



Precise Solutions

Increasing the Share of RE through STi in LATAM

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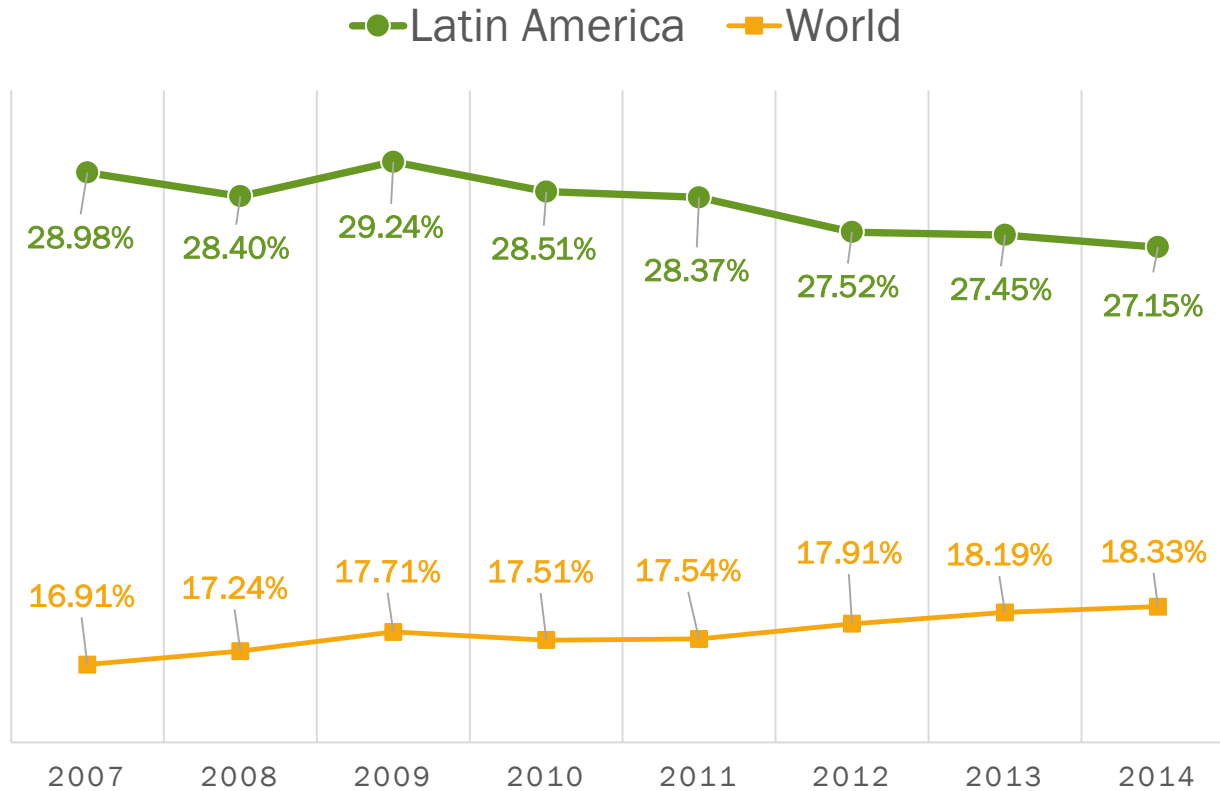


The role of STi to increase the share of renewable energy by 2030

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

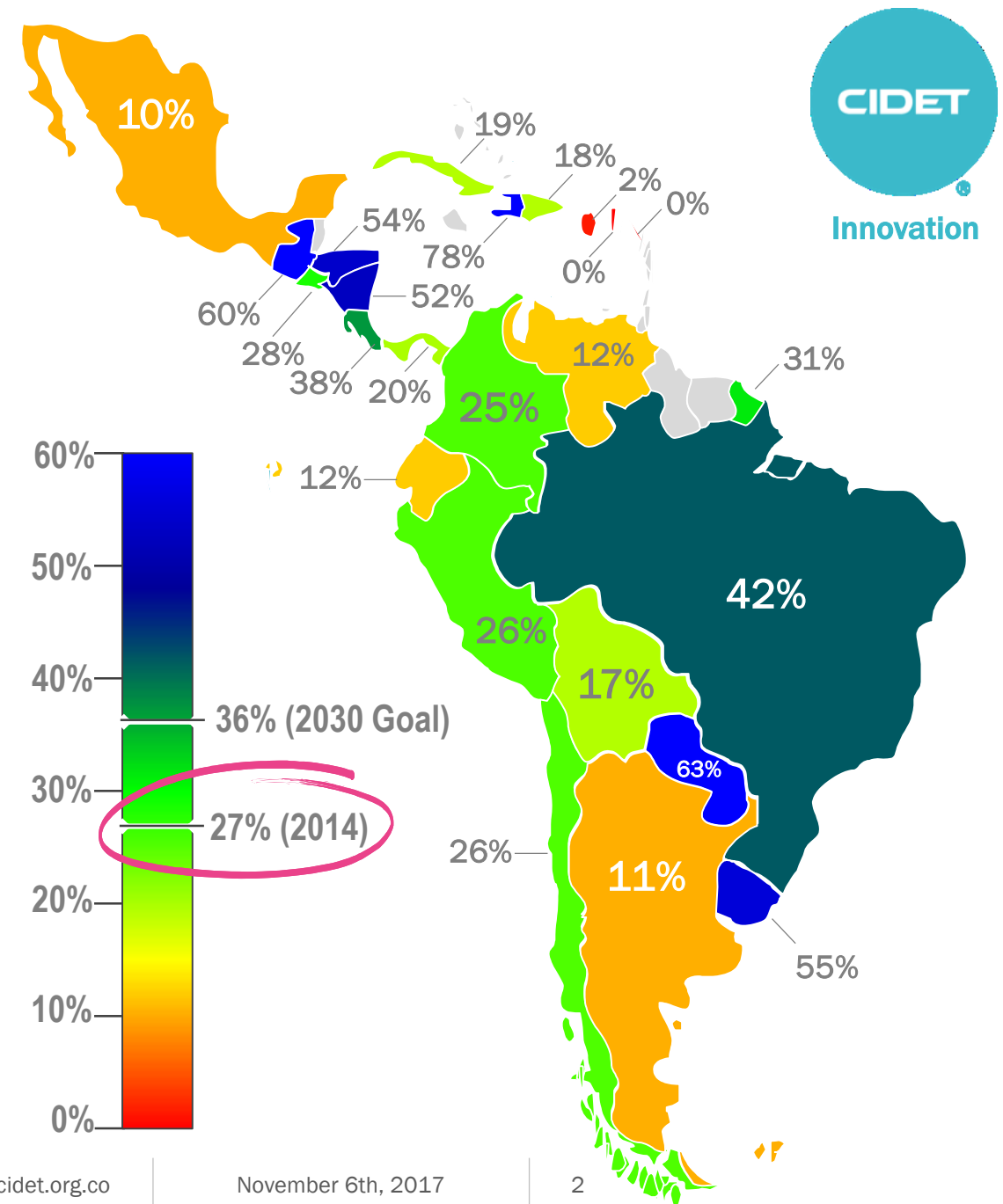
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Renewable share in Total Final Energy Consumption (TFEC)[†]



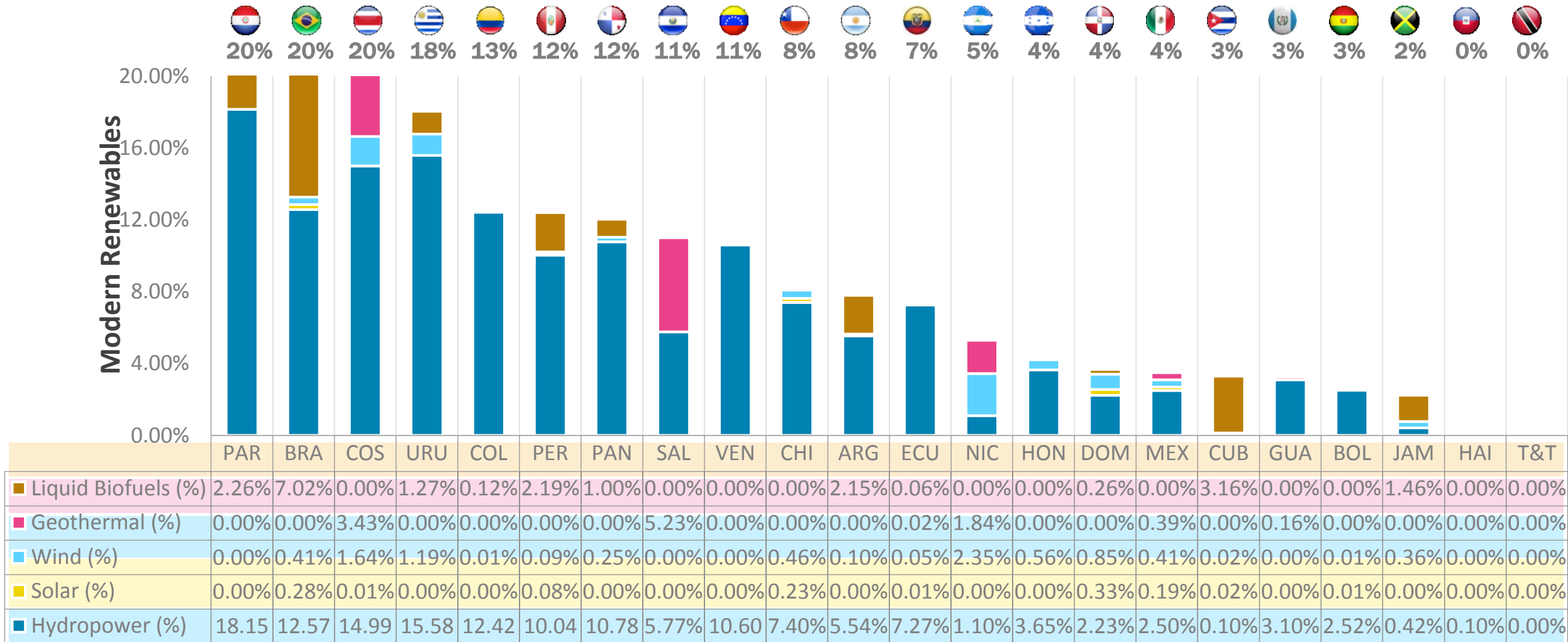
[†] Global Tracking Framework (2014): <http://gtf.esmap.org>

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Renewable share (%) in TFEC from...

(2/2) Latin America



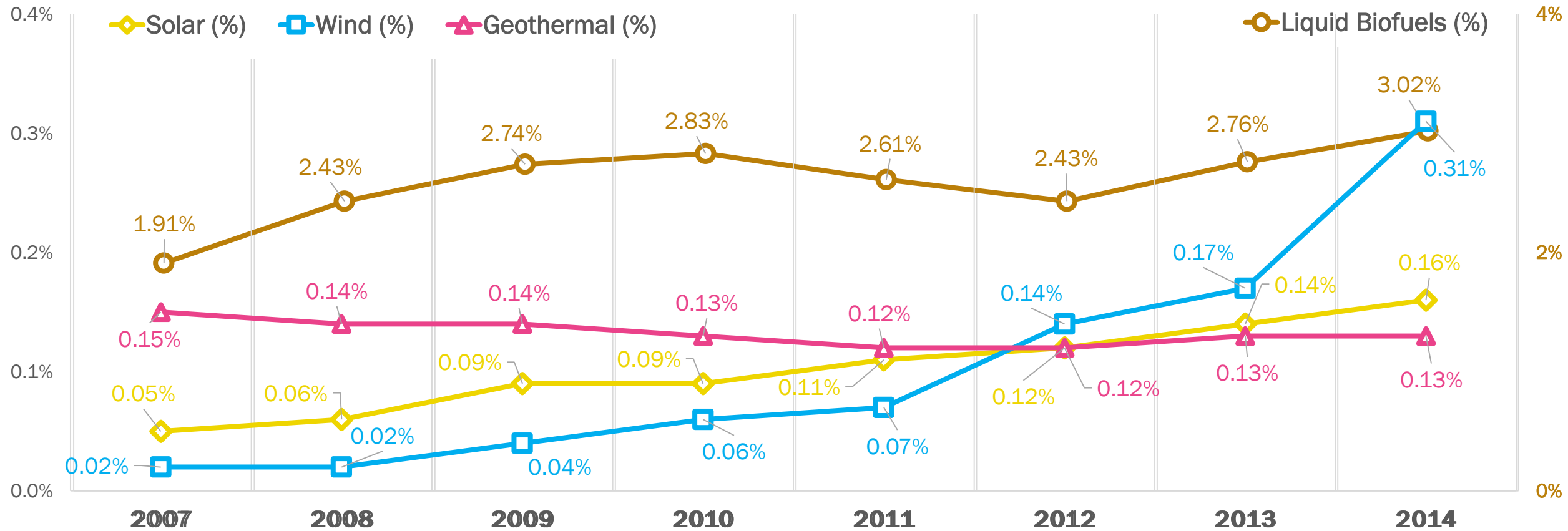
† Modern RE including hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal and liquid biofuels

‡ Solid biofuels including traditional biomass

Source (2014): <http://gtf.esmap.org/results>

Share (%) in TFEC from modern renewables (1/2)

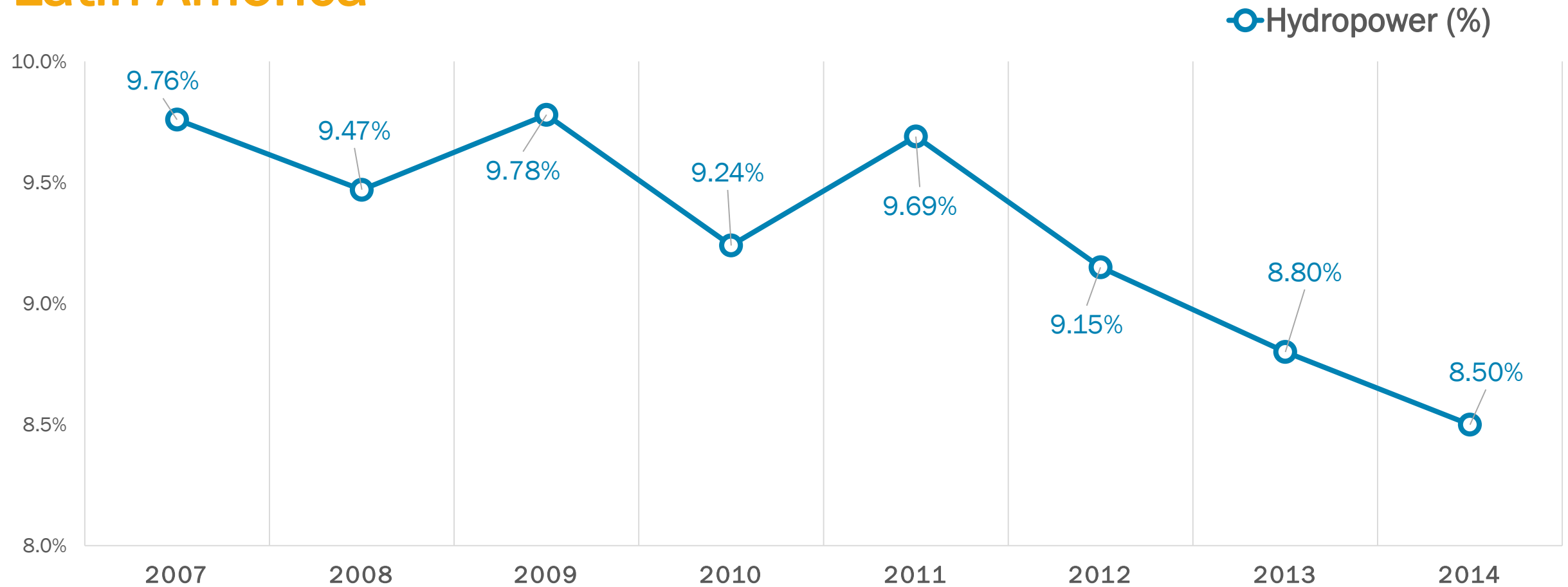
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Share (%) in TFEC from modern renewables (2/2)

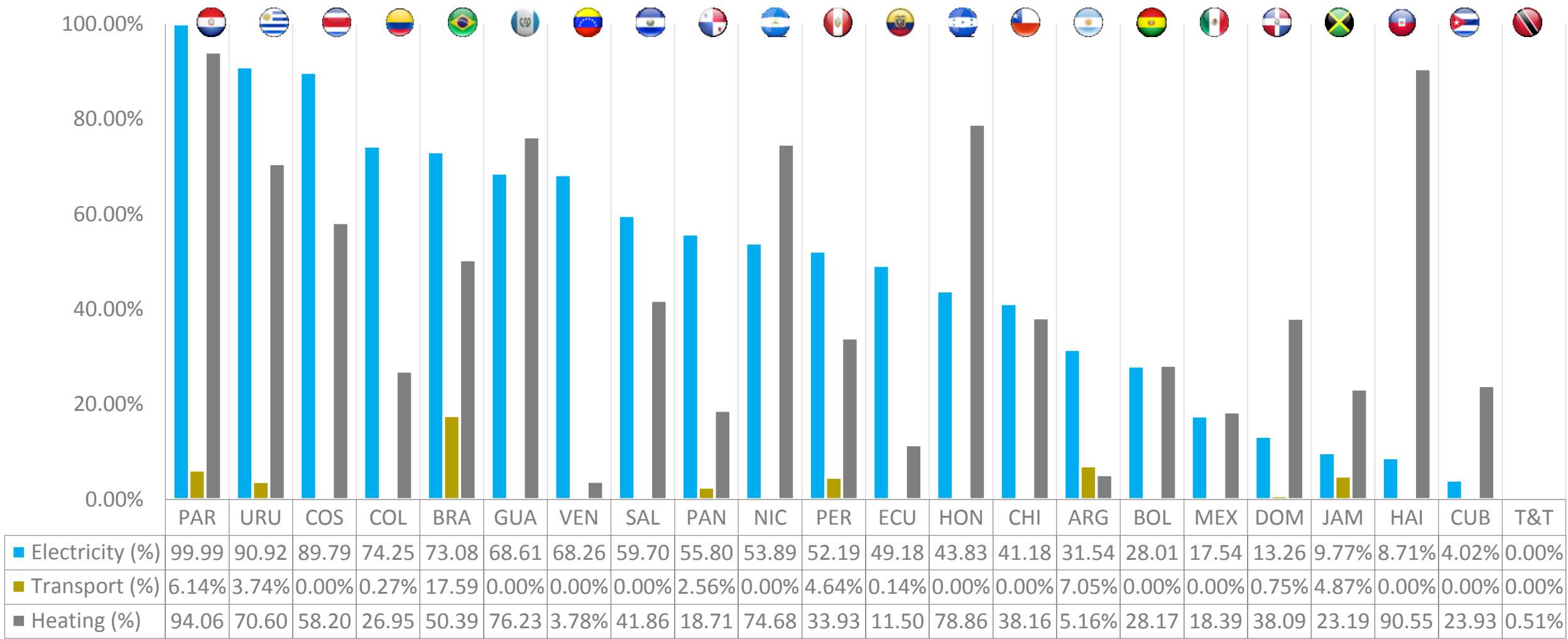
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Renewable share (%) in TFEF for... (1/2)

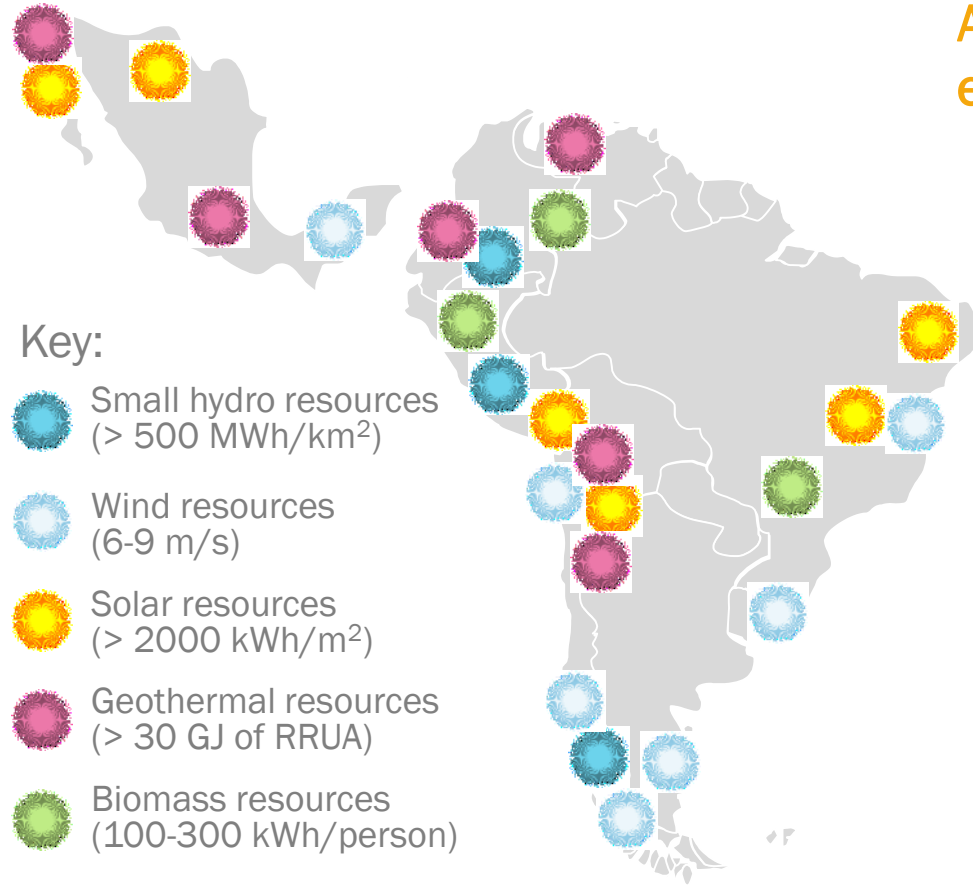
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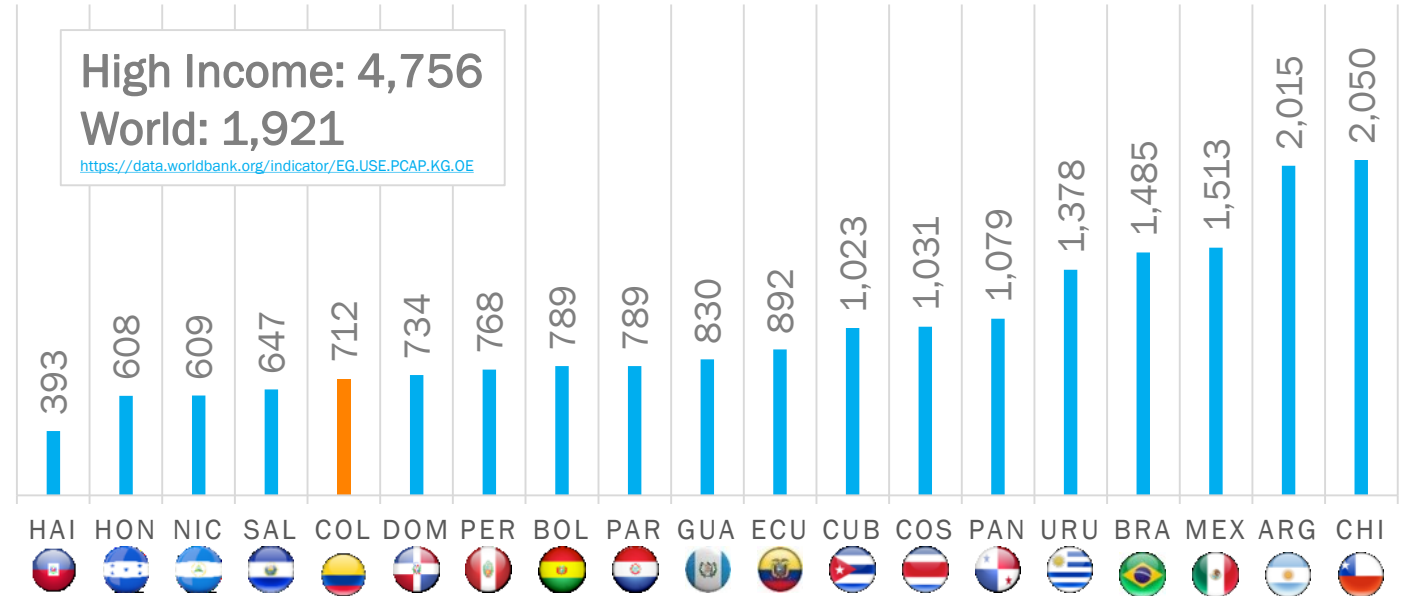
Long-term opportunities in Latin America*

In the long run, renewable energy will help address energy needs



Almost all Latin American countries can benefit from renewable energy, while electrification of the consumption (transportation, heating) will be necessary to assure sustainable supply when demand reaches developed levels in some countries by 2020s

ENERGY USE (kg of oil equivalent per capita), 2014



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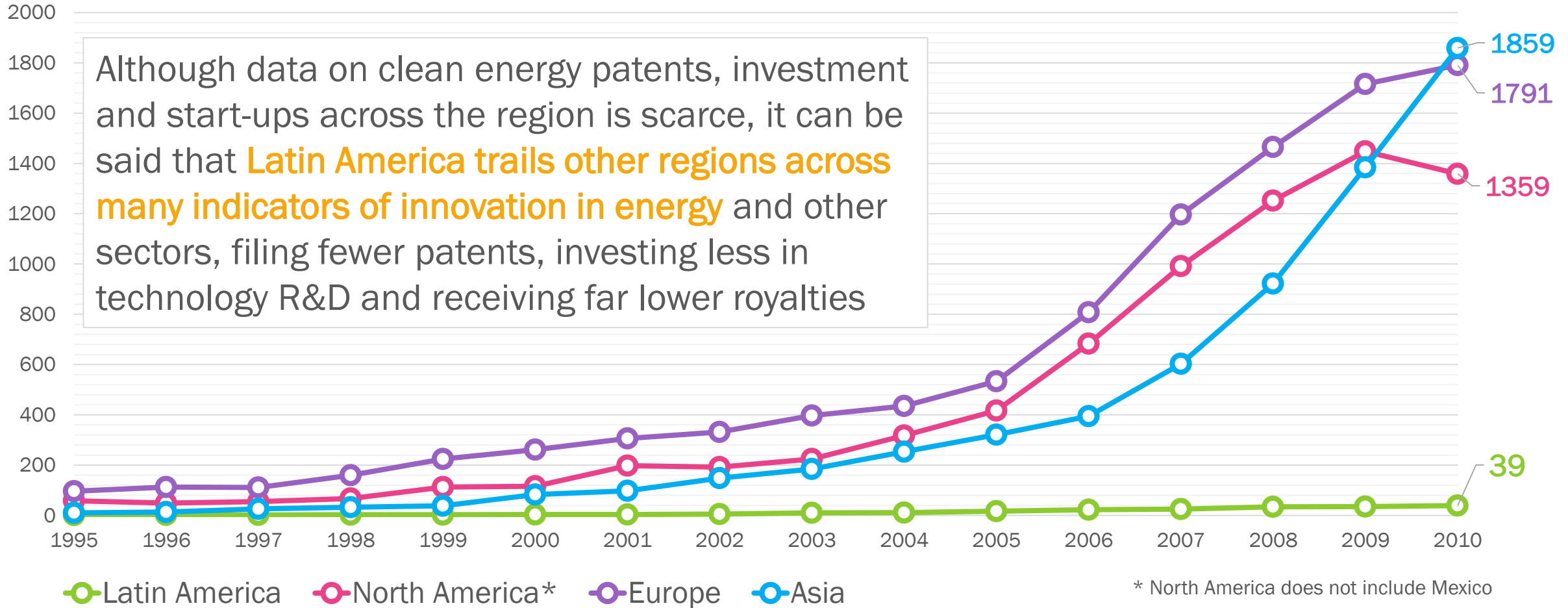
- Northeast Group [+](#)
- Observatório Nacional [+](#)

* Adapted from: Testa, C. "Emerging Smart Grid Markets: How Latin America's Smart Grid Potential compares to other Emerging Markets", November 2011, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Disponible en: http://www.northeastgroup.com/reports/NortheastGroupLLC_Latin_America_Smart_Grid_Forum_2011.pdf

Clean Energy Technology Development (1/2)

Latin America

PCT Patent Applications: Energy Generation from Renewable Sources
OECD Statistics, 2014

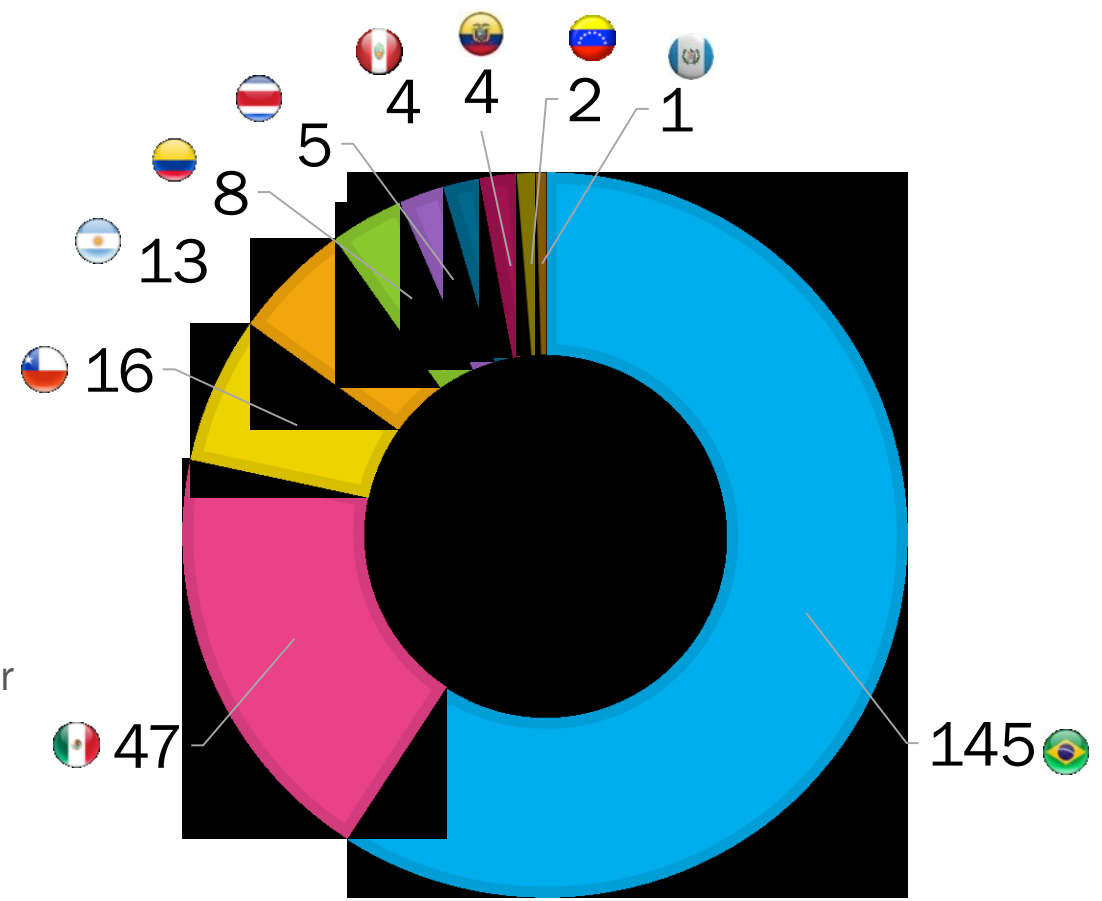


Clean Energy Technology Development (2/2)

Latin America

PCT patent applications for energy generation technologies using renewable non-fossil fuel resources (1995-2011)

- Brazil outpaces other Latin American countries both in technology development broadly and in clean energy specifically
- Brazilians have led the largest number of patent applications in the region, including in clean energy
- The Brazilian government has accelerated the green technology patenting process through its Green Patent Initiative



Source: OECD Statistics (2014); Analysis: CAF – Development Bank of Latin America



✓ Brazil's Breakthroughs

- Brazil is the clear **leader in clean energy innovation** within Latin America
- Its universities and research institutions have produced a sizeable volume of intellectual property, particularly in **bioenergy**, including biogas and biomass
- Behind bioenergy, significant resources for research also flow toward **wind, photovoltaic (PV) and thermal solar** energy and **ocean energy**
- Researchers have also focused on **batteries and fuel cells, power systems, smart grids, carbon capture and sequestration, power transmission optimization and energy efficiency**





Brazil's Key of Success

Public Sector



- Strong **government support** and **corporate heavyweights** (Petrobras with CENPES, Eletrobras with CEPEL) in the energy sector have helped Brazil surpass other Latin American countries in clean energy innovation
- The government provides incentives for clean energy innovation through **direct financial resources** to research activities (particularly those of public universities/institutes), **low interest loans** (Brazilian Development Bank, BNDES) and **regulations requiring electric power industry players to invest in R&D**

Private Sector



- Unlike in most other Latin American countries, the **private sector plays a prominent role in Brazil's clean energy technology sector**, dedicating significant financial resources to R&D
- This has led to the establishment of private-sector led research centers and **meaningful financial and operational linkages between companies, universities and independent Research and Technology Organizations (RTOs)**



Brazil's Challenges

- Clean energy technology players, particularly **small- and medium-sized actors not involved in bioenergy, face myriad challenges** in bringing their research to market in Brazil's challenging start-up climate:
 - **crowded out by larger players**
 - burdened by cumbersome **bureaucracy and high taxes** and
 - faced with **insufficient public R&D spending** and **little clean tech-focused Venture Capital**
- Beyond the bioenergy space, **Brazil has had limited success in bringing its clean energy IP to market or expanding its clean energy technology manufacturing base**
- **Brazil's government can take steps to address many of the challenges for clean energy start-ups**, for example by lowering taxes and tariffs and streamlining bureaucracy, in that way, clean energy innovation is more likely to thrive

Top Barriers in Developing Clean Energy Technologies in Latin America



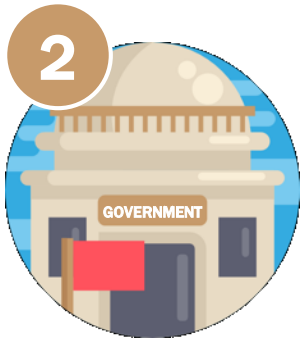
ACCESS TO CAPITAL

- To bring groundbreaking technologies to market, entrepreneurs need **access to capital and an innovation ecosystem** that allows them to take risks
- In Latin America, **investors tend to be more risk-averse** than their counterparts in other places and the **innovation ecosystems are still developing** (immature capabilities)
- Even when capital is available, local **regulations penalize risk-taking**, for example because of weak bankruptcy legislation in many countries




- These conditions pose major barriers to entrepreneurship and innovation in Latin America in general and for clean energy innovation in particular

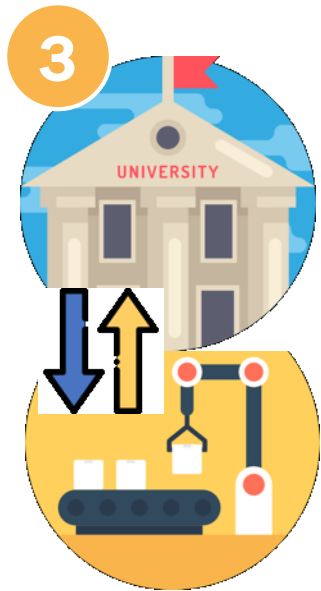
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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

- **Clean energy innovation requires strong government support** and incentives to drive both supply of new technologies and demand for clean energy solutions
 - Government support (*through public investment in R&D, clean tech clusters and fiscal incentives*) is needed to encourage researchers to create and improve new products and services
 - Governments can also provide **incentives to create domestic markets for clean energy solutions** through policies such as public procurement programs requiring minimum levels of domestically developed technology inputs
-  While Latin American governments do invest in R&D efforts, **investment is still too low and is not directed toward the most commercially relevant research**

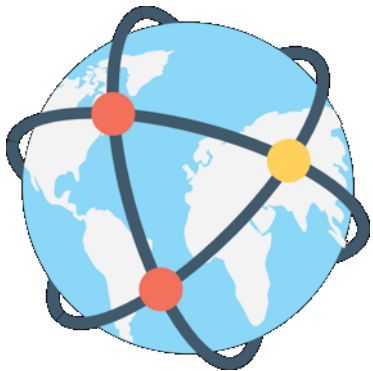
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INDUSTRY- ACADEMY PARTNERSHIPS

- For new technologies to be applied commercially, they need to serve a market need
- This requires researchers and government entities supporting R&D efforts to **carefully coordinate their work with the private sector** to ensure that research in the laboratory will eventually lead to a commercially-viable product or service
- However, in Latin America, **there is often insufficient communication between academia and national or foreign industry players**
- **Researchers are too focused on academically oriented science rather than technology development with business applications**

Recommendations



Improve links with international industry players

Latin American countries need to expand industry-academia ties, but it may be more effective to connect researchers with foreign private sector players

Strengthen policies to boost domestic demand

Latin American countries could establish public procurement programs that require government entities to buy a certain percentage of innovative technologies derived from R&D efforts within the country



Redirect research and development efforts

Most governments in the region need to increase R&D spending as a percentage of GDP to boost overall innovation, even a small percentage of R&D spending redirected toward innovation more engineering-based, would boost research capabilities in energy-related fields

Bridging the gap to 36% in 2030...

Innovation Challenges in Latin America

PRODUCTION...

...with near-zero emissions

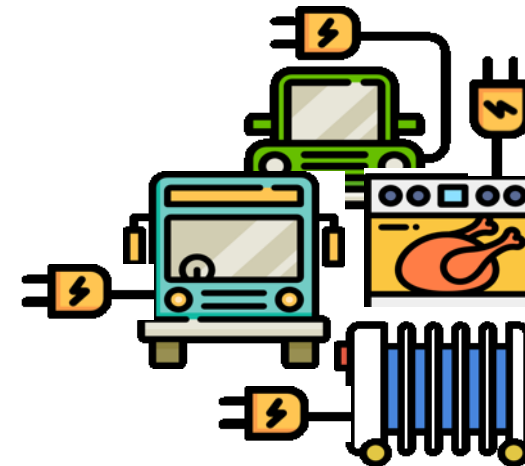


MINIMIZE LAND USE

and adapt technology
to local condition

CONSUMPTION

ELECTRIFICATION



Not just transport and heating but also current or potential productive applications that can be improved or potentiated using “clean” electricity

Thank you!



Precise solutions for the power industry

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