



The Role of Youth and Civil Society in Shaping the MENA Energy Transition

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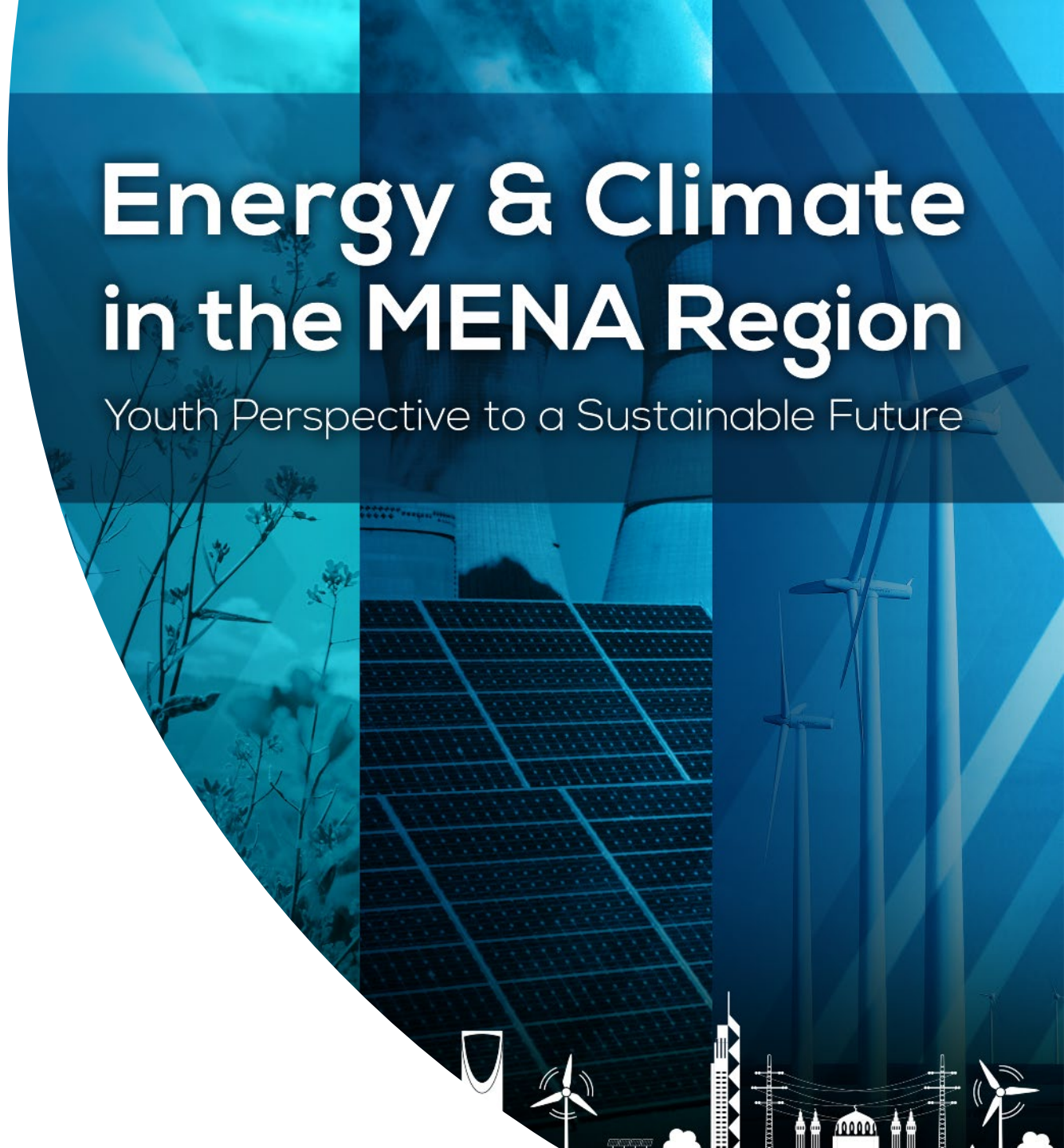


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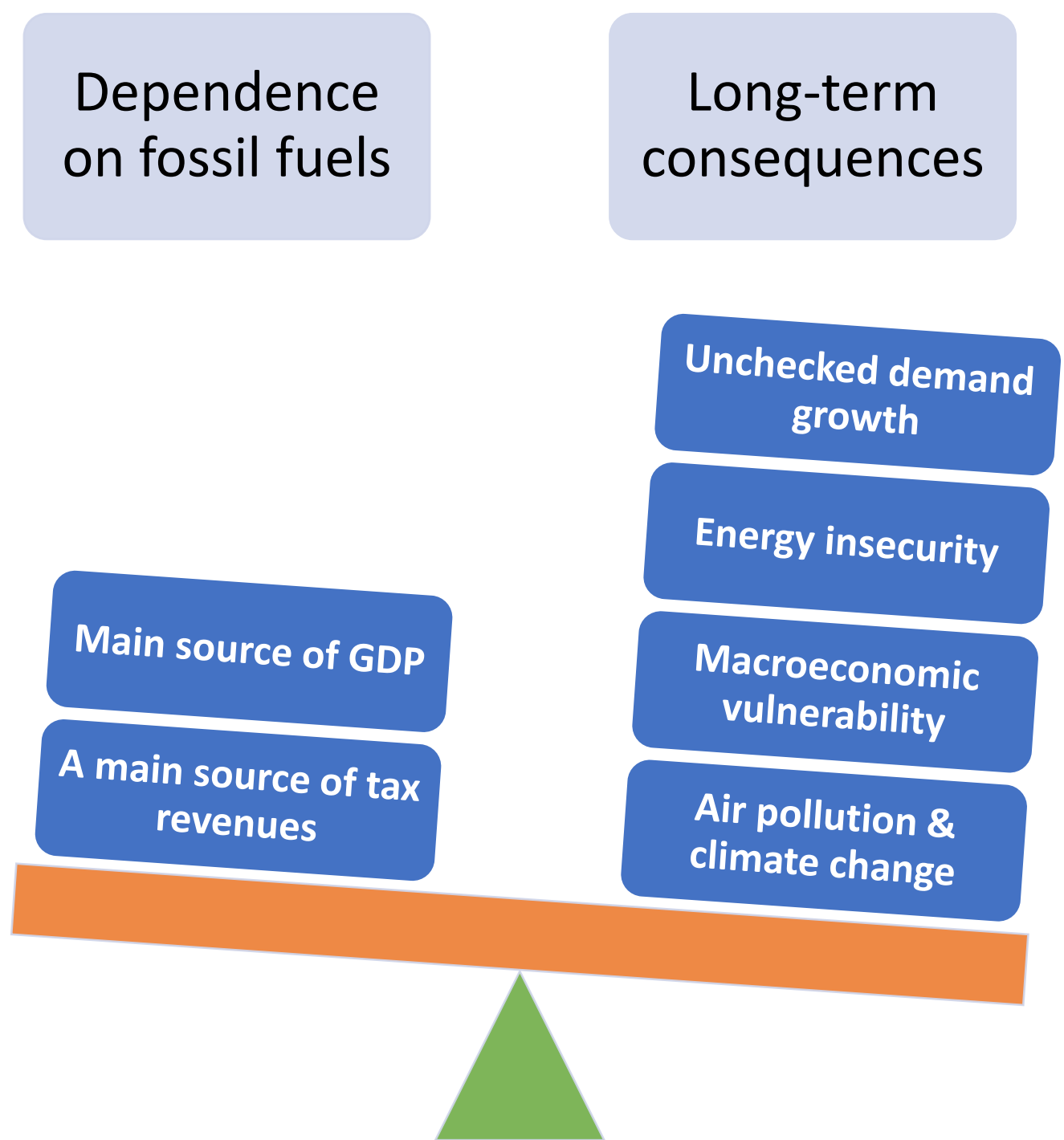
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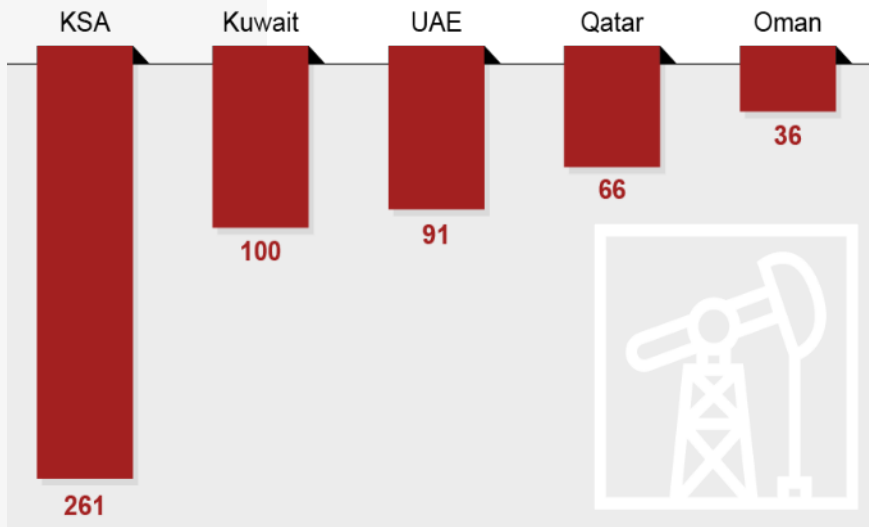
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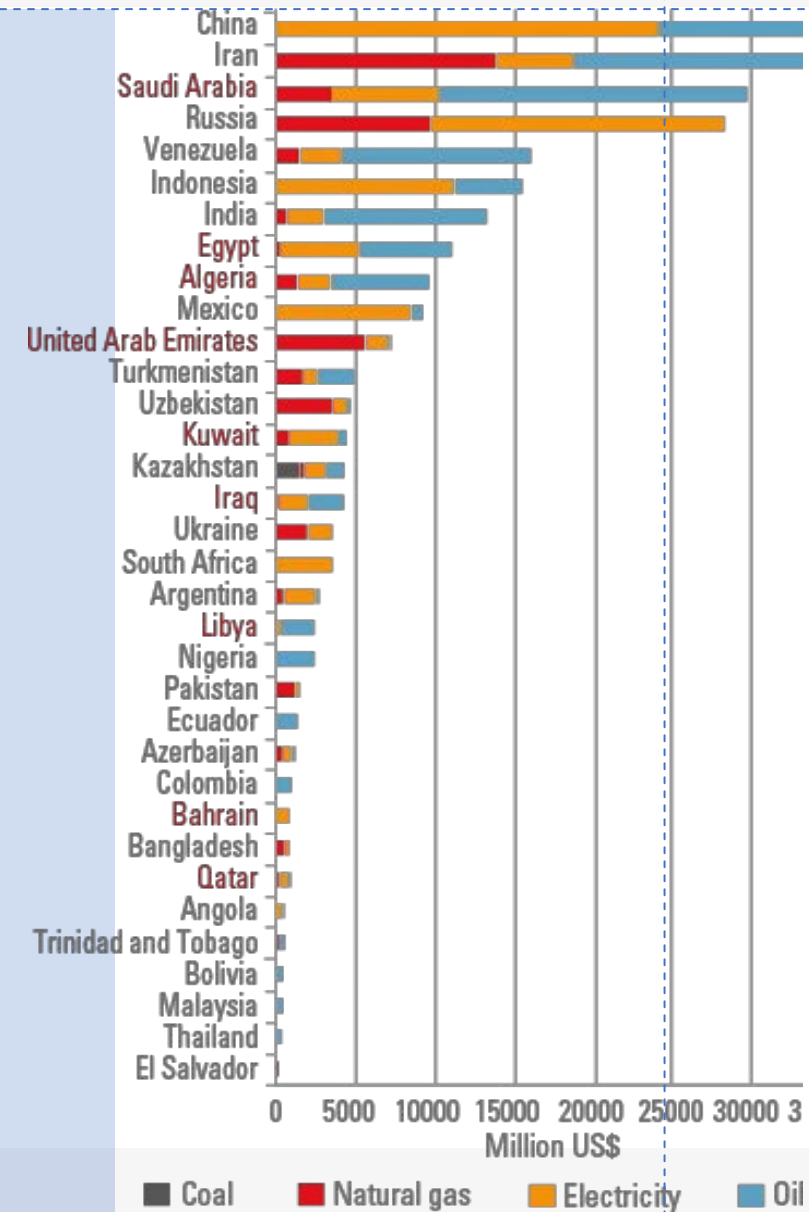
Loss in state oil revenues for 2020 (US\$ million per day)



Assuming oil price is sustained at \$20 per barrel for rest of the year
 Source: IHS Markit, TomTom, Flightradar24, Strategy& analysis



Energy subsidies by country, 2016



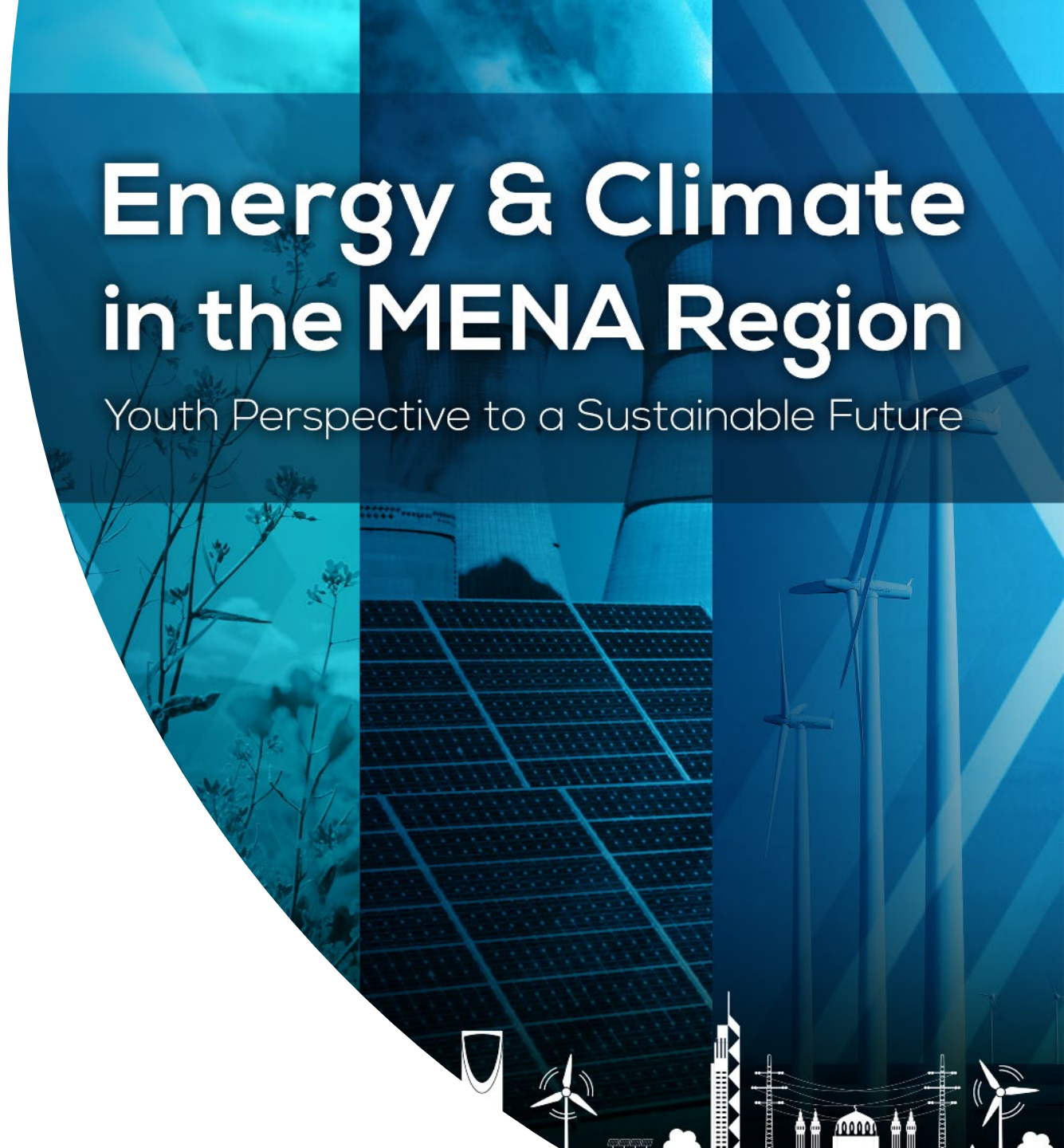
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**Regional
dependency on
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**Energy as a
catalyst for socio-
economic
development**

**Renewable energy
and energy
efficiency
deployment**

**Societies for
energy and
climate justice**

**Renewable energy
in areas of conflict**

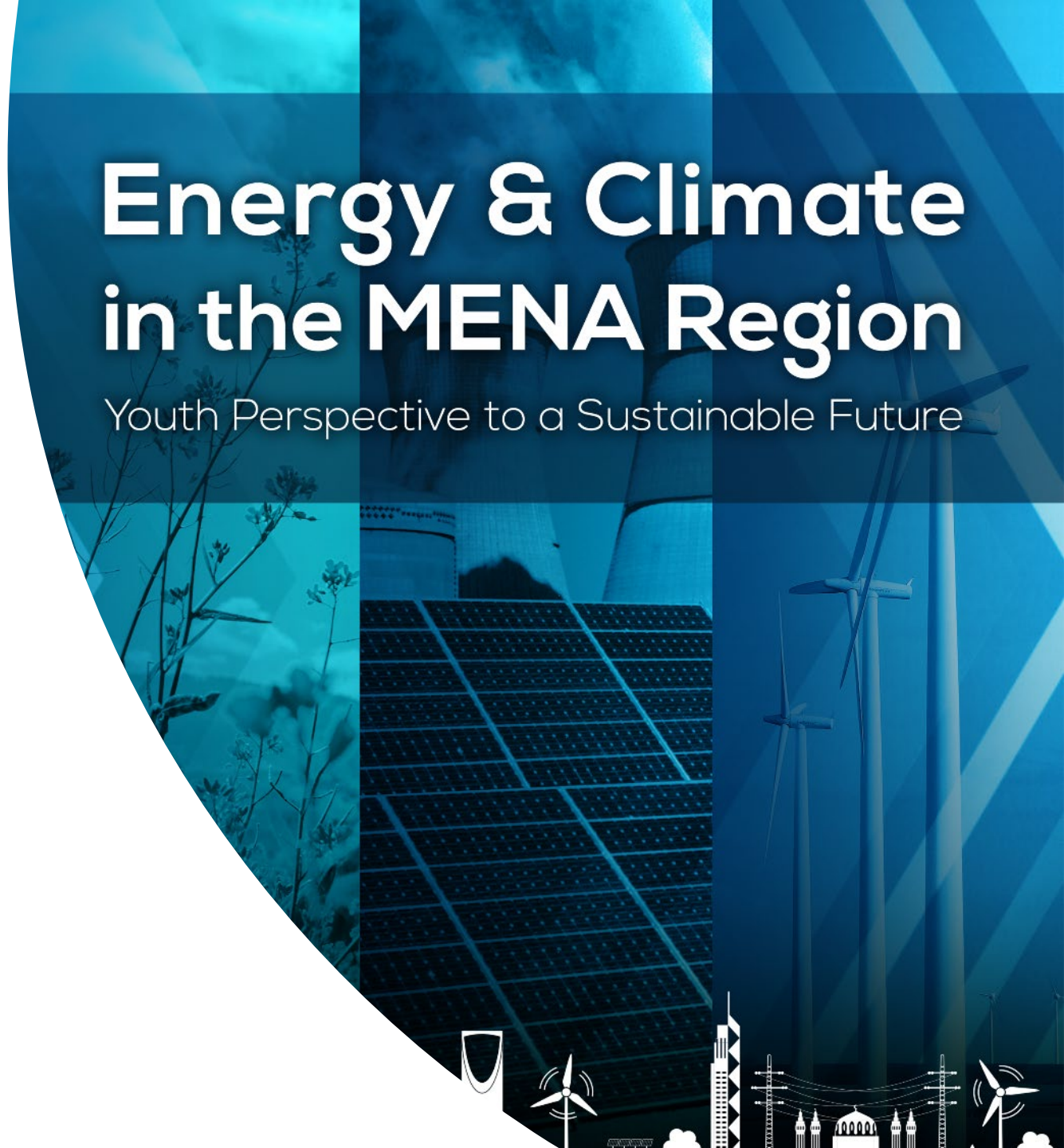
**A successful energy strategy must serve a
multiplicity of economic, social, environmental, and
security aims, many of which are in tension**

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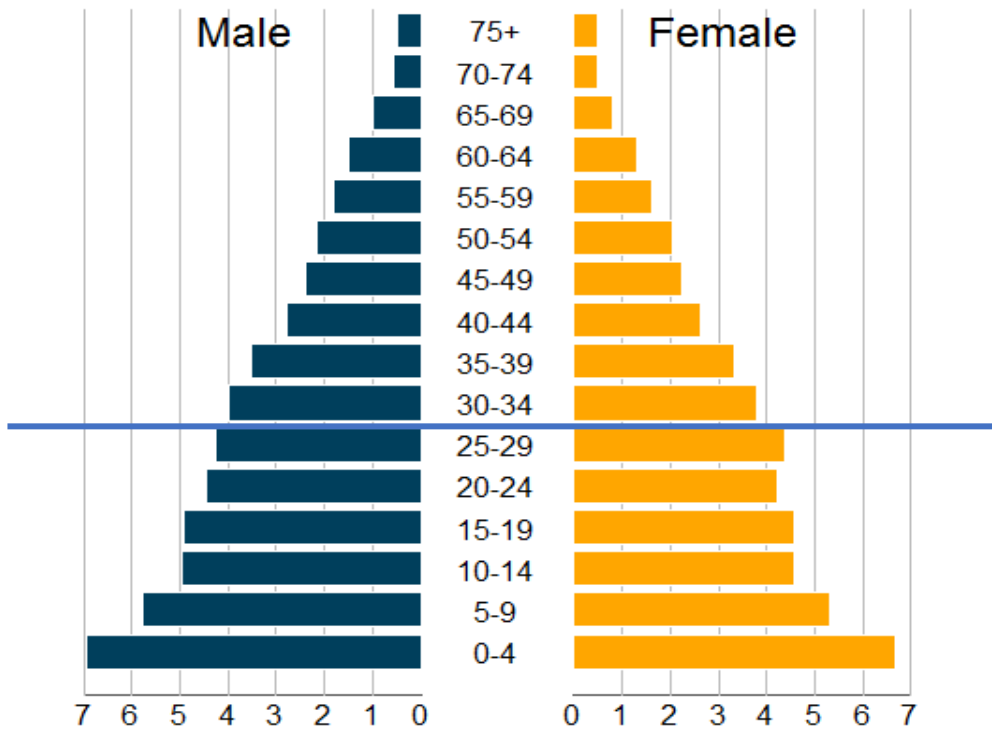




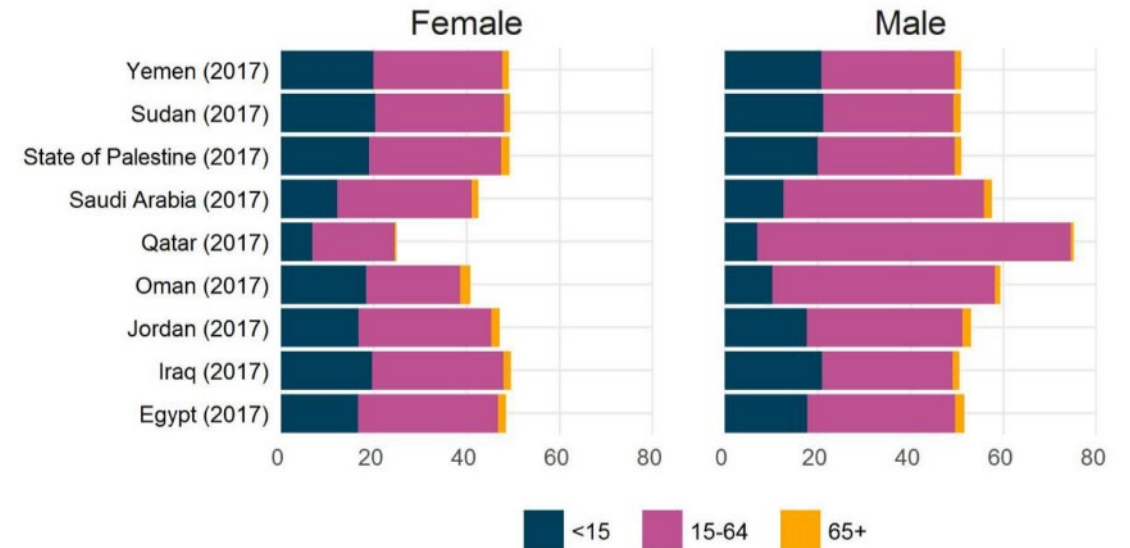
Power of Youth

What do the demographics tell us?

60-70% of population in Arab countries is under 30



Population pyramid, percentage, Egypt, 2017
(Source: ESCWA)



Percentage of population by age group and gender
(Source: ESCWA)



Power of Youth - MENA

Significance of policy paper: Engaging youth

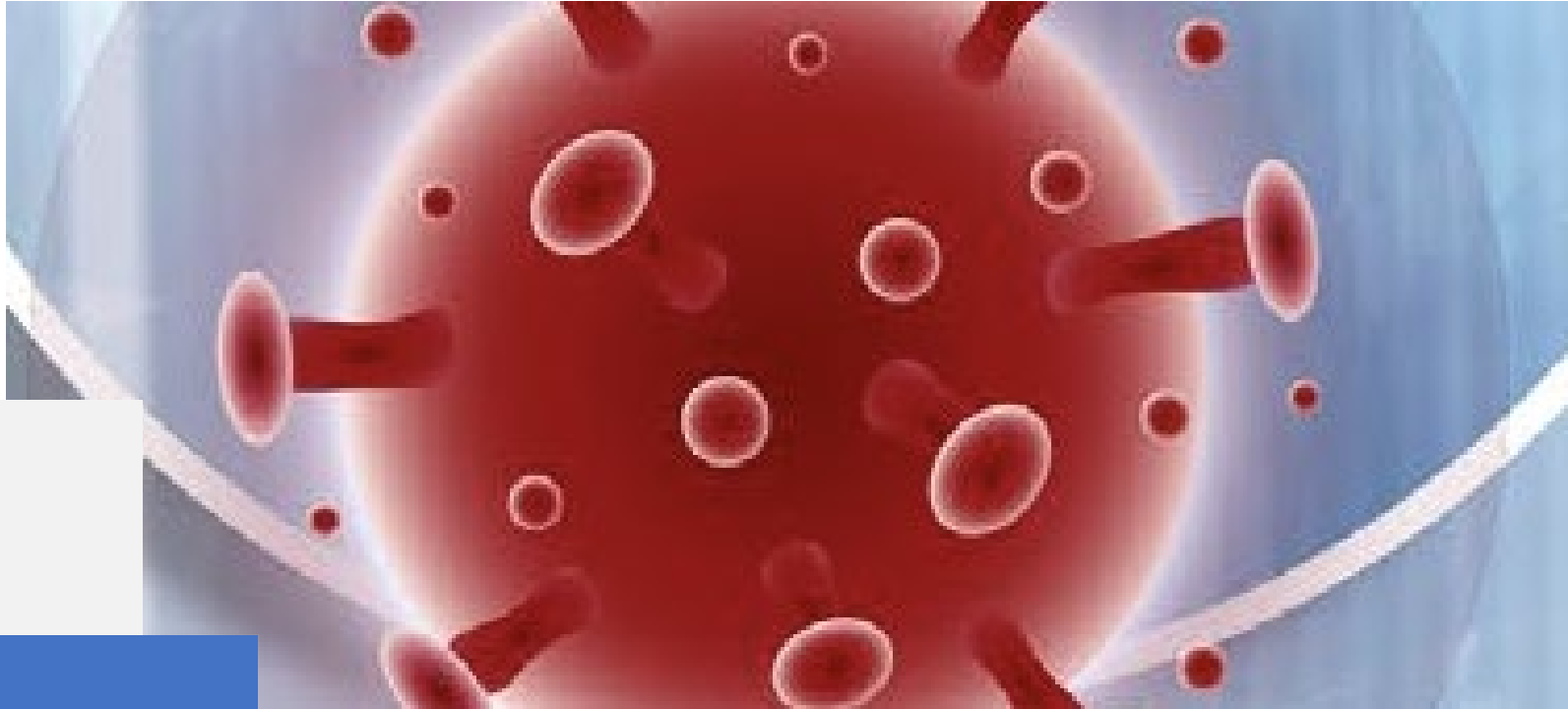
- “Young men and women are not sufficiently involved in the policy cycle and find themselves trapped in an observer status with little opportunity to shape policy outcomes in their favor”
- “Youth policy in the MENA region suffers from the lack of a whole-of-government approach and is poorly mainstreamed across key public governance areas”

What makes the position paper different?

Mainstreaming ethical principles in public decision-making

- “Prevailing socioeconomic inequalities in the MENA region only strengthen climate and energy injustice”
- “Effective ...energy ... policies will balance economics, politics, and environment”
- “Establish energy policies that consider energy from a primarily ethical, rather than economic, standpoint and include energy/climate justice as guiding principles”
- “Enable NGOs to effectively engage society ...”
- “Support equal access, control, and distribution of benefits for men and women ... understand their levels of vulnerability, resilience, and autonomy, when confronted with energy scarcity and climate change”

Renewable energy in post Covid-19



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UAE: \$27 B stimulus plan; water and electricity subsidies

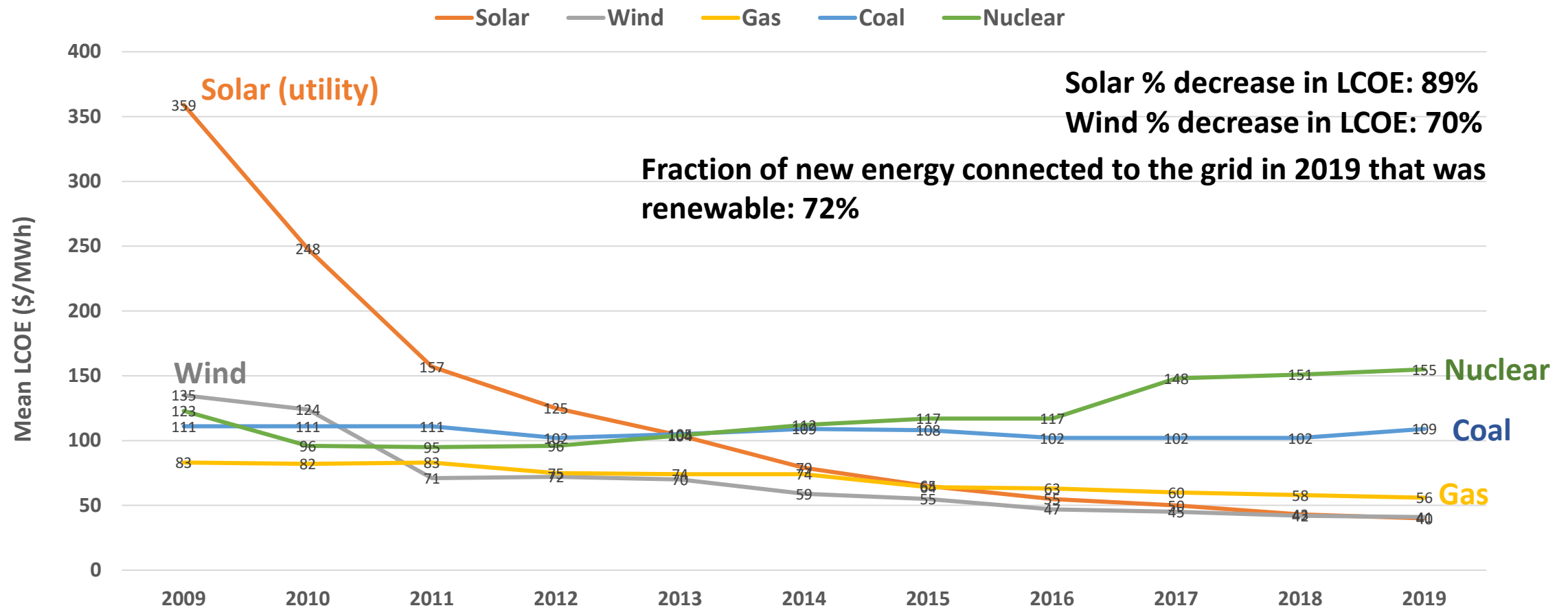
Egypt: \$6 B to combat virus and support economic growth

Qatar: \$23 B stimulus package to provide incentives to private sector

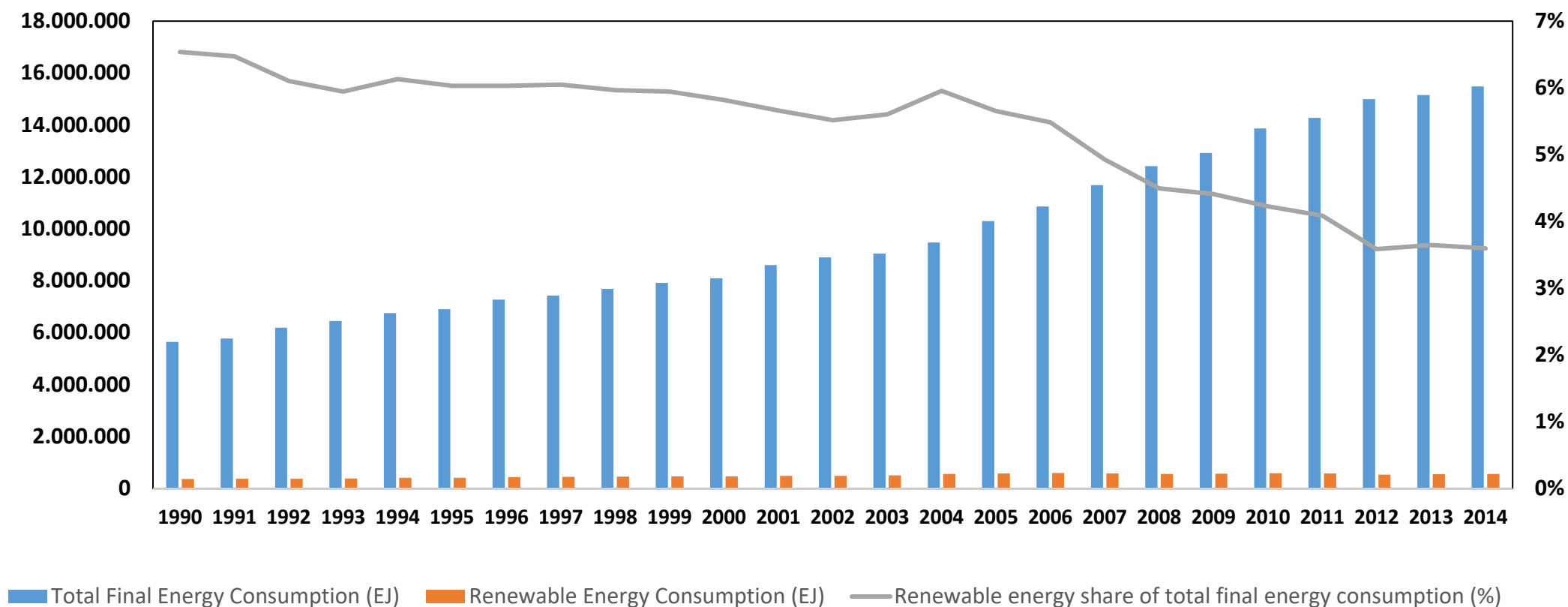
Saudi Arabia: \$13 B stimulus package to support business and extend finance

Oman: \$20 B incentive package to lessen impact on local economy

Levelized Cost of Energy (\$/MWh)



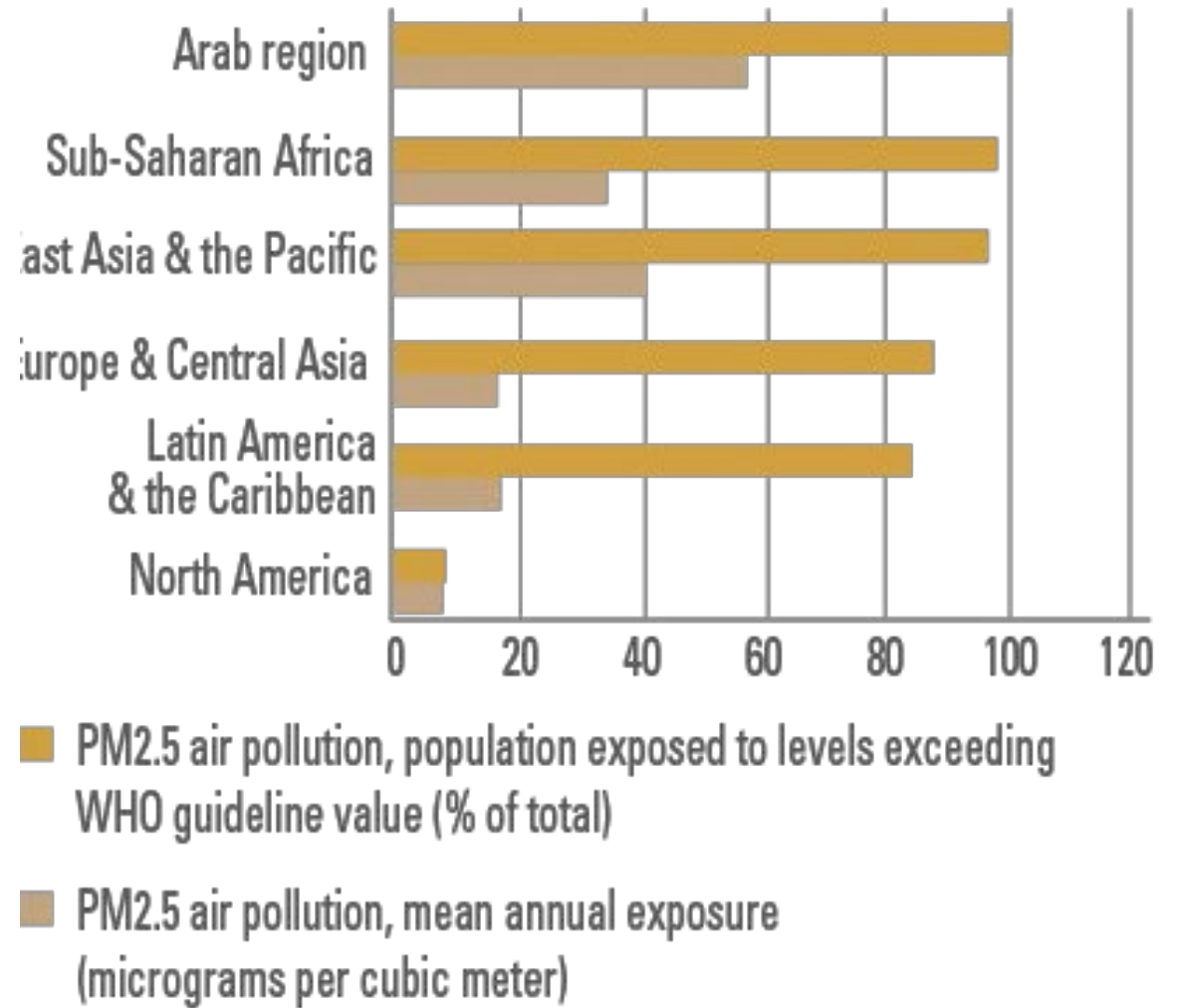
Share of Renewable Energy in TFEC in the Arab Region, 1990-2014



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Name of game: Resiliency

- Human health - air pollution
- Energy infrastructure

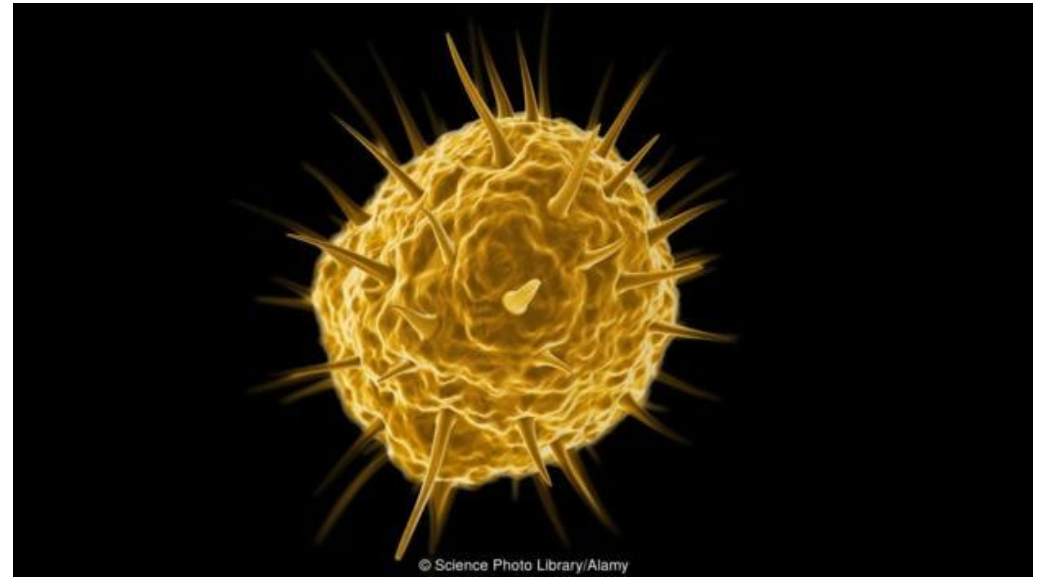


Source: ESCWA

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Name of game: Resiliency

- Climate change will affect:
 - Geography of human disease
 - Agricultural pests
 - Release of microbes as permafrost thaws

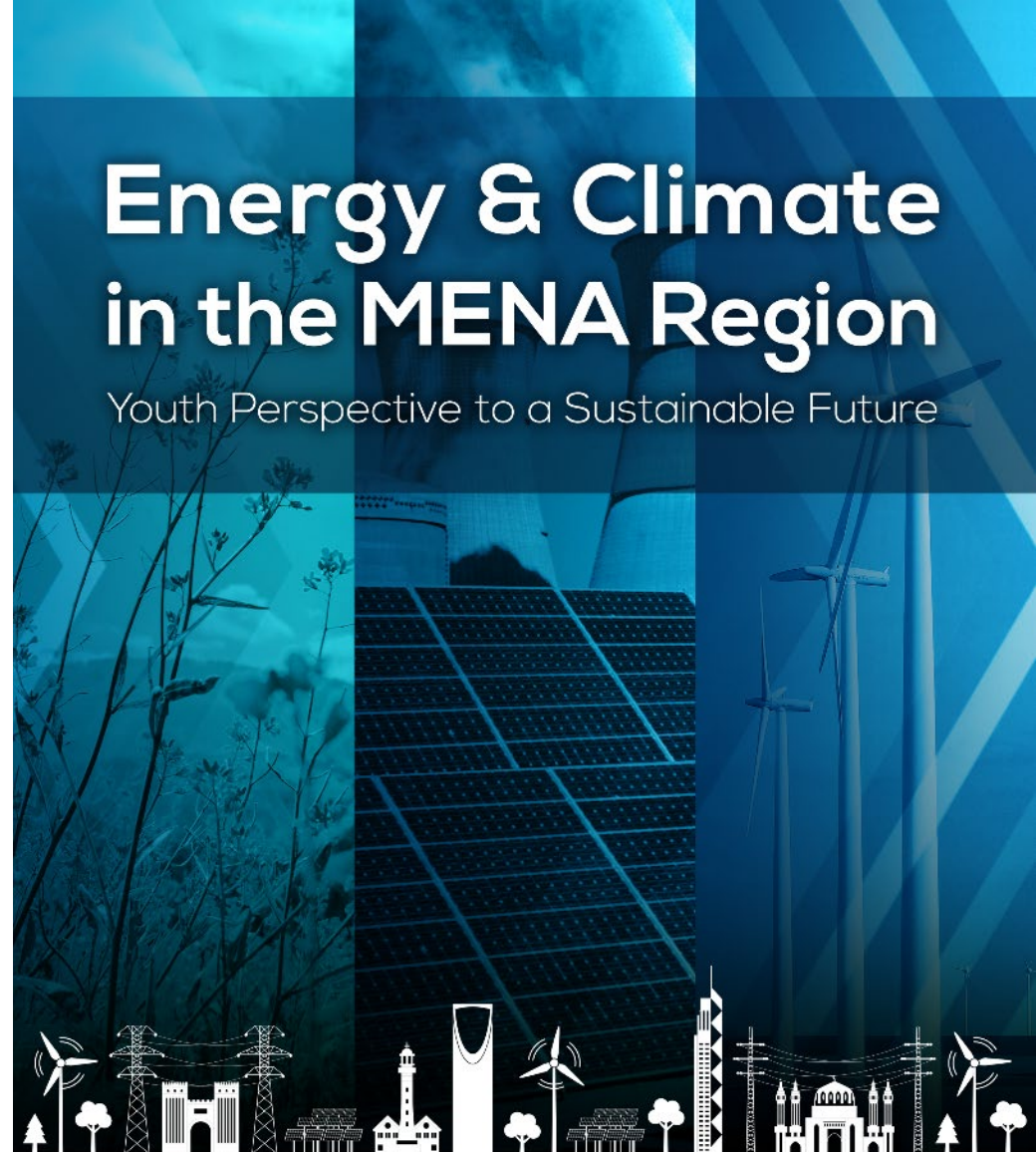


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- Changes in advocacy model
 - Disruptors/social agitators
 - Initiators
 - Implementors

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