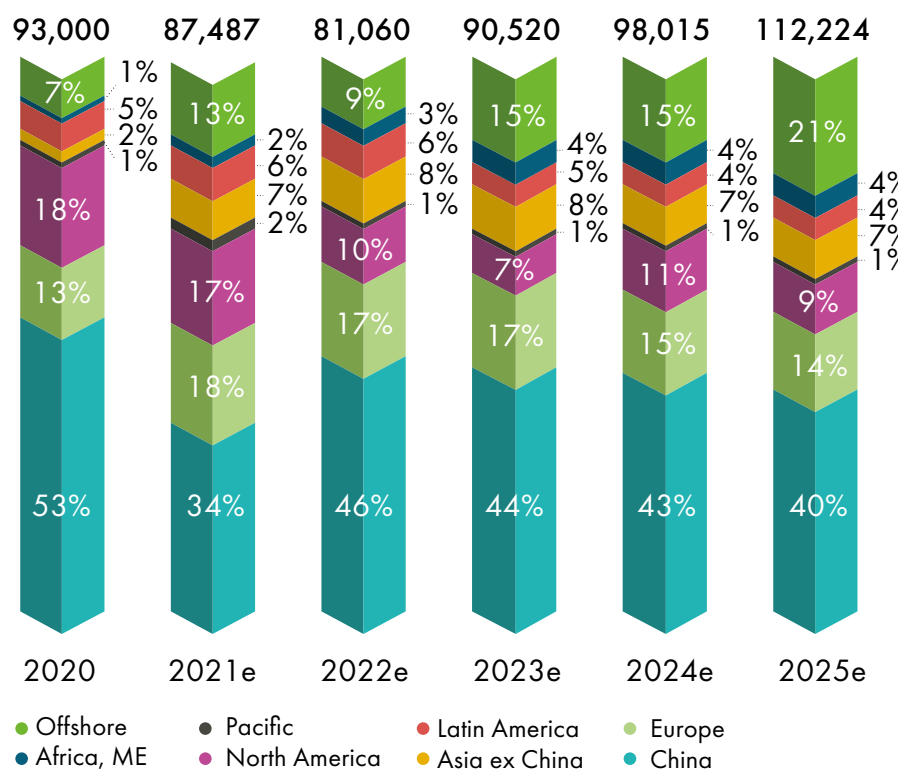


# Developing markets and offshore likely to take bigger role to drive global growth

New wind power installations outlook 2020-2025 by region  
MW and per cent, onshore and offshore



## Offshore wind

The volume of annual offshore wind installations is expected to quadruple from 6.1 GW in 2020 to 23.9 GW in 2025, bringing its share of global new installations from today's 6.5% to 21% by 2025. In Asia, China will remain the largest contributor in the next five years, followed by Taiwan, Vietnam, Japan and South Korea. In Europe, offshore wind will continue to grow, especially when the big CfD 3 projects come online in the UK from 2023 and with new projects to be installed by Eastern European countries from 2024. In the US, under the support of the Biden Administration, commissioning the first utility-scale offshore installations (more than 800 MW) by 2023 is becoming feasible and multi-GW level of new installations are expected to be built thereafter.

## Africa & the Middle East

New installations in this region will double in 2021 and then triple in

2022 compared with 2020. Such growth momentum is unlikely to stop during the rest of the forecast period. On average, 3.2 GW of new capacity is expected to be added each year in Africa/Middle East in the next five years (2021-2025), which is primarily driven by growth from South Africa, Egypt and Morocco in Africa and Saudi Arabia in the Middle East.

## Asia excl. China

The COVID-19 pandemic coupled with the existing challenges with land acquisition, grid connection and permitting made 2020 a tough year for India. However, the situation is expected to improve and more capacity will come online starting from 2021, with annual installations reaching a new peak in 2023 due to the retirement of the ISTS waiver. Aside from India, Vietnam is expected to be a key driver in this region considering the ongoing installation rush driven by the

planned expiry of the FiT as well as the highly awaited Power Development Plan VIII (PDP8). Additionally, sizable volume is also expected to come from emerging markets in southeast Asia, such as the Philippines and Indonesia, and in central Asia namely Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

### Pacific

After a four-year break, new capacity was commissioned in New Zealand in 2020 and more projects are expected to be built in the next five years. However, the majority of demand in this region in 2021-2025 will still come from Australia. State level support and auctions together with new solutions like hybrid power plants and Power-to-X will continue to generate opportunities in region's largest market, but grid transmission challenges will need to be addressed to accommodate such growth.

### Europe

Driven by expected growth from established markets in Western Europe, including Germany, France and Spain, the Nordic countries, especially Sweden and Norway, and non-EU 27 markets such as Turkey and Russia, a new onshore installation record is likely to be

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## GWEC Market Intelligence expects that over 469 GW of new capacity will be added in the next five years.

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achieved in 2021. After that, annual installations will remain stable in the remainder of the forecast period. However, as WindEurope has flagged, to ensure 15 GW/year onshore growth in Europe in the next five years, issues such as permitting, re-powering and pandemic associated restrictions will have to be addressed.

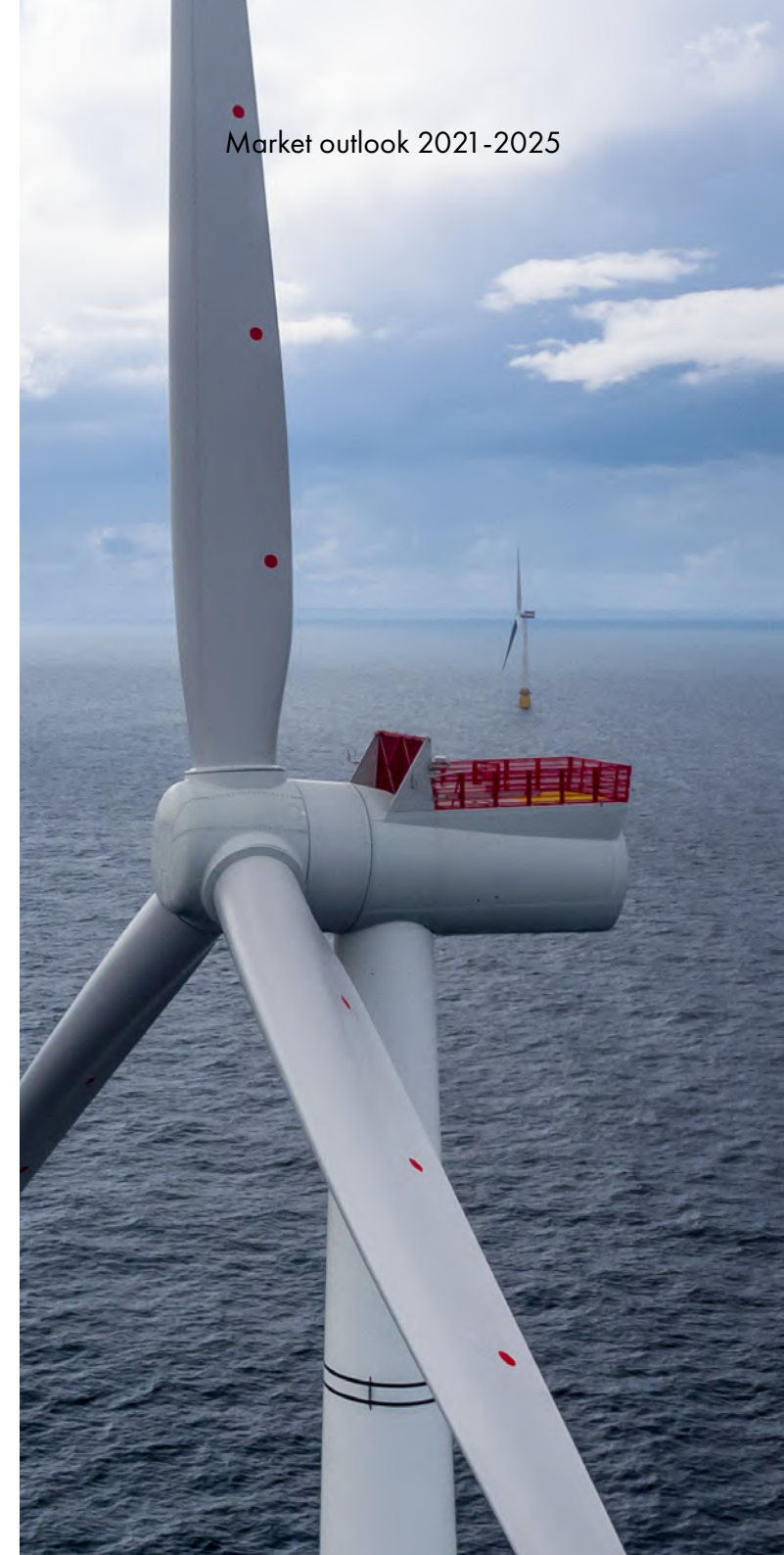
### The Americas

A new installation record is expected in Latin America in 2021, but the region is still a mixed picture in terms of government support, economic stability and grid capability on a country level, and annual growth in this region is likely to drop back from 2022. Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Argentina and Colombia are expected to be the top five contributors to regional growth in the next five years. In parallel to existing auction

schemes, private auctions or bilateral PPAs have emerged as an alternative to drive the growth in this region. In North America, the PTC will remain as the primary driver to support the US onshore wind growth in the next five years. Onshore wind installations in the US are likely to decline in 2022 and 2023 but can be expected to bounce back in 2024 and 2025, driven by the PTC extension enacted in both 2019 and 2020.

### China

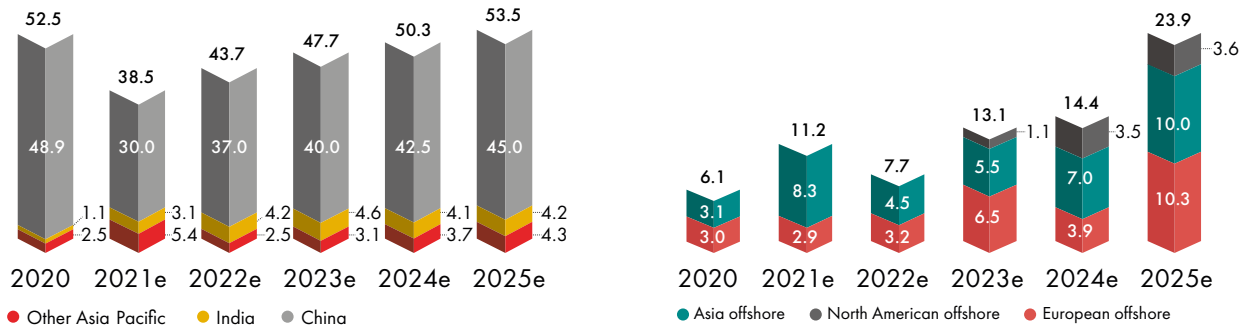
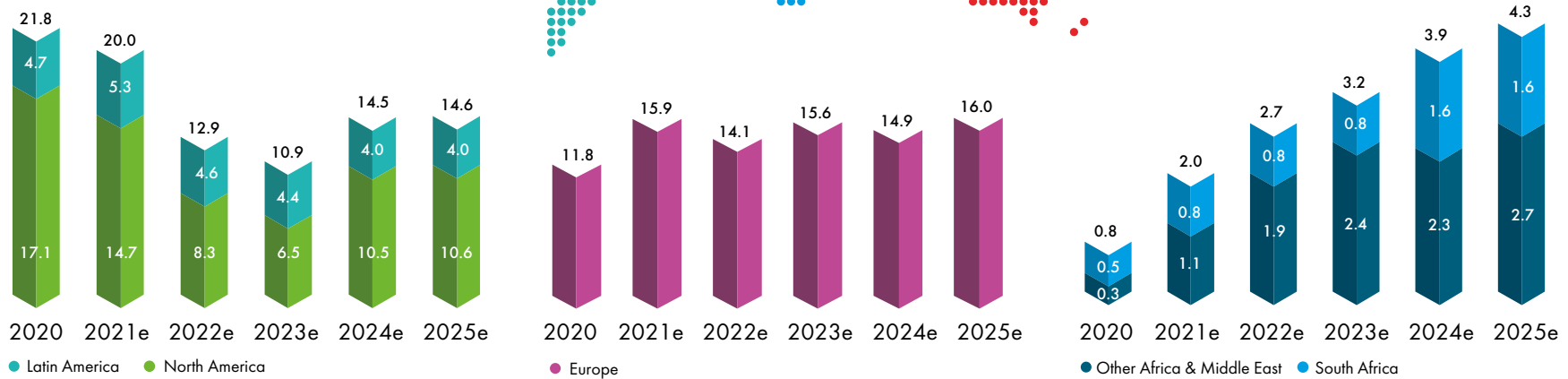
After explosive growth in 2020, GWEC Market Intelligence believes Chinese onshore wind installations in 2021 will decline significantly. This is because most of the project pipelines approved before the end of 2019 have already run their course and starting from 2021 all onshore projects have to be subsidy-free. Nevertheless, onshore wind installations are expected to gradually ramp up again to support China's carbon neutrality target in the coming years to reach new record levels.



# Market outlook 2021-2025

## Regional onshore wind and offshore wind outlook

New installations (GW)





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# APPENDIX

An aerial photograph of a wind farm in a vast, arid desert landscape. The foreground is dominated by a large, white wind turbine blade extending from the bottom left towards the top right. The blade is attached to a nacelle. In the middle ground, a dirt road winds through the desert, leading to a construction site where a tall, red metal tower is being erected. Several vehicles are parked near the base of the tower. In the background, several other wind turbines are visible, spaced out across the flat, reddish-brown terrain under a clear blue sky. The overall scene depicts a large-scale renewable energy project in a remote, dry environment.



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## Data definitions and adjustments

GWEC reports installed and fully commissioned capacity additions and total installations. However, considering the delay of grid connection in China, GWEC uses installation data from the Chinese Wind Energy Association (CWEA) for China instead of grid-connected data.

New installations are gross figures not deducting decommissioned capacity. Total installations are net figures, adjusted for decommissioned capacity.

## Definition of regions

GWEC adjusted its definition of regions for the 2018 Global Wind Report and maintains these in the 2021 edition, specifically for Latin America and Europe.

### Latin America:

South, Central America and Mexico

### Europe:

Geographic Europe including Norway, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine

## Sources for the report

GWEC collects installation data from regional or country wind associations, alternatively, from industry experts.

Historic installation data has been adjusted based on the input GWEC received. The 2021 Global Wind Report shows the accurate current and historic data.

## Used terminology

GWEC uses terminology to the best knowledge. With the wind industry transitioning certain terminology is not yet fixed or can have several connotations. GWEC is continuously adapting and adjusting to these developments.

## Acronyms

<b>BESS</b>	Battery Energy Storage Systems		Corporate Governance	<b>ITC</b>	Investment Tax Credit	<b>PV</b>	Photovoltaic
<b>BNEF</b>	BloombergNEF	<b>ETFs</b>	Exchange Traded Funds	<b>KEPCO</b>	Korea Electric Power Corporation	<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>CAPEX</b>	Capital Expenditures	<b>ETS</b>	Emissions Trading Scheme	<b>LCOE</b>	Levelised Cost of Energy	<b>REIPPPP</b>	Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Program
<b>CCS</b>	Carbon Capture and Storage	<b>EU</b>	European Union	<b>LTES</b>	Long Term Energy Scenarios	<b>RPS</b>	Renewable Portfolio Standard
<b>CCUS</b>	Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage	<b>FiT</b>	Feed-in Tariff	<b>MDBs</b>	Multilateral Development Banks	<b>SMEs</b>	Small and Medium Enterprises
<b>CfD</b>	Contract for Difference	<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product	<b>MOIT</b>	Vietnam Ministry of Industry and Trade	<b>TEPCO</b>	Tokyo Electric Power Company
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>e</b>	Carbon Dioxide Equivalent	<b>GHG</b>	Greenhouse Gases	<b>Mt</b>	Metric Tonnes	<b>TWh</b>	Terawatt Hour
<b>COP26</b>	26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties	<b>GW</b>	Gigawatt	<b>MW</b>	Megawatt	<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>DFIs</b>	Development Finance Institutions	<b>IEA</b>	International Energy Agency	<b>NDCs</b>	Nationally Determined Contributions	<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>DISCOMs</b>	Distribution Companies	<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund	<b>O&amp;M</b>	Operation and Maintenance	<b>US</b>	United States
<b>EJ</b>	Exajoules	<b>IPP</b>	Independent Power Producers	<b>OEMs</b>	Original Equipment Manufacturers		
<b>EO</b>	Executive Orders	<b>IRENA</b>	International Renewable Energy Agency	<b>PDP</b>	Vietnam Power Development Plan		
<b>ESG</b>	Environmental, Social and	<b>IRP</b>	Integrated Resource Plan	<b>PPA</b>	Power Purchase Agreement		
		<b>ISTS</b>	Inter-state transmission System				

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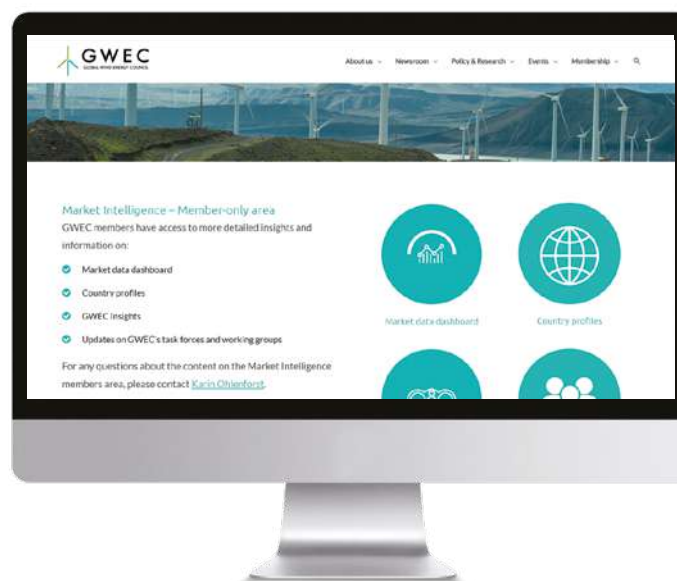
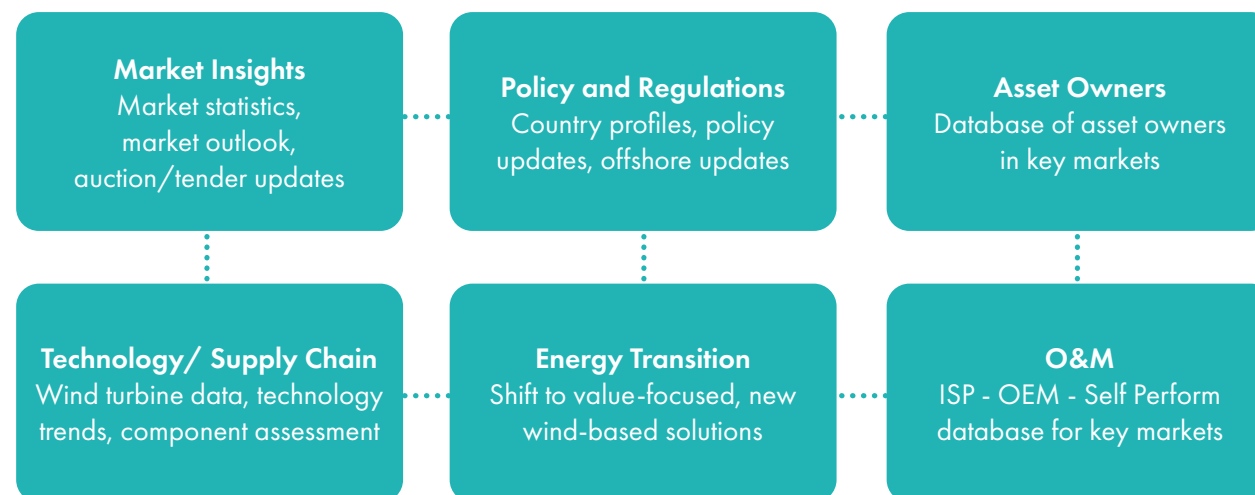
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Wind Energy Statistics (wind energy penetration rate, jobs)	Annual
<b>2. Country Profiles/Policy Updates</b>	
Country Profiles Onshores/Country Profiles Offshore	Quarterly/Ad-hoc
Ad-hoc policy updates	Ad-hoc
<b>3. Market Outlook</b>	
Global Wind Market Outlook 2021-2025 (Q1 and Q3)	Semi-Annual
<b>4. Supply Side Data</b>	
Global Wind Turbine Supply Side Data Report (by market, technology, turbine size and numbers)	Annual
<b>5. Auctions/Tenders</b>	
Auction Trends and Learnings	Annual/Quarterly
Global Auction Results (database)	Quarterly
<b>6. Offshore Wind Market</b>	
Global Offshore Wind Report 2021	Annual
Market Entry Opportunities Database	Annual/Quarterly
Global Offshore Project Pipeline (database, in operation and under construction)	Annual/Quarterly
Global Offshore Turbine Installation Vessel Database	Annual/Quarterly
<b>7. Components Assessment</b>	
Gearbox (2019), Blade (2020), Generator (2021), followed by other components	Special Report
<b>8. Wind Asset Owners/Operators</b>	
Ranking of Wind Asset Owners and Operators Globally (Onshore and Offshore)	Annual
<b>9. O&amp;M</b>	
O&M Service Provider Database (ISP- OEM - Self-perform)	Annual
<b>10. Energy Transition, Digitalisation, Hybrid, Hydrogen</b>	
Position papers/studies - Value shift, Corporate PPAs	Special Report
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2020 was a year of disruption, loss and adaptation. The pandemic deepened pre-existing inequalities and exposed the vulnerabilities of our social, economic and political systems. As the global community examines the path to green recovery and sustainable growth, diversity and inclusion must be mainstreamed as a priority. Gender equality is crucial to the design of effective climate policies, and national and international efforts to tackle climate change must address the need for shared empowerment and innovation to be successful.

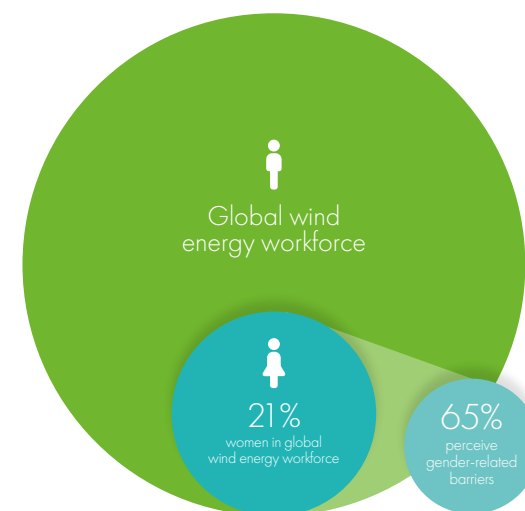
In 2019, the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) and the Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET) jointly launched the Women in Wind Global

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Women's contributions – their talents, skills and views – are critically important in supporting the growing industry during a momentous transition towards a more sustainable energy system benefiting all of humanity. However, a study by IRENA and Women in Wind published in 2020 found that women currently make up only 21% of the global wind workforce, and the majority of women in the sector perceive gender-related barriers to their retention and/or advancement.

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