# South Korea nuclear power policy change and its implications



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# Nuclear energy policy change

"So far South Korea's energy policy pursued cheap prices and efficiency. Cheap production [costs] were considered the priority while the public's life and safety took a back seat. But it's time for a change. We will abolish our nuclear-centered energy policy and move toward a nuclear-free era."





**President Moon** 

- Phase out of coal and nuclear power
- Increase percentage of renewable sources
- Construction of Shin-Kori 5 & 6 resumed
- No further construction of new NPPs

#### Energy overview in S. Korea



#### **Electricity consumption**



Source: <u>http://www.kesis.net/sub/subChartEng.jsp?report\_id=33140&reportType=0</u>



#### Import vs export



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#### **Renewable sources**





Yeongnam-40 MW

5 000k





http://www.kesis.net/sub/subChartEng.jsp?report\_id=40209&reportType=0

### Land vs energy sources





➤ 2000 MW

	Technology	Capacity Factor, %	Square Miles Needed for 1,000 MW
	Wind	32-47	260-360
	Solar	17-28	45-75
2	Nuclear	90	1.3

- Challenge to replacement of NPP equivalent RE
  - Mountainous topography,
  - High population density

1. http://blog.iparu.com/2015/06/solar-pv-power-plants-constructed-and 90.html 2. https://www.nei.org/News-Media/News/News-Archives/Nuclear-Power-Plants-Are-Compact,-Efficient-and-Re



### Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission





### Inter-regional grid connection



- Scarcity of natural resources
  Import electricity
- Unstable relationship
  with North Korea
- Construct transmission lines-expensive

#### Germany experience



1400

Million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent



#### Electricity production-2016



#### Grid inter-connectivity

https://www.energy-charts.de/index.htm http://www.power-technology.com/projects/templin-solar-power-plant/

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The Road to 2020 Energiewende!?

### Post Fukushima measures



- APR1400 reactor
  - Advanced safety features-SIS
  - Safe Shutdown Earthquake =0.3g
  - Automatic seismic trip system





#### Korea NPP self- reliance



	Туре	MWe gross	Construction start	Start up
Barakah 1	APR-1400	1400	July 2012	2018
Barakah 2	APR-1400	1400	May 2013	2018
Barakah 3	APR-1400	1400	Sept 2014	2019
Barakah 4	APR-1400	1400	Sept 2015	2020
Total		5600 MWe		

Barakah NPP in UAE

#### Planned units in UAE







APR1400 NPP at Shin-Kori 3 &4



### Conclusion



Increasing economic growth, electricity consumption



Encourage continued operation of NPP



Need for secure and adequate energy reserves.



Encourage NPP technology export