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New low for wind energy costs: Morocco tender averages \$US30/MWh

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By Giles Parkinson on 17 January 2016

The north African country of Morocco has achieved a new low for wind energy costs, securing average bids of just \$US30/MWh from its tender for 850MW tender of large-scale wind energy projects, with the lowest at around \$US25/MWh.

The pricing – revealed by its energy ministry at a ministerial round table at the International Renewable Energy summit in Abu Dhabi on Saturday – sets a new low for wind energy pricing in the world, and is boosted by the remarkable wind energy resource sourced from Atlantic trade winds, and some concessional finance.

Abderrahim El Hafidi, vice minister of energy and environment, described the result as "extraordinary" and "amazing" and said it pointed to a "real revolution" in the means of producing energy. Some bids in the US have been in and around \$US25/MWh, although these have been boosted by a 30 per cent production tax credit.



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Offshore wind costs hit record low

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Two 350MW arrays in the Netherlands will supply power at €87/MWh, beating the next cheapest project by miles

By Megan Darby

Dong Energy has set a record low price for offshore wind power in a winning bid to build two arrays off the coast of the Netherlands.

The Danish company committed to supply electricity at €72.70/MWh (US\$80.40), not including transmission costs. The cables will add about €14/MWh, experts say.

That beats an industry goal of bringing costs below €100/MWh by 2020. The closest any rival had previously come was €103/MWh by Vattenfall in Denmark last year.

"It was a result that was well beyond anyone's expectations," said Oliver Joy, spokesperson for the European Wind Energy Association.

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New record for cheapest offshore wind farm



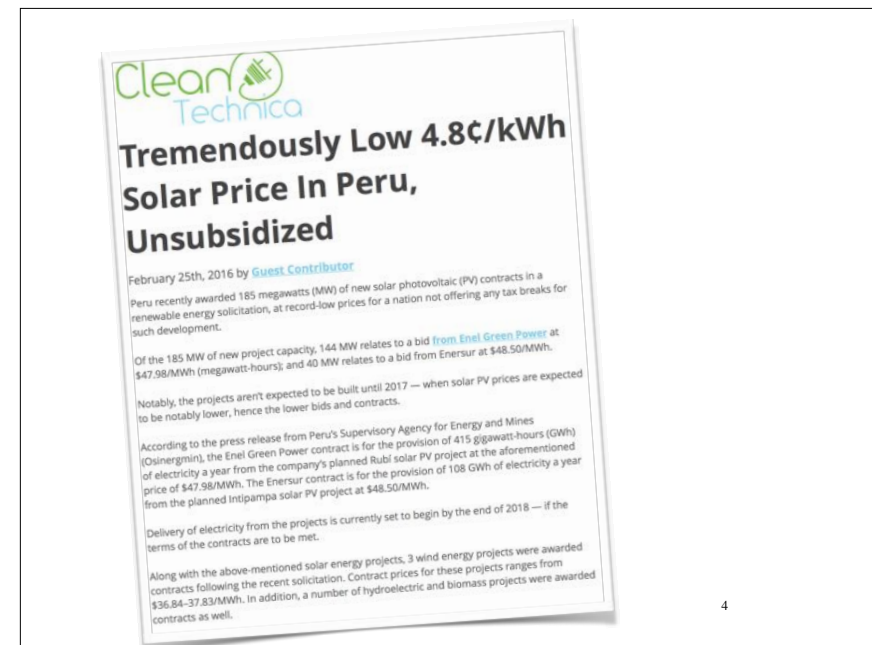
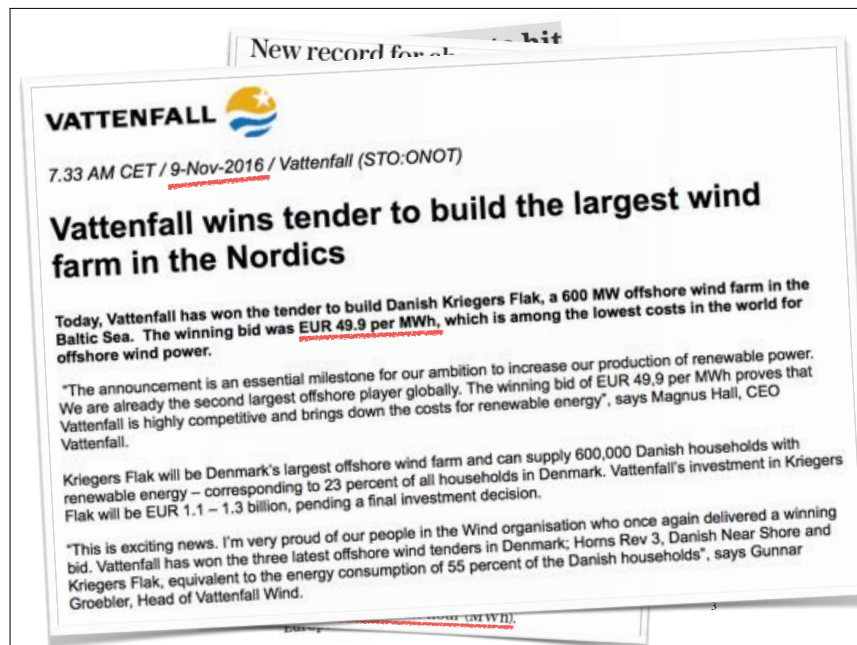
The costs of offshore wind have fallen significantly in recent years
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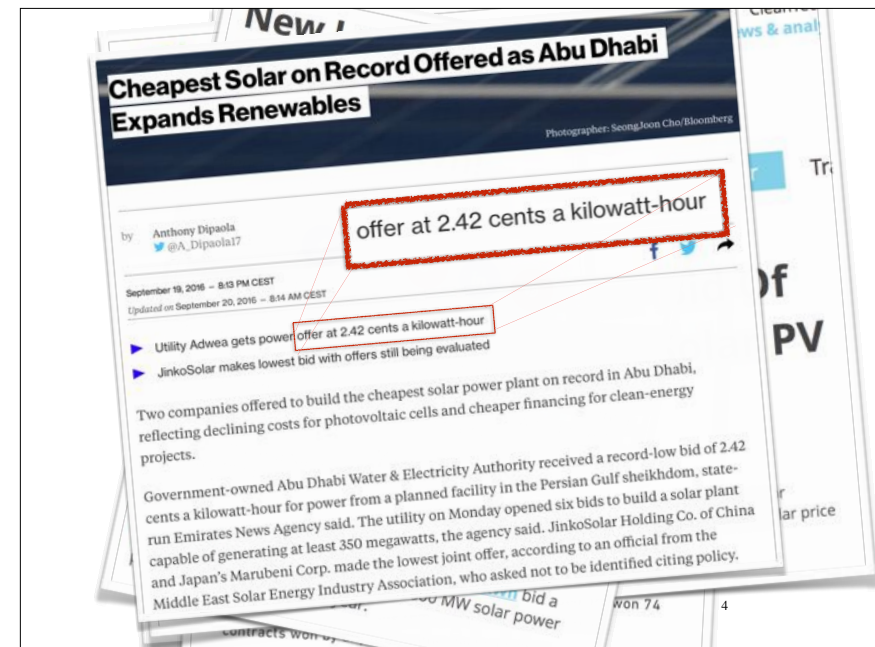
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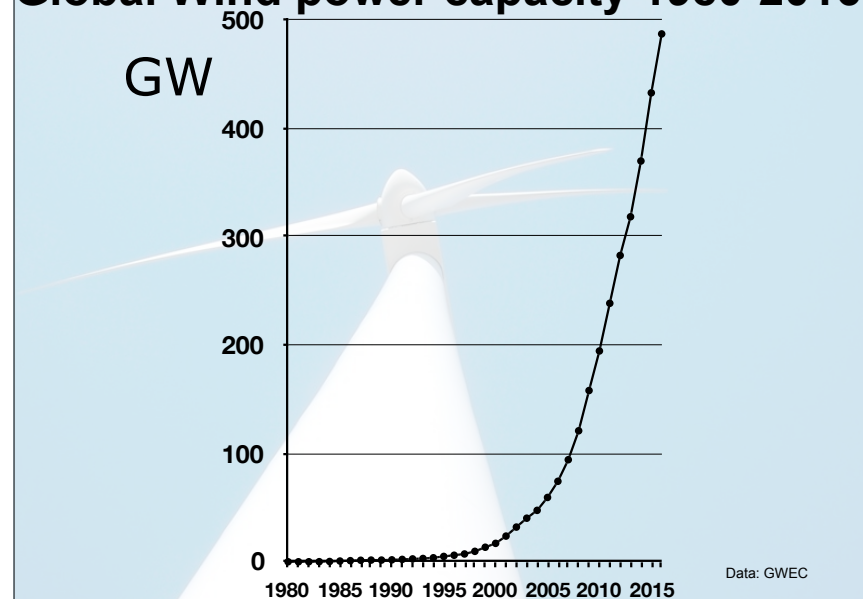
The cost of building offshore wind farms has fallen to a new low, with Sweden's Vattenfall winning contracts to build two projects in Danish waters for just over €60 (£51) per megawatt-hour (MWh).

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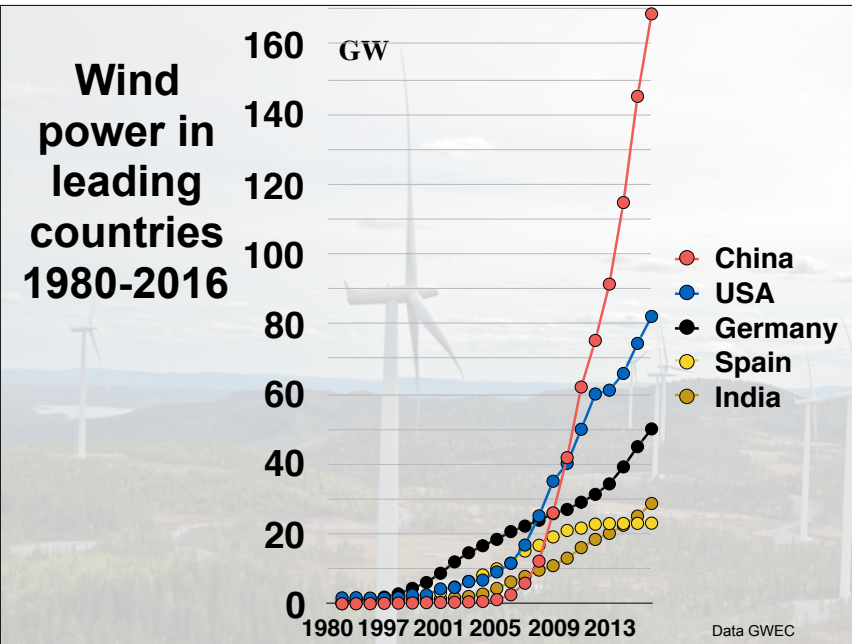




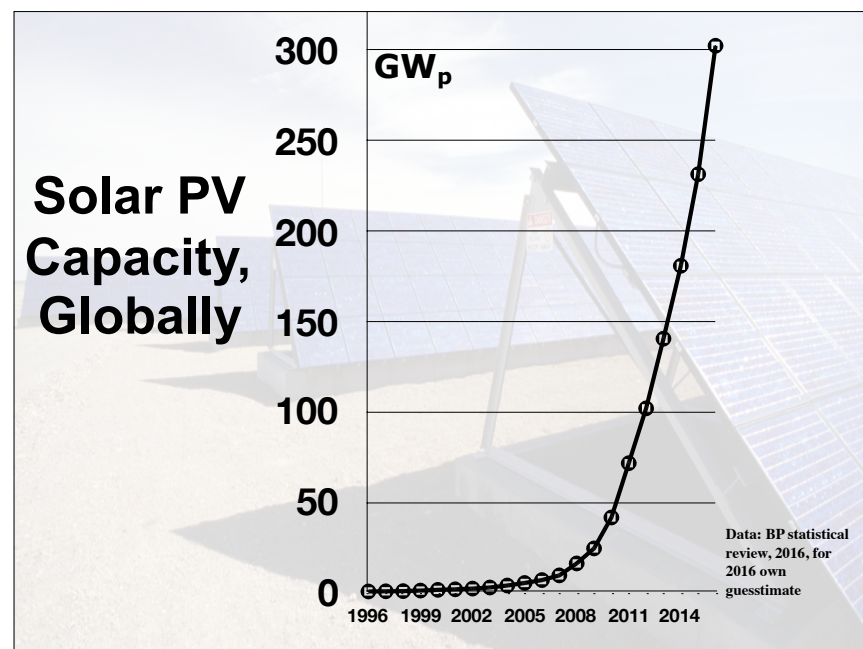
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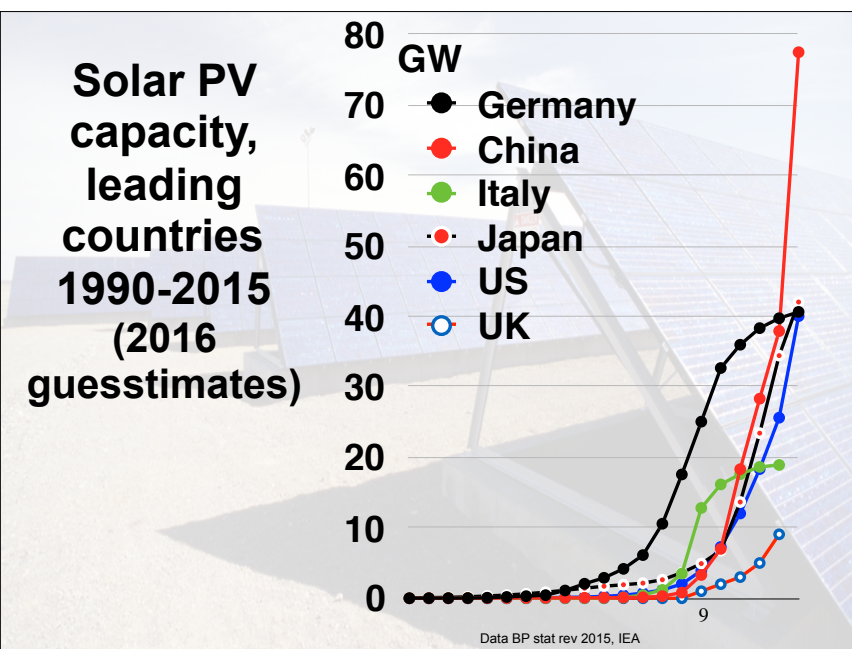
Wind power in leading countries 1980-2016



Solar PV Capacity, Globally



Solar PV capacity, leading countries 1990-2015 (2016 guesstimates)





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