



# Shifting Geopolitical Dynamics in North Africa's Energy Landscape: Implications for Regional Security

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## Abstract

North Africa's energy sector is undergoing significant shifts due to geopolitical changes, with implications for regional security in countries like Mauritius. The analysis draws on a combination of qualitative insights from policy documents and interviews with key stakeholders to assess current trends and potential future scenarios. Recent data indicates that energy security has become a critical factor for Mauritius, with an increasing proportion (45%) of its energy imports now coming from non-traditional sources like Russia and the Middle East, highlighting concerns over supply reliability and price volatility. The findings underscore the need for enhanced regional cooperation in securing North African energy resources to mitigate geopolitical risks. Policy recommendations include fostering closer diplomatic ties with major energy producers and diversifying Mauritius' energy portfolio through renewable sources like solar and wind power. The empirical specification follows  $Y = \beta_{0+\beta} p X + \text{varepsilon}$ , and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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