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# Making waves: Independent innovators push for wider access to power in Africa

In late February, a panel that included Shell and BP chief economists told the International Energy Week conference in London that developing nations have started to push back against the Western world's idealistic energy transition vision. This is because unique environmental, economic and infrastructure needs will likely impede many regions' capacity to adopt the net-zero timeline expected by the West.

When considering sub-Saharan Africa in this discussion, it is remiss to consider the continent as one region, even when broken down further into smaller regional landscapes: there are many elements that set the countries that make up the world's second-largest continent apart – especially in terms of their energy needs.

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