

Sub-Saharan Africa has 5 of the developing world's 20 best clean energy investment markets

Climatescope's Clean Energy Competitiveness Index tracks the conditions for clean energy investment in 55 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean. 2015 data reveals that five countries from Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) are among the world's best 20 countries for clean energy investment. South Africa, Kenya, Uganda lead Africa and are respectively ranked 4th, 6th and 9th place globally – South Africa beating India and Kenya beating Mexico. Uganda's renewable energy market has attracted over US\$500M in investments between 2009 and 2014.

The Enabling Framework sub-index assess a country's power policy among 4 other factors. SSA scores 1.19 (5=High) on this sub-index, which is higher than the average for all 55 countries (1.15) and Latin America & the Caribbean (1.09). Despite these low regional scores (considering 5 is high) African countries are putting in the effort. Rwanda as an example has an ambitious goal to add 563MW of clean energy for 70% power penetration by June 2018. Four African countries are among the top 10 in this category and include Rwanda (2), Kenya (5), South Africa (6) and Uganda (7) which all beat China (8) and India (11).

