70% of global C02 emissions

CO₂ Emissions Per Capita



CO₂ Emissions from Energy Demand: U.S.





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GHG Emissions from Energy: Canada

Outlook

- Lack of comprehensive climate and energy legislation at the federal level
 - Major developments in both the United States and Canada will continue to be focused at the sub-national level (provinces and states) due to political vacuum at the federal level
 - Consequence of diverging views of key political actors, including U.S. presidential candidates
- Uncertainty over future of fiscal incentives
 - Wind PTC set to expire
 - Political pressure on loans/grants (i.e. Solyndra)
- Natural gas boom in the US. How will this impact renewables?
- U.S. caught in the middle of a paradigm shift, with no clear consensus
 - Keystone XL Pipeline
 - Importance of vested interests
 - California AB-32
 - Trade policy impacts
 - EPA endangerment findings

