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Bio-energy in Morocco: Opportunities and Challenges

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Moroccan Energy Context



Strategic orientations

- Increase the share or RE in the energy Mix (Solar, Wind, hydro..)
 - Objectives: 42% of electricity power from RE by 2020
- Promote Energy efficiency (in buildings, industry, transportation, green cities..)
 - Objectives: 12% saving b y2020
- Mobilize all the national energy resources (Hydro, shale, <u>biomass</u>, geothermal..)
- Promote regional Integration: extension of the interconnections between Spain and Algeria....
- Reorganize the energy sector → institutional and legislative reforms

Energy strategy objectives



42% of installed power in 2020 from RE sources

✓ 2 GW Solar
✓ 2 GW Wind
✓ 2 GW Hydro

Solar Energy Projects



Wind Energy Projects



Bioenergy In Morocco



Mostly from residues, and forest!!! Mostly used for thermal energy or biogas production. **Microalgae:** Small scale experimental stage (MASCIR)

National Biomass-energy Plan

Short term:

Energy production: 160 GWh (2012) with an Installed power of 45 MW.

- Landfills (household waste): 542 GWh/year
- Wastewater treatment : 272 GWh/year
- Agricultural residues and waste: 345 GWh/year

Medium Term:

- * 3778 GWh thermal energy/year
- * installed power 144 MW in 2020.
 - Landfills (household waste): : 1406 GWh/year
 - Wastewater treatment : 1166 GWh/year
 - Agricultural residues : 1206 GWh/year

Forest biomasse (Fire wood)

- 30 % of the energy mix
- 11,3 million tons/year
- 89 % in rural areas (cooking, heating, production of hot water)
 -11 % in urban areas (Hammams, traditional bakeries, ...)

Forest: 9 million hectares

- over-exploitation (30 000 ha/year are lost)
- -Deforestation
- need to rationalize the use of wood
 More efficient systems



Agricultural waste and by products

• Arable land surface: 9 millions ha

• Live stock herd: 7 millions (LSU), Yield in biogas ~280 Nm3/LSU/an)

Others: -Bagasse from sugar cane refineries (Cosumar)

Densité	120 Kg/m3
PCI	1800 Kcal /Kg

-Olive residues and by products (traditional and industrials mills)

- Argane residues and by products





Waste water treatment

Theoretical potential

230 Millions m3 of biogas/yr, 1,376 Millions MWh/an

 Technical potential: 31 millions m3 of biogas/ 185.463 MWh/year

Total Biogas potential > 7MW (source GIZ)

Marrakech Plant

•Capacity: 100.000 m3 waste water treated -Biogas production (20 000 Nm3/day).

-Covers 45% of the energy needs of the plant (30 MWh/ day)

Over 70 waste water treatments plants are under construction throughout the Country (Programme National d'Assainissement Liquide et d'Epuration des Eaux Usées)



Household waste

• 5.5 Millions tons/y (2010)

- Theoretical potential:
 - 700 millions m3 of biogas/year
 - -4,2 Millions de MWh/an.

Biogas production from Land fills -Fes -Oujda -Rabat

In progress -Casablanca -Marrakech







Nominal Capacity: 5MW

Enery crops in Morocco

Not yet well developped

Jatropha curcas

- Foundation du Sud in Agadir region
- Demonstration field (Khmiss At Amira) by → drip irrigation
 - Provide seeds and plants for agriculture.
 - No oil production yet





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Jatropha in Morocco

 Oujda (north east of Morocco):
 Experimental plot (5x8) Irrigated with treated Waste water

Talk of Wafae Mokhtari and H. Elhalouan

Objectives:

- investigate the possibility of using treated waste water of the city of Oujda
- Demonstrate the possibility of cultivating Jatropha in zone with limited water resources/rainfall
- Evaluate the impact of waste water on Jatropha (growth, oil quality, seed cake..)
- Evaluate the effect of climatic conditions (freezing..)



Source: Wafae Mokhtari

Jatropha in Morocco..

- Centre Régional de Recherche Forestière CRRF in Marrakech
 – sowing of various genotypes in a nursery (seeds, cuts..)
 - Transplantation in arid regions (Marrakech, Kelaa, Eljadida).







Source Mr. Bellaka, CRRF-Marrakech

Jatropha in Morocco...

- Experiments of the Cherifien Office of Phosphate (OCP) results are still unknown
- Industrial scale project by MOSMART in Chichaoua region (2008) but was not concluded (irrigation water problems?).
- 4 hectares JatroMed demonstration field in Essaouira: comprehensive and systematic study of adaptability, needs, socio-economical and environmental impacts of Jataropha curcas.

JatroMed demonstration field in Essaouira









Bio fuels/Energy crops: Challenges

 Energy crops not yet well developed in the country

Reasons

- Scarcity of water resources (< 700 m3/capita/year)
- Un-even distribution of rain fall
- Limited useful agriculture land
- Food security is prioritized....





Need drought resistant crops!!!

Bioenergy feed stocks: opportunities

Driving forces:

- Energy dependence
- Energy demand increasing (even in rural areas)
- Availability of marginal non-cultivated lands
- Bio-refinery concepts (cooperative of small farmers)

But still: Need to find suitable energy crops for our climatic conditions and available uncultivated → one of the objectives of JatroMed and other future projects (Opuntia, Castor)

Thank you for your attention