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Clean & modern technologies are a sizeable economic opportunity



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The manufacturing of clean technologies is highly concentrated geographically, with China accounting for around 70% of the global manufacturing output value for the six key clean technologies.

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International trade is essential to the global economy



China remains the world's clean technology powerhouse



■ Fossil fuels ■ Clean energy technologies

The value of China's clean tech exports in 2035 is roughly equivalent to the projected 2024 oil export revenue of Saudi Arabia & the United Arab Emirates combined. The EU's import bill shifts to clean tech, which is a boon to resilience.

There is significant regional variation in capital costs...

Clean technology manufacturing facility capital costs



An analysis of cost data for 750 projects shows significant variation in average capital costs by region – a recent announcement for a large integrated solar PV facility suggests even lower costs (USD 140/kW) are possible in China

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...but other factors influence total manufacturing cost



Capital costs contribute significantly to the regional variation in clean technology manufacturing cost, but account for only modest proportions of the total – materials and energy account for much larger shares

In China, electric cars are getting larger... and cheaper



In 2023, over 60% of electric cars sold in China were cheaper than their average ICE equivalent. Strong competition in the growing market of electric SUVs and cheaper battery chemistries are bringing prices down.

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A new electric car industry is emerging



Chinese companies provide more than half of global electric car sales, compared with just 10% for conventional cars.

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Industrial policy & competitiveness shape the outlook for trade





Industrial strategies can help boost the competitiveness of clean technology manufacturing. The policies established by countries around the world will affect the outlook for manufacturing & trade.



A fair and just transition requires enabling more regions to reap the economic benefits from growing supply chains for clean and modern energy technologies.

Key manufacturing opportunities in the High Potential Case



Wind blade manufacturing increases x4 by 2035



Third largest battery manufacturer by 2050



Second largest exporter of near-zero emissions ammonia by 2050

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 \checkmark Skills of the workforce

✓ High fertiliser demand

✓ Good energy infrastructure

✓ Large lithium & iron ore reserves

Key manufacturing opportunities in the High Potential Case

✓ Good renewable resources

- \checkmark Large cobalt reserves
- \checkmark Existing large fertiliser production
- Available energy infrastructure (North & South Africa)

EV manufacturing

accounts for 3% of North Africa's GDP by 2050



Iron exports x4 more value than iron ore exports



Africa meets all ammonia demand with domestic resources by 2050

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Key manufacturing opportunities in the High Potential Case

✓ Good business environment

 \checkmark Strong high-tech manufacturing sector

- \checkmark Existing solar PV and ICE manufacturing
- \checkmark Large nickel reserves

Over 10% of global polysilicon production by 2050

EV exports approach 3 million by 2035

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