Mauritius 2050 Pathways Calculator (Version 1)

Hydroelectric power

Table 1 shows that the share of hydro power in the total electricity mix decreases over time in the LTES. This change reflects the topographical constraints of Mauritius in the development of medium-to-large hydro power stations. At the end of 2013, the total installed hydro capacity stood at 60.74 MW, and the effective capacity was 56.30 MW.¹ Among the most recent hydro power addition is 0.35 MW at Midlands Dam revealing the constrained hydro power capacity that exists.²

Table 1: Electricity mix targets, 2010-2025.

Fuel Source		Percentage of Total Electricity Generated							
Renewable		2010)	2015	5	2020		2025	
	Bagasse	16		13		14		17	
	Hydro	4		3		3		2	
	Waste-to-Energy	0		5		4		4	
	Wind	0		2		6		8	
	Solar PV	0		1		1		2	
	Geothermal	0		0		0		2	
Sub-total			20		24		28		35
Non- renewable	Fuel oil	37		31		28		25	
	Coal	43		45		44		40	
Sub-total			80		76		72		65
TOTAL			100		100		100		100

Definition of trajectories

In version 1 of the Mauritius 2050 Pathways Calculator, the four levels for hydroelectric power development are defined as follows:

Level #	Description			
Level 1	The existing capacity at 60MW is maintained to 2050.			
Level 2	There is a total of 65 MW by 2050.			
	New hydro power potential will be created through the construction of dams that are already considered by the Government. The 5 MW is linearly between 2020 and 2050 – i.e. 714 kW every 5 years.			
Level 3	The target in 2050 is 75 MW.			
	This is achieved by developing additional mini hydro power potential will be explored The 15 MW is added linearly between 2020 and 2050 – i.e. 2.14 MW every 5 years.			
Level 4	A total of 100 MW of hydro power capacity is installed in 2050.			
	5.71 MW hydro capacity is installed every 5 years between 2020 and 2050.			

¹ Statistics Mauritius. (2014). Digest of Energy and Water Statistics 2013.

² This can be compared to the 30 MW of installed hydro capacity at Champagne. It is noted that out of the ten hydro plants, three hydro power plants (Champagne, Tamarind Falls and Ferney) have a total capacity of 51.7 MW, while the remaining seven plants have a cumulative capacity of 9.04 MW. Out of these seven plants, Le Val has the biggest capacity at 4 MW. The other plants are sized between 0.35 MW and 1.2 MW.