

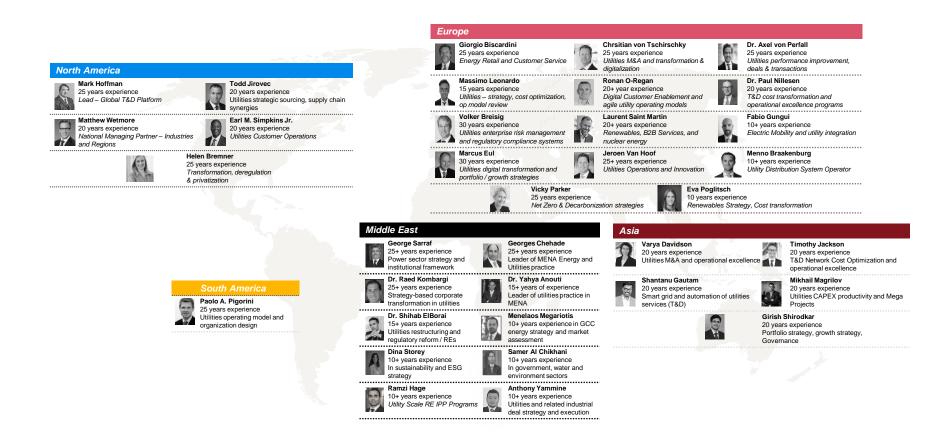
## Power Sector Trends

# Arab Electricity Regulators Workshop

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## In the room today

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## Electricity is a comodity unlike any other

**Distinguishing Properties of Electrical Power Systems** 

Electricity...

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...cannot be economically stored

It must be **generated**, and **transmitted as** it is **consumed** 

...is delivered by an integrated grid

...is in a fragile dynamic equilibrium

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...is not a single commodity

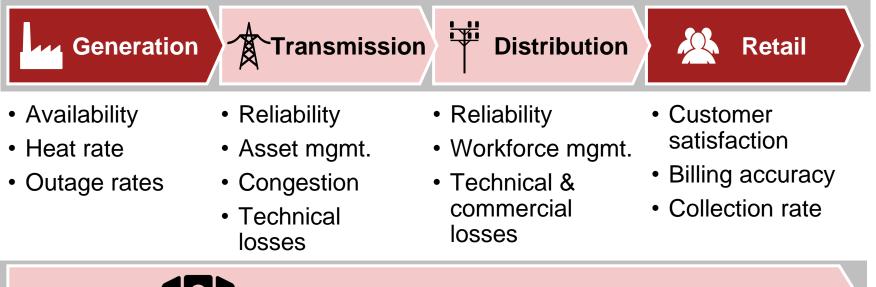
Flows cannot be ascribed to a path regardless of contracts or transactions

Failure of any component impacts all generators and loads instantly

It serves versatile end-uses with significantly different value and needs

## Generation and demand must remain in perfect balance across all the links of the value chain

**Electrical Power System Value Chain** 





**System Operation and Control** 

CAPEX planning

Scheduling

- Dispatch optimization
- Emergency management

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## The generation needed to meet demand comes from a mix of sources optimized for cost and reliability

Key Characteristics of Sources of Supply

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LCOE Range (US cents/kWh)	15.2 - 20.6	4.1 - 7.4	5.7 - 14.8	11.2 - 18.9	2.9 - 4.6
Heat Rate (Btu/kWh)	36%-43%	49%-56%	28%-39%	32%	NA
Average Capex Intensity	Low	Low	Medium	High	High
EPC Lead Time (Months)	~12	~24	~36	~72	~18
Operating Mode	Peaking	Cycling	Baseload	Baseload	Must-run

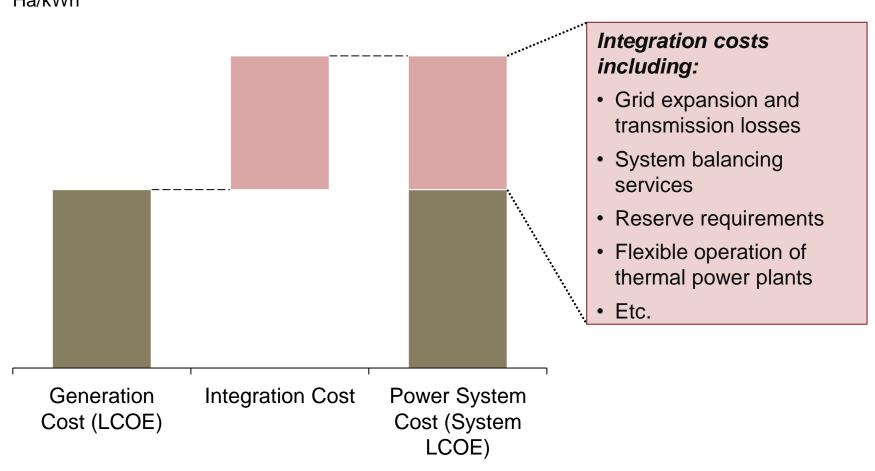
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## The cost of any generation option can be assessed at multiple levels Cost Assessment Framework

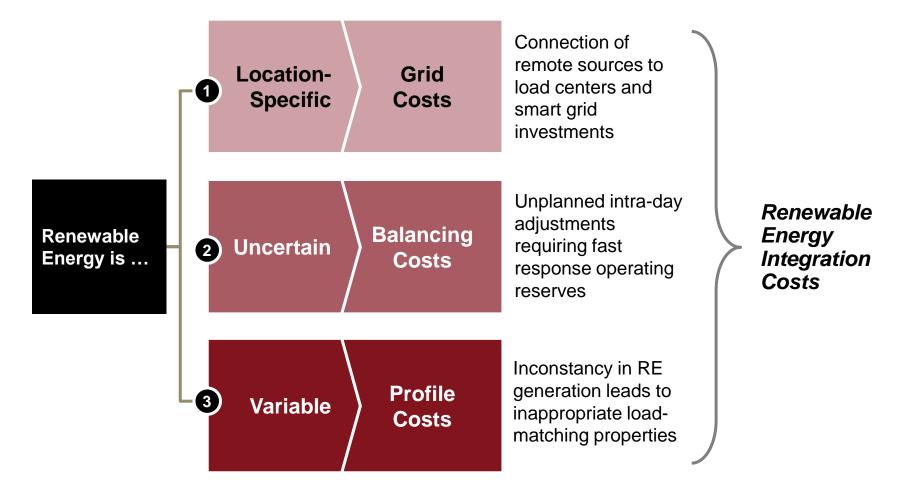
Generation Costs	Power System Costs	Total Costs		
• Capex	Capacity adequacy	<ul> <li>Energy security</li> </ul>		
Financing	<ul> <li>Fuel savings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>GDP and job creation</li> </ul>		
• O&M	<ul> <li>System flexibility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Balance of trade</li> </ul>		
•	Curtailment	<ul> <li>Environmental emissions</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Network reinforcement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visual impact</li> </ul>		
	Losses	•		
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#### Renewable energy power system costs comprise generation and integration costs Power System Cost

Ha/kWh



### Integration costs result from three intrinsic properties of renewable energy sources Intrinsic Properties and Integration Cost of Renewable Energy

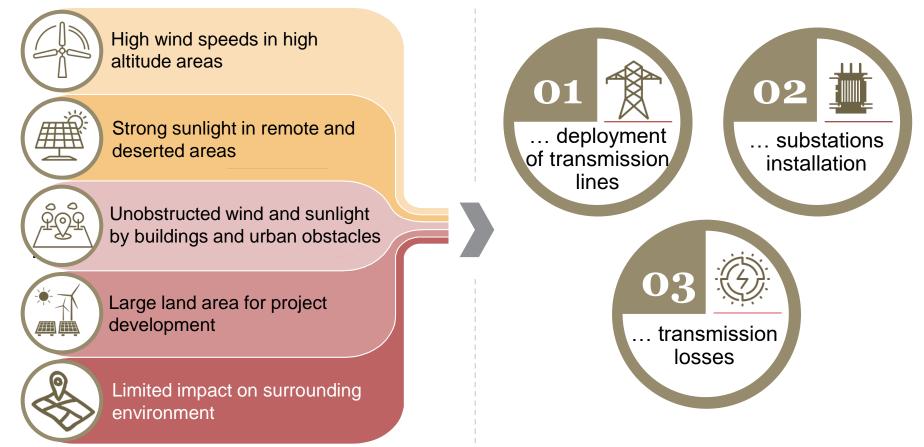


## Renewable sources are located far from demand centers and require advanced grid management

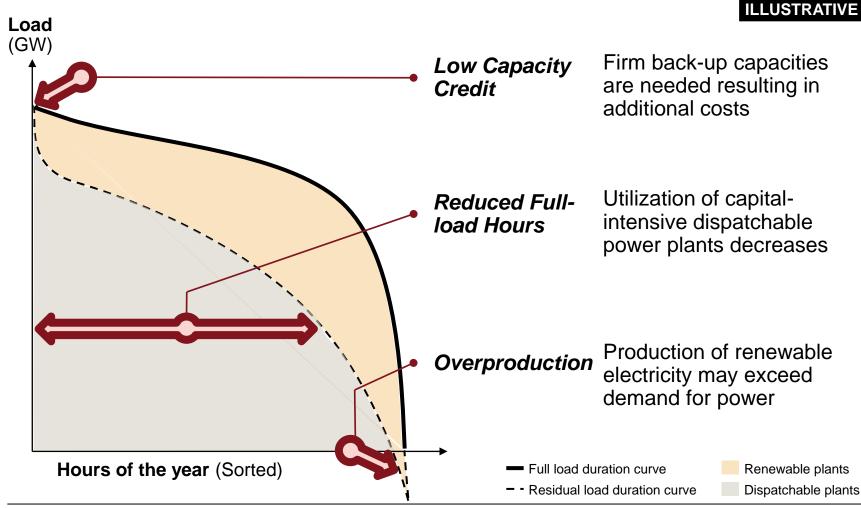
Rationale for installing RE in remote location

**Grid Costs** 

Additional transmission costs incurred from ...

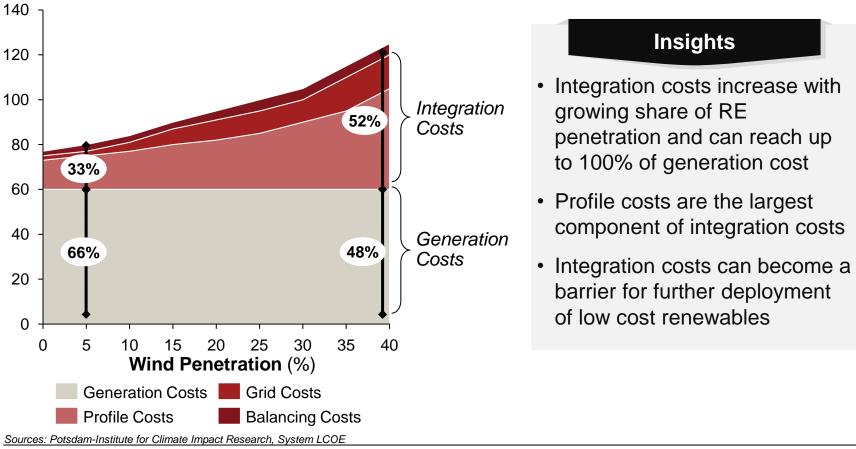


## At high penetration shares, variability of renewable sources leads to inappropriate load-matching Full and Residual Load Duration Curves



#### Benchmarks show significant integration costs, especially at high renewables penetration shares Benchmarked Generation and Integration Costs Germany 2012

€/MWh



# What will the Middle East power industry look like in 2040?

#### Key Long-Term Trends

Zero-marginal-cost energy sources will lead to fixed-price billing	<ul> <li>Share of RE in power generation mix keeps growing</li> <li>Battery storage helps address variability</li> <li>Conventional capacity used only for back-up</li> <li>T&amp;D investments grow to integrate REs</li> <li>Shift of value from fuel to Capex</li> <li>Energy matters less than consumption pattern (Telco?)</li> </ul>
Grids will become decentralized	<ul> <li>Distributed generation will grow</li> <li>A centralized grid is, however, still required</li> <li>New concepts emerging "Grid-of-Micro Grids" and "Crowd Balancing"</li> <li>The Grid as a physical platform of exchange and trade at the individual subscriber level</li> </ul>
Business models will become more customer-focused	<ul> <li>Shift from Meters to Customers</li> <li>The electrification of everything</li> <li>Deepen relationship with customers to provide peace of mind and convenience rather than a commodity</li> <li>Sustainability and circularity will matter more</li> <li>A zero-carbon zero-waste utility?</li> </ul>



# Thank you

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