Background note on Africa’s Current Path Energy Future to 2043
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On its current development trajectory, Africa will eventually emerge as the major source of carbon emissions from fossil fuels globally. Its carbon emissions from fossil fuels will overtake the EU in 2034, the USA in 2049, India in 2055 and China in 2061.

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