



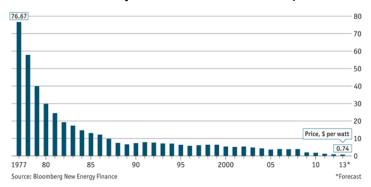
## Scaling Solar:

A World Bank Group solution to rapidly expand private investment in utility-scale solar PV in Africa

## The Solar opportunity in Sub-Saharan Africa has reached a tipping point

#### The economics of utility-scale solar PV power have reached a tipping point...

Price of crystalline silicon PV cells, \$/W



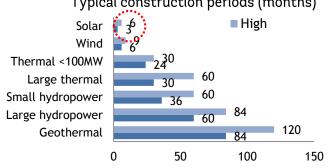
#### ...and Africa benefits from some of the best irradiation levels on the planet

Horizontal irradiation in Africa



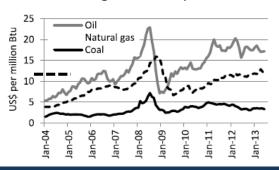
#### Solar power can be built in 3-6 months vs. 3-10 years for thermal, hydro & geothermal...

Typical construction periods (months)



#### ....and many countries need to diversify away from a dependency on HFO and fossil fuels

Evolution of oil, gas and coal prices since 2004





### But investment in solar PV is slow...

- X Lack of market scale
- Lack of competition
- High transaction costs
- \* High perceived risk and cost of capital
- Limited institutional capacity

## Scale, standardization & competition are needed

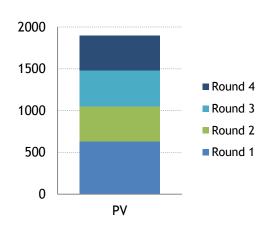
#### Case Study: Dramatic tariff reductions have been achieved in South Africa

Large, repeat allocation

Capacity build-up

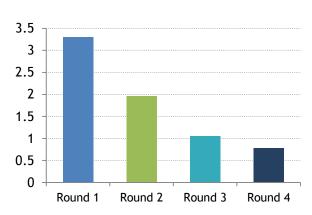
Strong competition Tariff decrease Inclusive Framework Proven bankable Program
expansion
High investor
interest

#### Capacity allocated per round (MW)



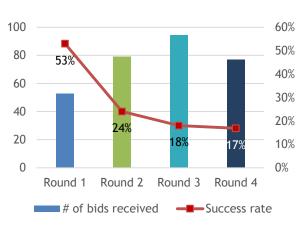
√ +1,900 MW of solar PV power

#### Tariffs per round (ZAR/kWh)



✓ Tariff drop of -68% for PV projects over the 3 rounds

## Number of received bids and success rate (includes wind)



 Surge in investor interest and increasing selectivity in bidders afforded



## The WBG solution: A "One-Stop-Shop" offering



Scaling Solar is a "one-stop-shop" for Governments to rapidly mobilize competitive privately funded grid connected solar projects within 2 years of engaging our team.

#### Scaling Solar brings together several World Bank Group services under a single engagement:

- ✓ **Advice** to assess the right size and location for power plants in grid.
- ✓ Simple and rapid **tendering** to ensure strong competition from committed industry players.
- ✓ Standardized, balanced **project documents** to eliminate drafting and negotiation delays.
- ✓ Competitive financing and insurance attached to tender and available to all bidders.
- ✓ Risk management and credit enhancement products to lower financing costs and deliver lower tariffs.

### What's new about this?

#### The 'One-Stop-Shop' Approach



## A focus on standardization



## Likelihood of quick wins

- Whole WBG in one packaged solution
- A single mandate
- Designed with both Government and Developers in mind

- ✓ Fully developed documentation quickly tailored to local needs drives speed
- Standardization across countries creates a single, 'virtual', large scale market
- Coordinated delivery to address both public and private sector constraints
- ✓ The WBG has the expertise to make it work
- Lessons embedded from successful and unsuccessful precedents
- ⇒ Standardization delivers speed, efficiency, programmatic scale and competition to reduce tariffs and entice top tier developers to participate
  - ⇒ Coordinated, collaborative and rapid delivery

## Developers that have bid on Scaling Solar tenders

































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## Scaling Solar tender results in Zambia

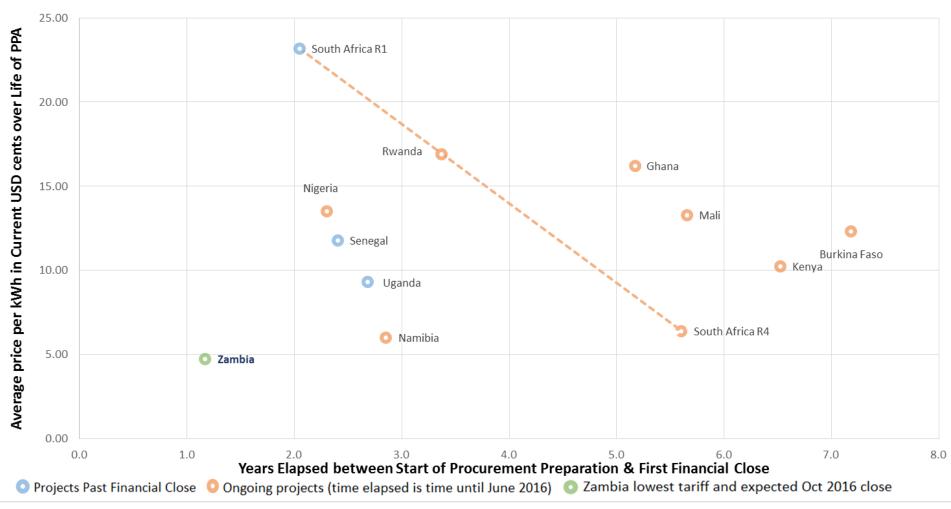
## Projects were developed and tender was prepared and executed to conclusion in 9 months

	West lunga Site	Mosi-oa Tunya Site
Neoen / First Solar	6.0150	6.1350
ENEL Green Power	7.7989	7.8390
Access / EREN Zambia 1	8.2879	8.4000
MULILO Zambia PV1 Consortium	8.4000	8.9509
EDF Energies Nouvelles	10.0400	9.9850
SEP / AVIC Intl	10.6000	10.6000

6.0c/kWh non-indexed is equivalent to an average in current dollars over contract life of 4.7c/kWh

## Performance relative to regional benchmarks

Sub-Saharan Solar PV: Comparisons of Tariff and Time to Market



## How will it work? Scaling Solar's 5 steps



- Several WBG instruments brought together under a single product offering
- Client governments would engage in a single mandate to access the "one-stop-shop"



#### **Project** Preparation

- · Technical and economic analysis for optimal size and location of PV plants
- Site investigation
- Legal & regulatory analysis

#### Bid Preparation

- Template tender documents
- Template project documents
- Attachment of stapled financing, insurance and credit enhancement

#### Tender Process & **Award**

- Request for qualification
- Bidder consultation
- Request for proposals
- · Proposal review and award
- Signing of project documents

#### **Financial** Close

- Finalization of equipment, construction and operation contracts
- Final project approvals
- Finalization of loan agreements, insurance and risk management

## Construction & Operation

- Construction
- Commissioning
- Operation

8 months

6 months

10 months





# The tendering process: What are the "template documents"?

Engagement Letter & ToRs for specialized Consultants





- Government signs a Letter of Engagement with IFC's Advisory Services
- A World Bank Group team is put in place
- Specialized consultants are hired based on existing Terms of References



- Documents designed as fair, balanced & bankable
- Prepared by World
   Bank Group with
   support of Linklaters
   & Norton Rose
   independent review

Pre-Qualification Document & Request for Proposals



 Tendering documents are ready and have been designed to attract top tier developers and investors Letter of Interest and Indicative financing terms



- Indicative terms for debt financing as well as terms for Partial Risk Guarantees are available and have been through preliminary internal approvals
- ⇒ Critical for this set of documents to be utilized in their template forms to achieve scaled, competitive solar power within 2 years



## What are the benefits?

1. For Governments:

- Speed
- Customized process
- Certainty
- Competitive fixed-rate tariffs

- 2. For Project Developers:
- Market creation
- Reduced development time
- Level playing field
- Regional scale

3. For Donors\*:

- Reach
- Leverage
- Transparency
- ✓ Impact

<sup>\*</sup> Opportunities for donors include: funding transaction advisory (steps 1-3) or provision of capital grants to all bidders to lower tariffs and improve affordability

## The World Bank Group is well-positioned to deliver



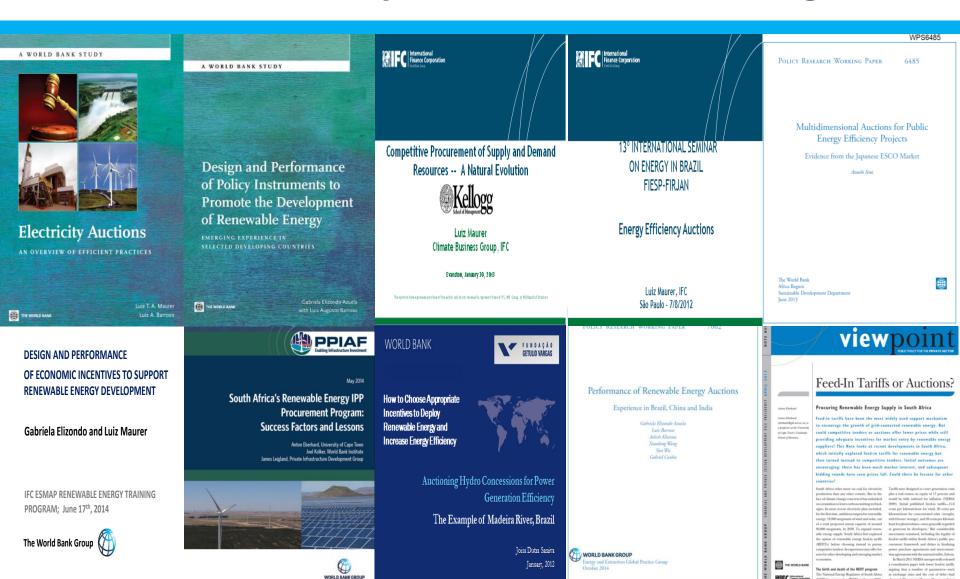
The World Bank Group has a long track record working with Africa's power sectors, key stakeholders and unique challenges. IDA and IBRD support client country governments with financing and advice to extend access to electricity, expand least-cost generation, create sustainable regulation and leverage the private sector.

IFC is experienced in developing bankable private power projects and has a substantial track record in both tendering and financing solar power plants. MIGA provides a range of political risk insurance products to attract private capital into emerging markets.

Regulatory reform	Project structuring	Project Development	Investment	Monitoring
<ul> <li>Working to introduce sector reform and achieve sector sustainability</li> <li>Strengthening</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Setting the conditions to attract private investment</li> <li>Advising governments on</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The \$150m IFC InfraVentures fund helps cover essential early-stage costs of frontier market projects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Financing projects through debt, equity and mobilization of resources from other sources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assessing projects' consistency with IFC's Performance Standards on environmental and social issues</li> </ul>
utilities' P performance • N	PPPs  • Negotiating key contracts	<ul> <li>IFC's Advisory         Services advise         Governments in         Project structuring         and helps balanced         deals to be struck</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Obtaining concessional financing from multi-donor sources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tracking projects' results and sharing the lessons for wider replication and impact</li> </ul>

✓ Together, the World Bank Group is uniquely positioned to deliver the Scaling Solar solution.

## World Bank Group research on tender design







## **Next Steps – Expressions of Interest**

- Receipt of an Expression of Interest from Government
- Discussions to confirm and agree:
  - ✓ Suitability of Scaling Solar in country context
  - ✓ Sufficiency of stakeholder support (MoE, MoF, Utility, Regulator)
  - ✓ Identification of a government champion to drive the project
  - ✓ A timeline from mandate to selection of a Preferred Bidder
- ✓ Signing of a mandate with the World Bank Group to:
  - ✓ Conduct technical studies
  - ✓ Run a competitive tendering process complete with standardized documents and stapled financing
- ✓ Make initial payment for advisory services as per the engagement letter
- ✓ WBG team to run due diligence process and, after consultation and agreement from Government, tendering process
- ⇒ Expected timeline from mandate to selection of Preferred Bidder: 6 to 12 months

## Questions or Interest? Please contact us

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