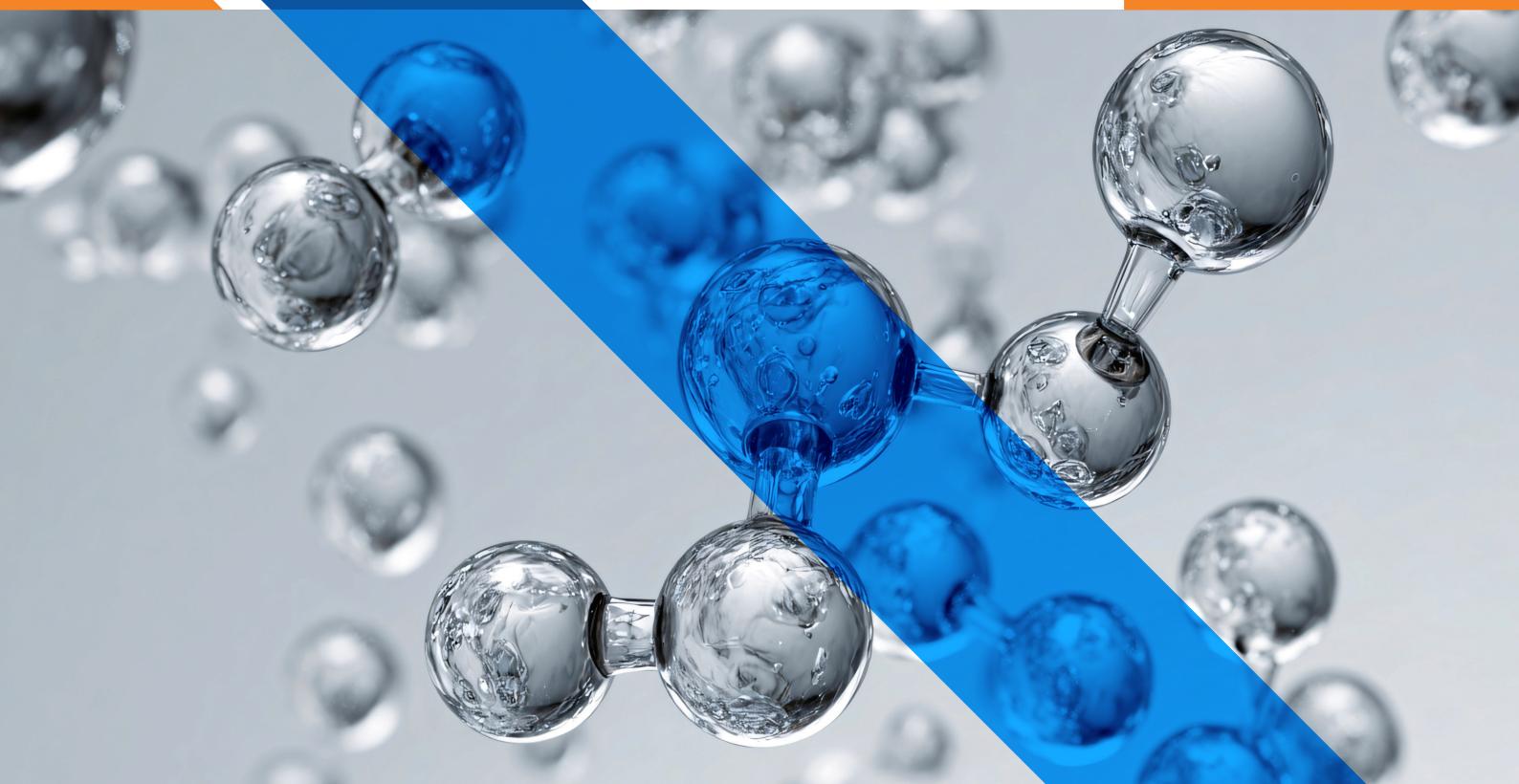




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## Executive summary

Africa has huge potential to become a global leader in green hydrogen production by utilising its vast wind and solar potential to power electrolyzers. The continent, however, is facing more challenges than most including limited infrastructure, local demand for electricity, water scarcity and ambitious projects which are not likely to come to materialise. Stronger collaboration with other regions and introducing funding mechanisms, like those seen in Europe, can support early project development and get them to the crucial FID gate.



Northern African nations, Egypt and Morocco, account for more than half of the project in active development, with 37, as they look to become key green hydrogen exporters with a key focus on the European market. Hydrogen producers in Northern Africa will be connected to consumers in Europe via pipeline networks which will span thousands of kilometres and connect several networks being planned by transmission system operators. South Africa is looking to become an exporter of green ammonia with a focus on shipping to key markets in Asia, including Japan and South Korea.

With supply chain playing large parts in building up projects many countries in Africa are vying to attract international players to the region with the introduction on hydrogen corridors and national clusters. It is expected however within



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the short term that projects will be relying on international players to supply key pieces of equipment for projects, with local capabilities focusing on upgrading infrastructure, balance of plant activities as well as operations and maintenance of future facilities.



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