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Drivers for Nuclear Power: Ghana, a Newcomer's Perspective

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Ghana {more information available at <u>www.ghanaweb.com</u>} 1



- Location: West Africa
- Climate: Tropic-2 seasons;
 - Dry and rainy
- Official language: English
- Population:~30 million (24.2 million in 2010 census)
- Total area: 92,500 square miles/ 237,000 square km
- 2017 Nominal GDP per capita (US\$,PPP): 4,750 (3,100 in 2010) IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO)
- Major primary economic resources: Gold, cocoa, bauxite, petroleum ?
- Major Sport: soccer/football

Ghana, a lower middle income now but can do better

but less energy – less (non-oil) economic growth!!



Driver_1: Long-Term Vision

100yrs after independence (1957-2057) Lower-middle income to Upper middle / HIGH-INCOME

Current - 2017/2018

- Population: Lower Middle income: ~ 30 million
- GDP/capita: ~ \$1,820
- Electricity consumption per capita: ~ 420 kWh
- Installed grid capacity: ~ 4,800 MW.
- Electricity Access: 84%

<u>Future – 2047/57</u>

- Population: **50/51 million**
- Upper Middle/High income
 GDP/capita: ~ \$12,736
- Electricity consumption per capita : ~ 10,000 kWh
- Installed capacity: ~ 50,000 MW.
- Electricity Access: **100%** *Comparable to South Korea today*

Driver_2: Increased Electricity Demand:



Energy is the 2nd largest GHGs emissions (25% of total) Ghana and iť s in envisaged to increase with time as high income а agenda economy is pursued.

- This pursuit would be largely driven by energy as observed on other developed Countries around the world.
- The Energy employed thus must be reliable and clean for Ghana to achieve it's commitment under the PARIS AGREEMENT whilst achieving its economic goals.

Potential for *higher* ECON growth is great *But Massive electricity requirement*

(Top-Down Approach)

Electricity Requirement for long-term econ growth <u>Lower-middle Income</u> TO <u>Upper-middle or High Income</u>



LONG-TERM UPPER MIDDLE INCOME VISION REQUIRES

HIGHER POWER DEMAND (MW)

2017	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2047/57</u>
450	19,220
	6,700
	2,640
	1,000
	710
	4,950
	3,220
1	670
413	9,470
906	7,123
39	3,000
10	30
276	980
<u>2,095</u>	<u>40,493</u>
	450 1 413 906 39 10 276

Why Nuclear?: Driver 3_Limited Hydro Resources

- Ghana's Potential exploitable
 resource is only about 2,420 MW
- 1,580 MW already developed at Akosombo, Kpong and Bui.
- Resulting in a total of 65.3% of resource exploited.
- Remaining 840 MW can be
 obtained from 21 sites mainly
 from medium and small Hydro
 power plants with capacities
 below 100 MW.

HYDRO POWER SITES IN GHANA



Why Nuclear? : Driver 4_Limited Gas Resource

Expecting Depletion by 2040

The gas supplies from all the existing fields as projected by Ghana NOC would not be able to sustain the projected electricity and power demand; Gas supplies from most of the gas fields (except TEN) would start dwindling by 2030 [Source: GNPC –(NOC)]



Greater Jubilee Full Field Gas Production, mmscfd



Sankofa and GyeNyame Gas Production mmscfd





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Driver 5_Increasing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions



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Driver 5: Energy Diversification

Ensuring sustainable fuel mix for power generation

Optimal Installed Capacity for High Income Scenario



Why Nuclear Energy? – Summary



Concluding Remarks

- **Question 1:** Nuclear is an unsafe energy source for a country like Ghana?
- **Answer**: The safety standards in the nuclear industry are unparalleled in the world. Defence in depth principle provides very (extremely) low loss of life risk probabilities. *The number of radiological deaths from even the recent Fukushima earthquake remains minimal to zero.*
- **Question 2:** We cannot manage our garbage, how can we manage a nuclear power plant?
- Answer: Nuclear power is the only large-scale energy-producing technology which takes full responsibility for all its wastes and fully costs this into the project.
- **Question 3:** If nuclear is for the long-term, why all the noise now?
- **Answer**: Competency development in nuclear power development is critical and a long road journey. Even starting now does not guarantee a smooth road ahead.
- **Question 4:** The industry is a hi-tech one, so only foreign personnel will operate?
- Answer: Yes, the industry is highly skilled, but Ghanaians can rise to the occasion. As an example, whereas other countries use consultants for Phase 1, Ghana did most of the work locally, with support from the IAEA. For a start, we can opt for Build-Operate-and Transfer (BOT) or Build Operate and Own (BOO) and through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement to facilitate Local Content (Ghanaian participation).