

The perceptions of relevant stakeholders in the use of Artificial Photosynthesis

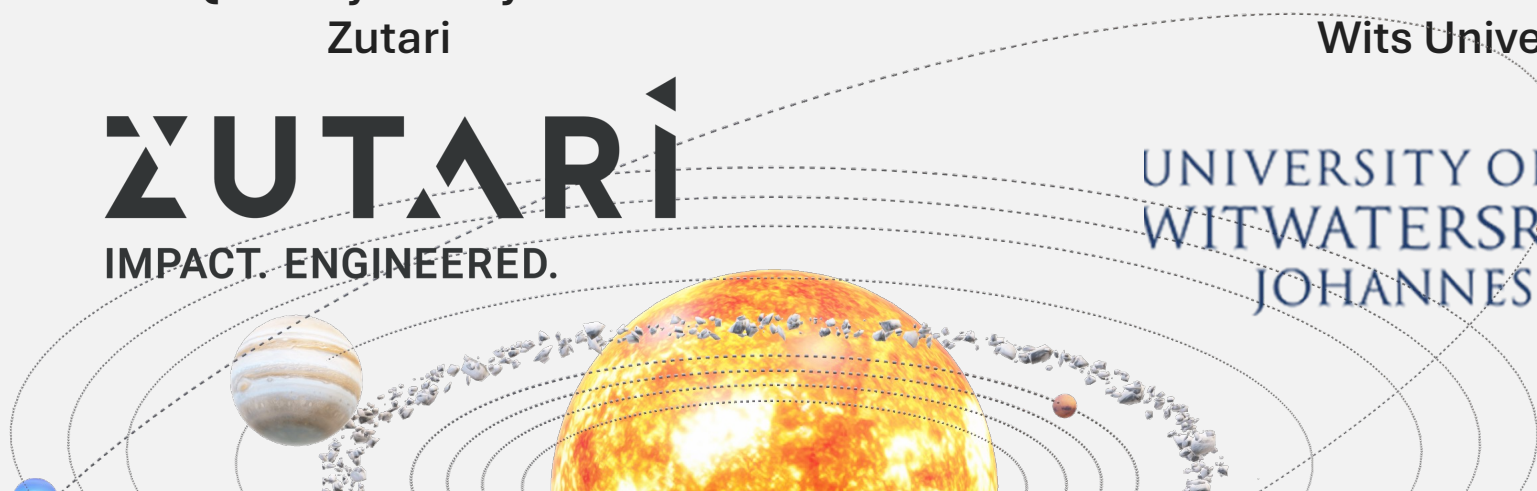
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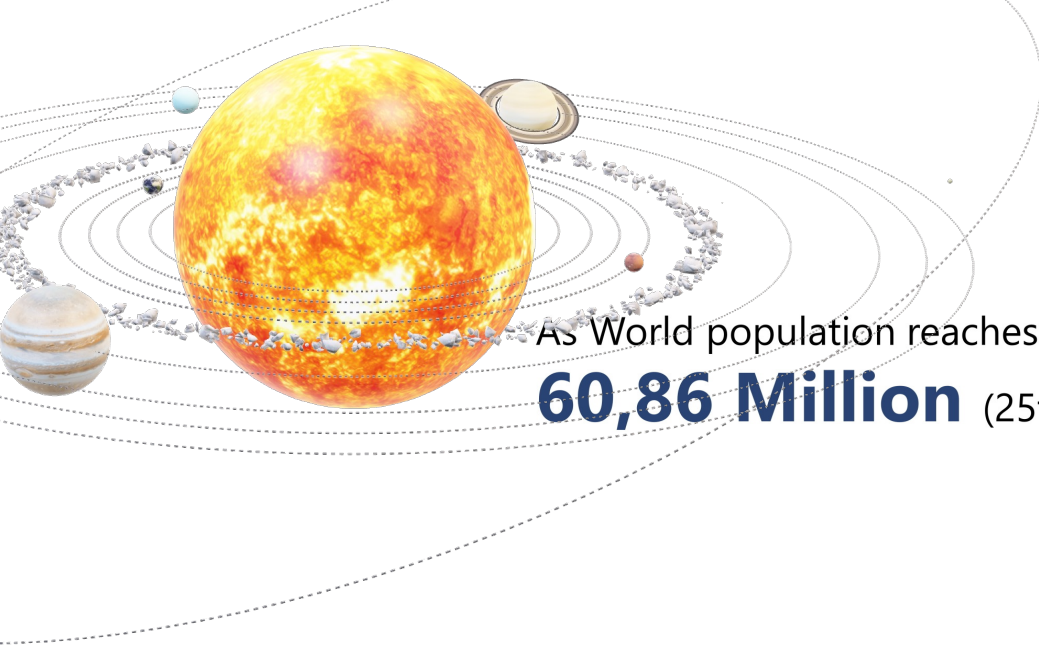
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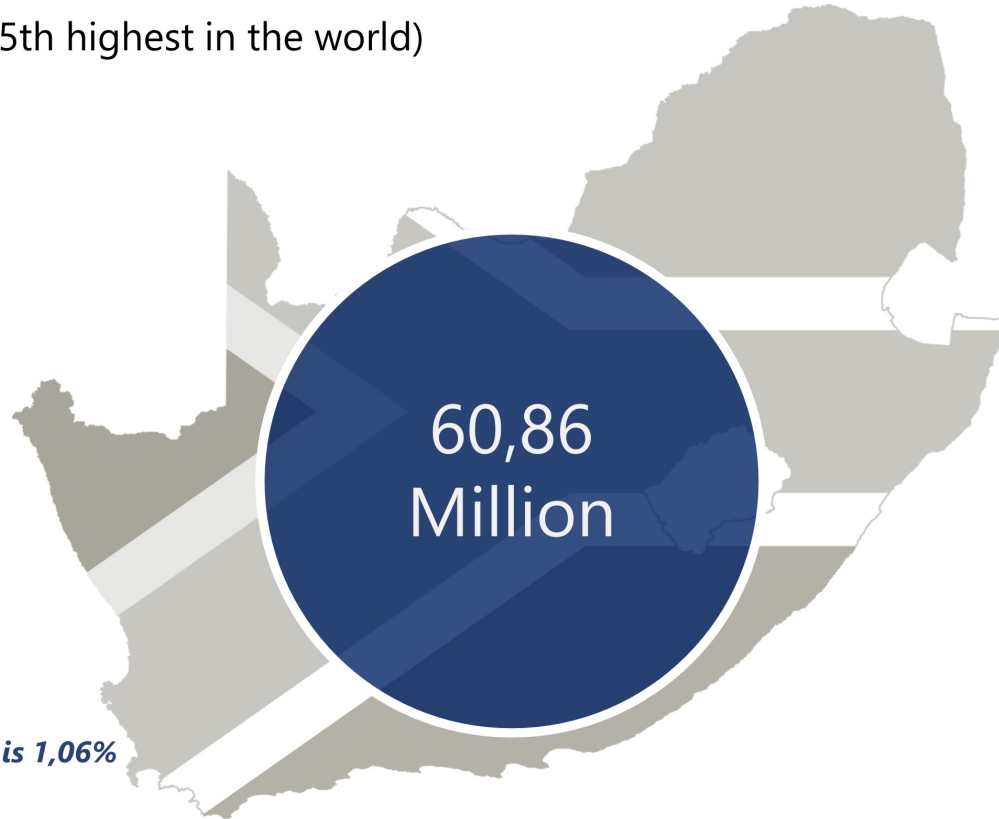




Population

As World population reaches 8 Billion, South Africa's population stands at

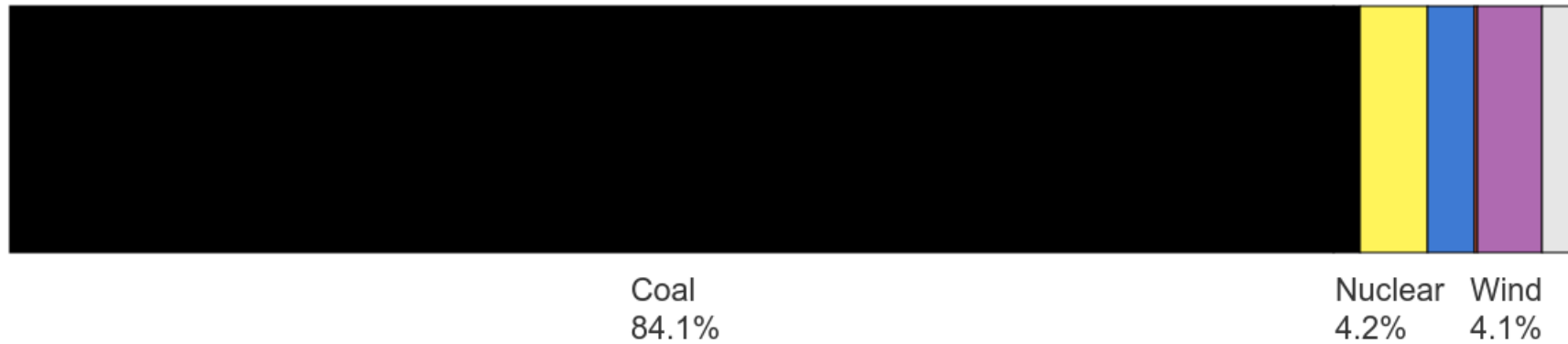
60,86 Million (25th highest in the world)



annual rate of growth is 1,06%

Current Energy Sources

Electricity generation, South Africa, 2022



- Coal
- Oil
- Nuclear
- Hydro
- Biofuels
- Wind
- Solar PV
- Solar thermal

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Consumption & Emissions



South Africa

42% of Africa's
CO2 emissions

Eskom's energy
and heat prod.
accounts for 38.1%
total emissions

12th highest CO2
emitter globally

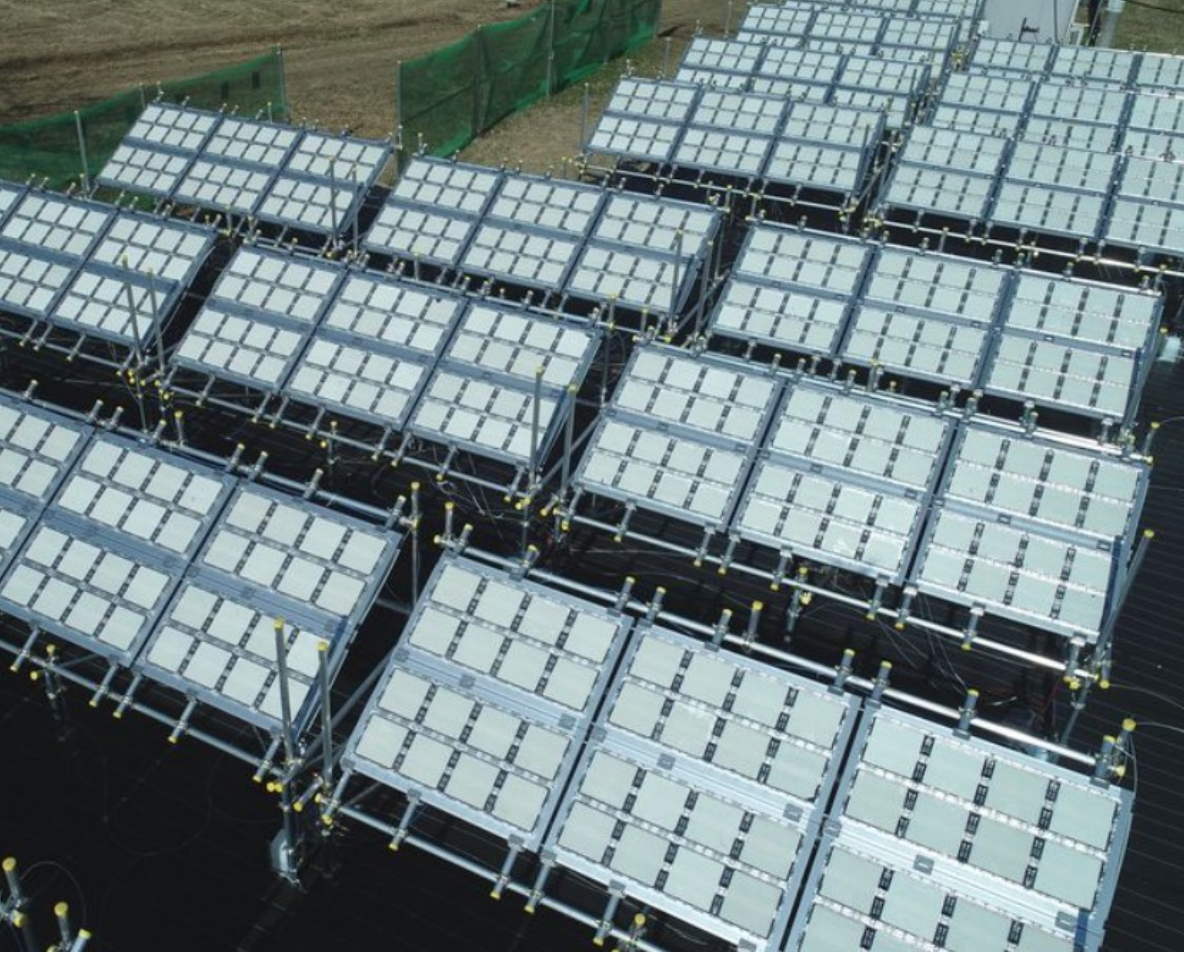
Global Construction Industry

36% of global
energy
consumption

Energy Challenges

Fossil Fuels	Renewable Energy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reliable and efficient• Existing infrastructure• Stable and portable But <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finite• Not scalable• Needs large storage facilities• Climate altering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean, non-climate altering• Large scale infrastructure non existent• On-site – portability not needed• Infinite But <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not as efficient as fossil fuels• Not stable due to weather dependency• Storage limitations

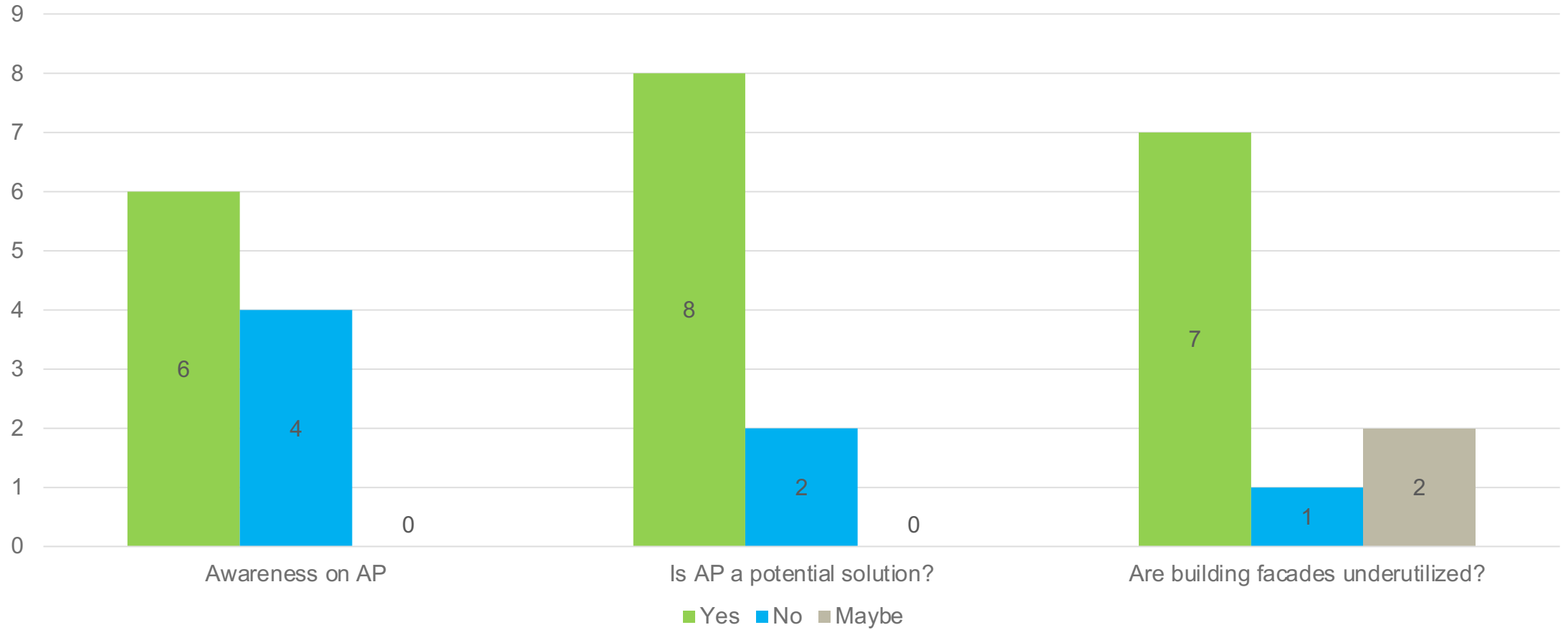
Artificial Photosynthesis (AP)



- Biochemical process that mimics the process of natural photosynthesis to produce chemical fuels
- Produced chemical fuels are as energy dense as fossil fuels but not climate altering
- On the left: Photocatalytic panels experiment
- Less storage needed
- Scalable to smaller sizes
- Higher energy absorption and conversion rate
- Uses carbon capture device to capture CO₂ from the atmosphere

Source: New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization

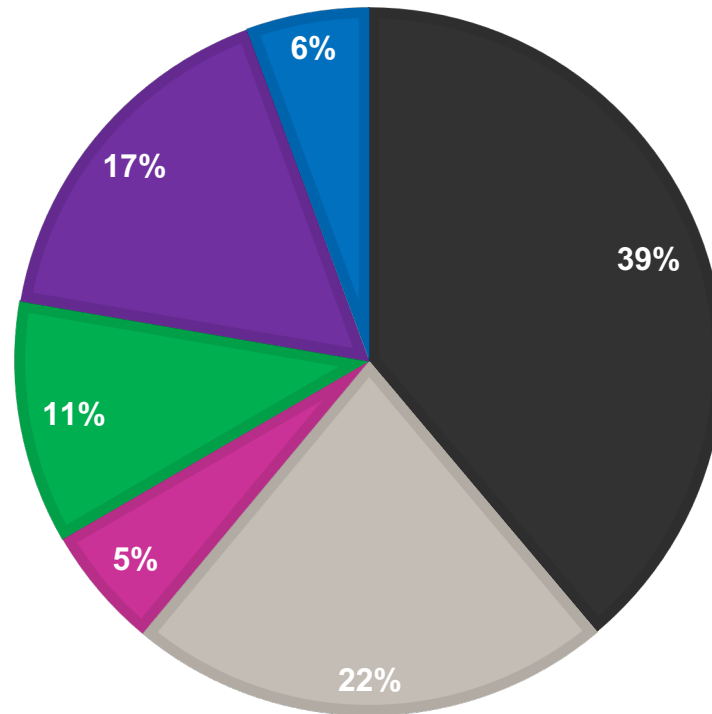
Research Results



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POSSIBLE BARRIERS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AP

■ Materials ■ Economic conditions ■ Cost of implementation ■ Regulations ■ Political or socioeconomic ■ Weather



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