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*For Annica and Carlotta*



## Preface

This thesis was accepted as a dissertation at the University of Münster in the summer semester of 2019. It is particularly dedicated to the analysis of decentralized and intelligently networked energy sectors.

Countries around the world are undergoing a paradigm shift in energy supply – from centralized, fossil-fueled supply systems to a decentralized, intelligently networked and climate-friendly structure. Some countries in the global south play a key role in this development. Using Mozambique as an example, this study shows how a digitally networked energy supply system can grow "from below". On this basis, strategies are developed that can contribute to achieving some of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals - especially in the areas of energy, climate, health, economy and poverty reduction.

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## List of acronyms

AU	African Union
AC	Alternating current
ALER	Associação Lusófona de Energias Renováveis
AMER	Associação Moçambicana de Energias Renováveis
App	Application
ARENE	Autoridade Reguladora de Energia
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CNELEC	Conselho Nacional de Electricidade
DC	Direct current
EDM	Electricidade de Moçambique
EnDev	Energising Development Program
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FUNAE	Fundo da Energia, National Energy Fund of Mozambique
FRELIMO	Frente de Libertação de Moçambique
GDP	Gross domestic product
GIZ	Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GWh	Gigawatt hour
HCB	Hydroelectricity of Cahora Bassa
ICT	Information and communication technology
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INE	Instituto Nacional de Estatística
kV	Kilovolt
kWh	Kilowatt hour
MPD	Ministério de Planificação e Desenvolvimento
MZN	New Mozambican Metical
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PayGo	Pay-as-you-go technologies
RENAMO	Resistência Nacional Moçambicana
RSA	Republic of South Africa
SADC	South African Development Community
SASGI	South African Smart Grid Initiative
UN	United Nations

*List of acronyms*

UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
ZANLA	Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army

## List of symbols

$C$	Cost function
$D$	Demand function
$\varepsilon$	Price-elasticity of demand
$mc$	Marginal costs
$mr$	Marginal revenue
$n$	Sample size
$p$	Price
$p_o$	Off-peak-price
$p_p$	Peak-price
$\pi$	Profit
$R$	Revenue
$sd$	Standard deviation
$u$	Utility
$\mu$	Average value
$x^D$	Demanded quantity of the commodity
$x_i$	Quantity of the commodity $i$
$x_o$	Off-peak quantity
$x_p$	Peak quantity
$x^S$	Supplied quantity of the commodity
$y$	Number of clients

