The Least Developed Countries Report 2017: Transformational Energy Access

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The pattern of energy use in LDCs is highly skewed towards households.
Electricity generation capacity per person in LDCs is

1/12 of that in other developing countries (ODCs) and

1/50 of that in developed countries

42% of LDC firms identify electricity as a major constraint

3/4 experience an average of 10 outages per month, lasting 5 hours each

7% revenue lost due to outages
Main Messages

To achieve universal access to energy, LDCs must go beyond meeting basic domestic needs and target productive uses.
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The energy-transformation nexus is central to development and to SDG7 in LDCs
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Transformational energy access is important for rural development in LDCs
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LDCs need to diversify their power generation mix