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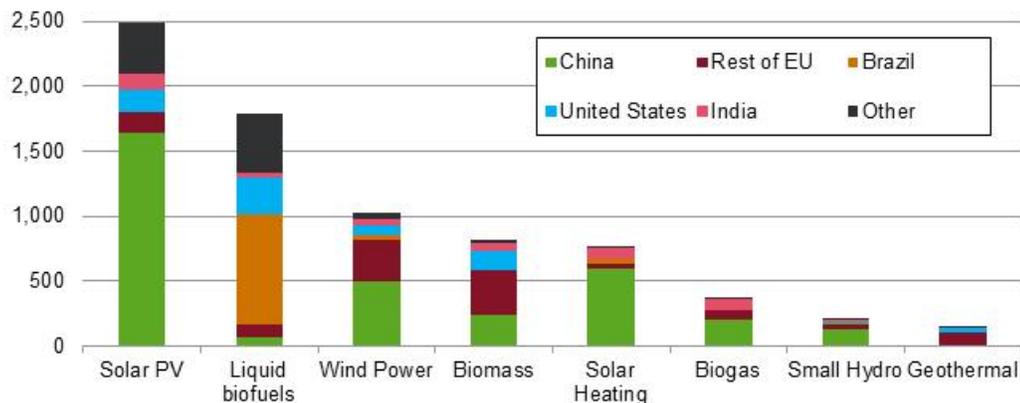
Worldwide Renewable Energy Jobs

The renewable energy industry employs over 7.7 million people worldwide according to a new report released by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). This represents an 18% increase from last year's figure of 6.5 million jobs.

Jobs in the renewable energy sector are increasingly being created in Asia, with 5 of the 10 countries with most of these jobs now located in this region (China, India, Indonesia, Japan, and Bangladesh). The solar PV industry is the largest renewable energy employer worldwide with 2.5 million jobs, followed by liquid biofuels with 1.8 million jobs, and wind power at one million jobs.

Of note, the combined bio-based renewable sources (liquid biofuels, biomass power and biogas) amount to over 3 million of the 7.7 jobs, surpassing even the PV industry which has seen major advancements in China. While liquid biofuels are currently under stress from much lower than average fossil fuel prices, biomass power (pellets, cogeneration, biogas from anaerobic treatment, etc.) continue to grow. Biomass based energy jobs are more labour intensive as compared to other renewables due largely to ongoing biomass collection activities.

IRENA estimates that doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030, would result in more than 16 million jobs worldwide.



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