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REPORT 2017

Transformational energy access



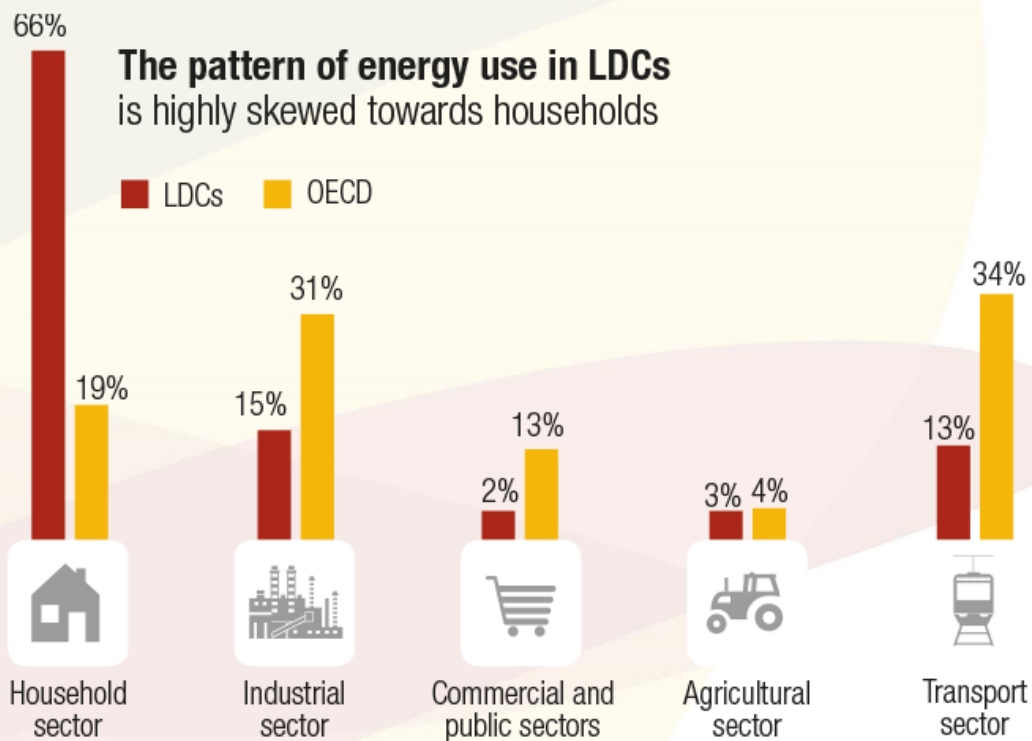
The Least Developed Countries Report 2017: **Transformational Energy Access**

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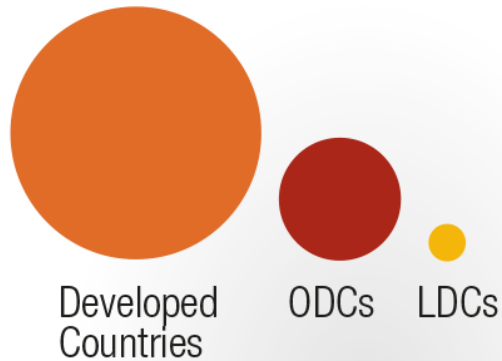




Electricity generation capacity per person in LDCs is

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

Household uses

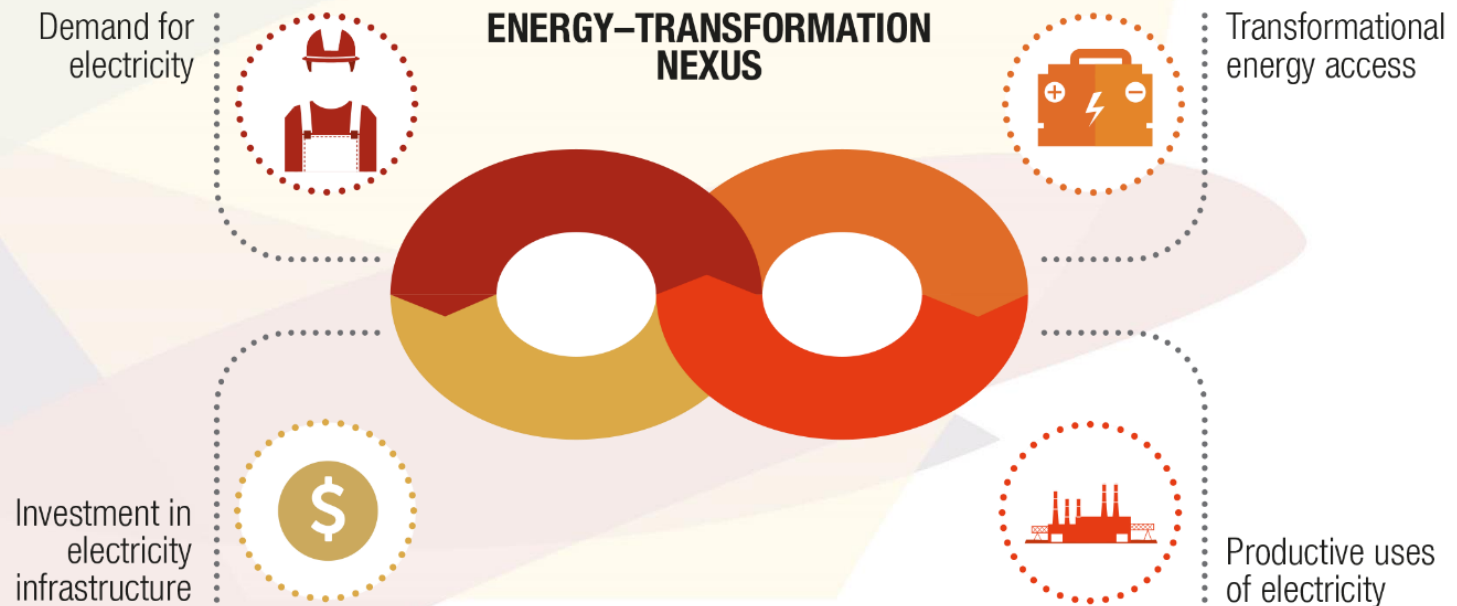


Productive uses



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The energy-transformation nexus is central to development and to SDG7 in LDCs



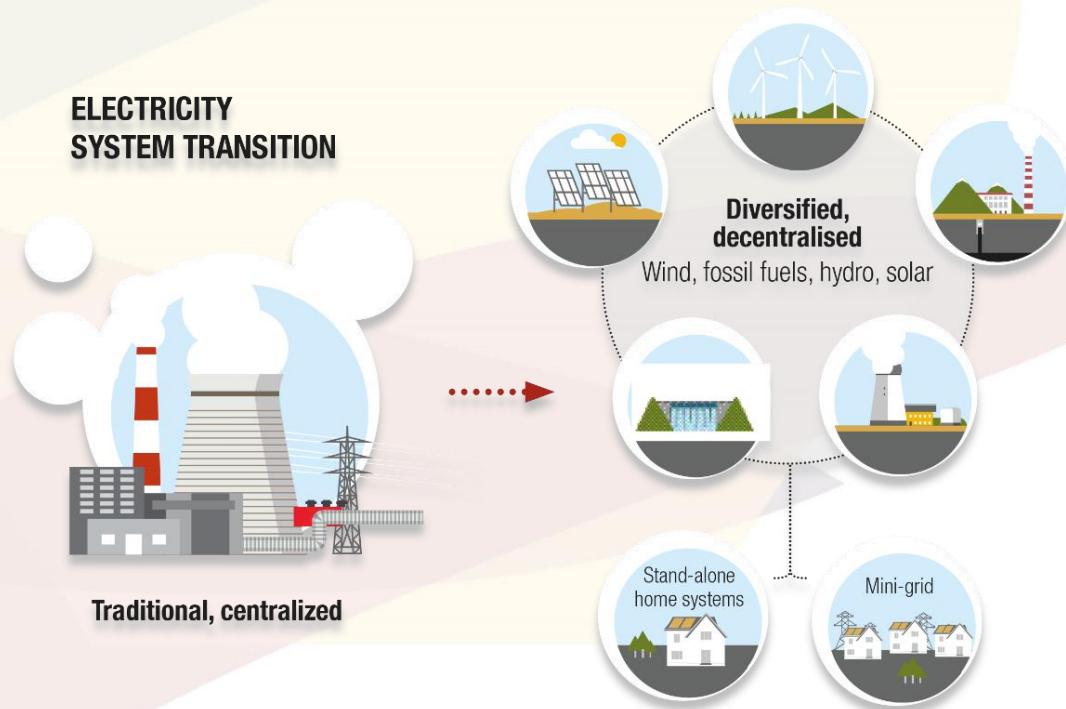
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Transformational energy access is important for rural development in LDCs



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LDCs need to diversify their power generation mix





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