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Abstract

The adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa has the potential to alleviate social, economic, and environmental issues while furthering sustainability objectives, according to this thesis. Africa's dependence on internal combustion engines (ICE) vehicles has resulted in carbon emissions, air pollution, and a need for fossil fuels. Because they lower emissions and improve air quality, EVs provide a solution, but adoption is hampered by issues like expensive prices, shoddy charging infrastructure, erratic power grids, a shortage of trained workers, and unsupportive regulations. Nonetheless, sustainable EV charging infrastructures may be supported by Africa's plentiful renewable energy resources, which include solar, wind, and hydropower. Local EV manufacturing has the potential to improve economies, reduce prices, and generate jobs. Case studies from Kenya, Rwanda, and South Africa demonstrate effective tactics include multinational collaborations, creative mobility solutions, and government incentives. The study, which employs a mixed-methods approach, reveals rising EV awareness but highlights the necessity of targeted initiatives to remove obstacles. In order to hasten Africa's transition to sustainable transportation, it offers policymakers, industry stakeholders, and international partners practical insights.

Key words: Electric vehicles (EVs), Africa, Sustainability, Carbon emissions, Charging infrastructure, Aie pollution…

Introduction

The transportation sector is considered to be one of the primary contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, urban air pollution, and reliance on nonrenewable fossil fuels. As global environmental challenges intensify and the need for climate action becomes more urgent, electric vehicles (EVs) have emerged as a crucial solution for sustainable transportation. In contrast to conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, EVs employs clean energy sources, thereby providing a means to lessen carbon emissions, improve air quality, and support global sustainability initiatives, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Apart from reducing emissions, EVs mark a significant change in energy consumption within transportation. With notable developments in battery technology and increased incorporation of renewable energy, EVs are becoming progressively affordable and efficient. As a result, governments, industries, and individuals around the world are slowly but surely embracing EVs as a fundamental aspect of the transition to low-carbon economies.

However, the broad acceptance of electric vehicles (EVs) faces significant challenges. Obstacles such as high initial costs, inadequate charging infrastructure, and reliance on essential raw materials like lithium and cobalt raise issues, especially in developing regions. In Africa, these challenges are intensified by socioeconomic disparities, insufficient policy frameworks, and unreliable power grids. Nevertheless, Africa offers distinct opportunities, including its substantial renewable energy potential, an increasing need for sustainable mobility solutions, and the potential to establish local manufacturing industries to bolster the EV value chain.

This thesis examines the feasibility of electric vehicles in Africa, concentrating on the convergence of technology, economics, and environmental sustainability. It evaluates the current landscape of EV adoption, identifies challenges specific to African countries, and suggests strategic measures to address these obstacles. By exploring renewable energy integration, the development of charging infrastructure, and the feasibility of localized EV production, this research aims to provide practical solutions for promoting electric transportation in Africa.

The findings of this study will contribute to the global discourse on sustainable transportation and emphasize Africa’s role in the EV revolution, showcasing how the continent can overcome its challenges all while capitalizing on its strengths to achieve a cleaner, more sustainable future.

I. Research background of the study:

The transportation sector is a major contributor to global environmental issues, particularly greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. These challenges have driven the urgent need for cleaner and more sustainable mobility solutions. Electric vehicles (EVs) have emerged as a key component of this transition, offering an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. Electric Vehicles offer a sustainable alternative to traditional transportation modes, preferably from renewable sources, which can ultimately reduce the dependance on fossil fuels as well as limiting carbon emissions. The adoption of these alternatives supports global sustainability goals, particularly those that the United Nation Sustainable Development[1] have put in place in order to put more focus on clean energy sustainable cities and climate action.

In Africa, the need for sustainable transportation solutions is particularly critical. Accelerated urbanization and population growth are leading to higher demand for transportation which notably aggravates existing environmental and health issues. Currently, Africa's transportation systems are heavily reliant on ICE vehicles, many of which are imported as second-hand units. This dependance has resulted in significant challenges, including rising air pollution, growing carbon emissions, and high costs associated with fuel imports. Urban centers, in particular, suffer greatly from these impacts, with vehicle emissions contributing to poor air quality and a rise in health issues such as respiratory illnesses.

Electric vehicles offer a promising solution to these challenges. EVs not only help to reduce emissions and improve urban air quality but also decrease dependency on fossil fuels. Furthermore, Africa's vast renewable energy resources—such as solar, wind, and hydropower—present an opportunity to develop sustainable EV charging infrastructure. By integrating EVs with renewable energy, the continent can simultaneously address its transportation and energy challenges, enhance energy independence, and support broader economic development.

However, the adoption of EVs in Africa remains limited, primarily due to significant structural and systemic barriers. One of the most pressing challenges is the lack of charging infrastructure. Public and private charging networks are sparse, and many regions face unreliable electricity

[1] **UNSDG:** formerly known as the United Nations Development Group, founded in 1997, is group comprised of 37 funds, programs, specialized agencies, department, and offices of the UN that play a role in development. https://sdgs.un.org/

grids, making it difficult to scale EV operations. Additionally, the high upfront cost of EVs, compared to the more affordable second-hand ICE vehicles, poses a financial obstacle for many consumers. Limited financing options, high import duties, and the lack of government subsidies further exacerbate the affordability challenge.

Technical and resource-related issues also hinder EV adoption. Africa lacks sufficient numbers of skilled technicians and mechanics to maintain and repair EVs, and the region relies heavily on imported components, especially batteries, which drive up costs. Moreover, many African countries have yet to develop comprehensive policies or incentives to encourage the transition to electric mobility, creating additional barriers for both consumers and investors.

Nevertheless, some African nations have begun to take significant steps toward EV adoption, offering valuable lessons for the rest of the continent. For instance, South Africa leads the region with the highest number of EVs, supported by government incentives and growing investments in public charging infrastructure. Kenya has focused on electrifying urban transport through electric motorcycles, addressing infrastructure challenges with battery-swapping models. Rwanda has introduced EV-friendly policies, such as reduced import taxes, and partnered with global companies like Volkswagen to expand e-mobility solutions. These initiatives demonstrate that, with the right strategies and investments, EV adoption in Africa is not only possible but also highly beneficial.

Africa's renewable energy potential further strengthens the case for EVs. The continent is rich in solar, wind, and hydropower resources, which can be harnessed to power EV charging infrastructure sustainably. This approach not only reduces reliance on imported fuels but also addresses energy security concerns in regions with limited electricity access. Additionally, localizing EV production and manufacturing, including batteries and components, could lower costs, create skilled jobs, and drive economic growth. This would make the transition to EVs more accessible and equitable across the continent.

The environmental and health benefits of EV adoption are equally compelling. By reducing urban air pollution, EVs can significantly improve public health outcomes, particularly in densely populated cities where respiratory diseases are prevalent. Moreover, EVs contribute to global efforts to mitigate climate change by lowering greenhouse gas emissions. These benefits align with Africa's development goals of addressing environmental and social challenges while fostering economic growth.

This research builds upon insights from key studies, such as the United Nations' Report on Sustainable Transport and the World Bank's Africa's Pathway to Electric Mobility. These reports highlight the importance of EVs in advancing sustainable transportation, particularly in regions where both challenges and opportunities coexist. This study seeks to evaluate the feasibility of EV adoption in Africa by examining the interplay between economic, technical, and policy-related factors.

To achieve these goals, the research focuses on critical themes such as renewable energy integration, infrastructure development, and affordability. It incorporates case studies from countries like South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda to analyze successful strategies and address the unique barriers faced by different regions. The study also explores how international collaboration, public-private partnerships, and targeted policy interventions can accelerate the adoption of EVs across the continent.

In conclusion, the transition to electric vehicles presents both challenges and transformative opportunities for Africa. While economic and infrastructure barriers remain significant, the continent's abundant renewable energy resources, potential for local manufacturing, and increasing demand for sustainable transport create a strong foundation for success. With strategic investments, supportive policies, and international cooperation, Africa can overcome these challenges and emerge as a leader in the global transition to electric mobility. This research aims to contribute to this vision by providing a comprehensive analysis of the feasibility of EV adoption in Africa and proposing strategies to accelerate the shift toward sustainable transportation.

II. Research questions:

This study aims to assess the feasibility of adopting electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa by examining the key challenges, opportunities, and strategies for transitioning to sustainable transportation. The primary goal is to understand how EV adoption can be made viable within Africa's distinct socioeconomic, infrastructural, and environmental contexts. To explore this, the research will address several important questions:

First, understanding the current state of EV adoption across Africa is vital. This includes examining the progress made by leading countries such as South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda, which have made notable efforts in advancing electric mobility. By analyzing the factors contributing to their success and identifying future growth trends, the research aims to uncover valuable lessons that can be applied to other African nations looking to adopt EVs.

Another key focus of the study is to identify the major obstacles hindering EV adoption across the continent. Challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, specifically the lack of charging stations and unreliable electricity grids, are significant barriers to widespread adoption. Economic factors, including the high upfront costs of EVs, import taxes, and limited financing options, also present significant hurdles for consumers. In addition, the shortage of skilled workers for EV maintenance and repair adds another layer of complexity to the transition.

Despite these challenges, there are numerous opportunities that could help accelerate EV adoption in Africa. The continent's vast renewable energy resources, such as solar, wind, and hydropower, provide a solid foundation for developing sustainable charging infrastructure. This renewable energy integration could reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels and improve energy security. Furthermore, the potential for local manufacturing of EVs and components presents opportunities to lower costs, create jobs, and stimulate economic growth. The environmental and health benefits of EV adoption, such as improved air quality and reduced emissions, further emphasize the advantages of transitioning to electric mobility.

A critical area of exploration in this study is "the development of supportive policies and regulatory frameworks to encourage EV adoption". Effective government incentives, such as subsidies, tax breaks, and financing programs, are essential to making EVs more affordable and accessible. Public-private partnerships and collaborations with international stakeholders can also play a crucial role in scaling up infrastructure and promoting EV adoption across the continent. The research will evaluate the role of policy interventions and how they can be effectively implemented in various African contexts.

Lastly, this study will explore the strategies African nations can adopt to overcome the barriers and maximize the potential benefits of EV adoption. This includes looking at successful case studies from both African and other developing countries that have addressed similar challenges. The study will also consider how to ensure that EV adoption is inclusive and equitable, particularly in rural areas and regions with less access to infrastructure and technology.

By answering these research questions, the study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the factors affecting EV adoption in Africa. It will also propose actionable recommendations to accelerate the transition to electric mobility, supporting Africa's role in the global shift toward a more sustainable transportation future.

III. Objectives and significance of the study:

1. *Objectives of the Study:*

The primary goal of this research is to assess the feasibility of adopting electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa by analyzing the unique challenges and opportunities the continent faces in transitioning to sustainable transportation. This study aims to offer a comprehensive evaluation of the factors influencing EV adoption, such as infrastructure limitations, economic conditions, policy frameworks, and the integration of renewable energy. The key objectives of this study are as follows:

- ***Evaluate the Current Landscape of EV Adoption in Africa:***

The central objective of this research is to investigate the present state of electric mobility across Africa. This will involve identifying countries that are leading in EV adoption, such as South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda, and exploring the progress made in the development of EV-related infrastructure, including charging stations, battery-swapping systems, and government policies supporting EV adoption. The study will also assess market trends and consumer interest in EVs, helping to forecast the potential growth of electric mobility in the region.

- ***Identify Barriers to EV Adoption in Africa:***

This research aims to identify and analyze the key barriers preventing widespread EV adoption in Africa. These obstacles include infrastructure challenges like the lack of charging stations and unreliable electricity grids, as well as economic constraints such as the high initial cost of EVs, import duties, and limited financing options. The study will also look into technical challenges, such as the shortage of skilled technicians for EV maintenance and the reliance on expensive imported components, particularly batteries. By identifying these barriers, the research will help develop strategies to overcome them.

- ***Explore the Potential for Integrating Renewable Energy:***

One of the significant advantages of EVs in Africa lies in the potential to integrate them with the continent's abundant renewable energy resources, such as solar, wind, and hydropower. This study will examine how these renewable energy sources can be harnessed to develop sustainable charging infrastructure for EVs. The research will assess the feasibility of using locally generated renewable energy to power electric mobility, thus enhancing Africa's energy independence, reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and contributing to climate change mitigation efforts.

- ***Assess the Economic and Environmental Impact of EVs:***

This study will explore the economic and environmental benefits that Africa could gain from adopting electric vehicles. Economically, the research will investigate the potential for local EV manufacturing, which could reduce the cost of EVs, create jobs, and stimulate economic growth. The study will also evaluate the environmental benefits of EV adoption, particularly in terms of reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality in densely populated cities where air pollution is a significant public health issue.

- ***Develop Policy Recommendations to Support EV Adoption:***

A crucial objective of this research is to propose practical policy recommendations to help African governments create favorable conditions for EV adoption. This includes identifying the role of government incentives, subsidies, tax breaks, and regulations that can encourage both consumers and businesses to invest in EVs. The study will also explore how public-private partnerships, international collaborations, and foreign investments can support the development of EV infrastructure and create a supportive ecosystem for electric mobility in Africa.

- ***Examine the Role of Local Manufacturing:***

The research will also explore the potential for local EV production and manufacturing in Africa. It will investigate the feasibility of establishing local EV assembly plants, battery production facilities, and related supply chains. By examining how Africa can leverage its natural resources—such as lithium and cobalt, which are essential for battery production. the study will assess how local manufacturing can reduce costs, create jobs, and reduce reliance on imports, making the transition to electric mobility more sustainable and economically beneficial.

- ***Assess the Social Implications of EV Adoption:***

The study will also investigate the social impact of adopting electric vehicles, particularly focusing on equity and access. It will examine how EV adoption can be made inclusive, ensuring that it benefits not only urban areas but also rural and underserved regions. The research will assess the challenges of affordability, infrastructure access, and the need for community education to ensure that the benefits of EV technology are widely distributed across different socioeconomic groups.

2. *Significance of the Study:*

This study is important because it could help inform and direct Africa's shift to electric vehicles. The continent is rapidly becoming more urbanized and populous, making the demand for low-carbon and sustainable transportation options more pressing. This study will offer important new information about how EV adoption in Africa might support economic and environmental growth. This study is significant in a number of important ways: Encouraging Sustainable Transportation in Africa; The continent's sustainable growth depends on the switch to electric vehicles. This study intends to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and mitigate climate change by investigating the viability of EV adoption. The significance of this study lies in its potential to inform and guide the transition to electric vehicles in Africa. As the continent experiences rapid population growth and urbanization, the need for sustainable and low-carbon transportation solutions becomes increasingly urgent. This research will provide valuable insights into how Africa can adopt EV technology, contributing to both environmental and economic development. The importance of this study is reflected in several key areas:

- ***Promoting Sustainable Transportation in Africa:***

The transition to electric vehicles is essential for Africa's sustainable development. By examining the feasibility of EV adoption, this study aims to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality, and mitigating climate change. With the rise in urban populations, the need for cleaner and more sustainable transportation solutions is more pressing than ever. EVs offer a way to address these challenges while supporting Africa's broader sustainability goals.

- ***Providing Actionable Policy Recommendations:***

One of the main contributions of this study is its ability to offer policy guidance for governments in Africa. The absence of clear and effective policies is one of the main barriers to EV adoption. By proposing actionable policy recommendations, the study will help governments across Africa develop strategies to create a supportive environment for EV technology. These recommendations may include providing financial incentives, establishing regulatory frameworks, and encouraging public-private partnerships to develop infrastructure and promote EV adoption.

- ***Stimulating Economic Growth and Job Creation:***

The adoption of EVs presents significant opportunities for economic growth. The development of local EV manufacturing, assembly, and maintenance industries could create thousands of jobs and reduce Africa's reliance on imported vehicles. Additionally, integrating renewable energy into the EV ecosystem could further stimulate job creation in the renewable energy and clean tech sectors. By investigating the economic potential of EVs, this research aims to demonstrate how electric mobility can boost economic activity and provide long-term growth opportunities for the continent.

- ***Environmental and Health Benefits:***

The environmental and health benefits of EV adoption are significant. By transitioning to EVs, Africa can drastically reduce air pollution, which is a leading cause of respiratory diseases in many urban centers. This improvement in air quality will result in better public health outcomes, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly. Furthermore, EVs contribute to the global effort to combat climate change by lowering carbon emissions. This research will highlight how EV adoption can contribute to both local and global environmental goals.

- ***Supporting the Development of Renewable Energy and Clean Technologies:***

The integration of EVs with renewable energy is a key area of exploration in this study. Africa's renewable energy resources provide an opportunity to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, improve energy security, and develop clean technologies. The study will explore how combining electric vehicles with renewable energy can help achieve a more sustainable and resilient energy system. This integration will not only support the transition to electric mobility but also contribute to Africa's energy future by expanding the use of clean, renewable resources.

- ***Enhancing Africa's Role in the Global EV Movement:***

As the world transitions to electric mobility, Africa's participation is crucial to ensuring a global shift toward sustainable transportation. This research will add to the global understanding of how developing countries can adopt EVs and overcome the challenges they face. By investigating the opportunities and barriers to EV adoption in Africa, this study will help position the continent as a key player in the global EV revolution, encouraging international cooperation and investment in Africa's electric mobility infrastructure.

In conclusion, the significance of this study lies in its potential to provide critical insights into the future of electric vehicles in Africa. By addressing the challenges and exploring the opportunities associated with EV adoption, this research will contribute to Africa's sustainable development, economic growth, and participation in the global transition toward a cleaner, more sustainable transportation system.

3. Scope of the study:

The scope of this study is focused on assessing the feasibility of electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa, examining the various factors that influence their adoption, including infrastructure, economic conditions, policies, and technological advancements. This research will explore both the challenges and opportunities for transitioning to electric mobility across different African countries, with particular emphasis on the role of renewable energy integration and local manufacturing. The study will be geographically focused on several African nations, particularly those that are seen as leaders or emerging players in the EV sector, such as South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda.

- ***Geographical Scope:***

The study will primarily focus on selected countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, which present diverse socioeconomic and infrastructural landscapes. These countries include:

- ***South Africa***: which is the continent's most developed market for electric vehicles, with a growing consumer interest and government support for EV adoption.

- ***Kenya:*** known for its efforts to electrify urban transport through electric motorcycles and innovative battery-swapping models.

- ***Rwanda:*** which has introduced EV-friendly policies and has partnered with global companies to launch electric vehicle fleets.

While these countries represent different stages of EV adoption, the research will use their experiences as case studies to draw insights that may be applicable to other African nations.

- ***Thematic Scope***

The study will cover several key themes within the context of EV adoption in Africa, including:

- ***Infrastructure Development:*** Analyzing the availability of charging stations, battery-swapping systems, and the development of reliable electricity grids to support electric mobility. The study will evaluate both the public and private sectors' roles in establishing infrastructure.

- ***Economic Factors:*** Assessing the affordability of EVs, including high upfront costs, import taxes, financing challenges, and the role of government subsidies and incentives. It will also explore the potential for local manufacturing of EVs and components, which could reduce reliance on imports and stimulate economic growth.

- ***Renewable Energy Integration:*** Evaluating the potential for integrating Africa's abundant renewable energy resources, such as solar and wind power, into the EV ecosystem. This includes the feasibility of using locally generated renewable energy to power EV charging networks and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

- ***Policy and Regulatory Environment:*** Investigating the role of government policies and regulations in promoting EV adoption. This includes studying existing and potential incentives, subsidies, tariffs, and standards that can help accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles across African countries.

- ***Environmental and Social Impact:*** Exploring the environmental benefits of EV adoption in Africa, including reductions in air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the public health improvements that may result from cleaner air. The study will also consider the social implications of EV adoption, particularly in terms of equity and access in both urban and rural areas.

- ***Technological and Workforce Challenges:*** Identifying the technical skills required for maintaining EVs, the availability of a trained workforce, and the technological barriers that may impede the widespread adoption of EVs, such as battery production and supply chains.

- ***Timeframe:***

The research will be conducted over a defined period, with an emphasis on examining current trends in EV adoption and exploring future projections. The study will analyze data and trends from the past five to ten years to understand the progress made, with a focus on the next decade to assess future potential. The expected adoption rate of EVs in Africa will be projected based on current investments and government plans, as well as the expected growth in renewable energy infrastructure.

- ***Limitations of the Study:***

While the study focuses on Africa's potential for EV adoption, it will be limited to a few key countries that represent different stages of EV development. As such, findings may not be universally applicable to every African nation. The research will rely on secondary data sources, such as government reports, industry publications, and case studies from other regions, to supplement primary data. The study will also acknowledge the lack of extensive primary research data in some African countries, especially regarding EV adoption rates and infrastructure details.

- ***Research Methodology Scope;***

The study will use a combination of qualitative and quantitative research methods. It will involve an extensive literature review, interviews with key stakeholders (including policymakers, industry experts, and local manufacturers), and case studies from leading African countries. The research will also include statistical modeling and economic analysis to assess the feasibility of EV adoption in terms of cost, infrastructure needs, and potential environmental benefits. The study's scope includes analyzing both the private sectors and the government's roles in advancing EV adoption.

In summary, this study will focus on the feasibility of electric vehicles in Africa, examining how infrastructure, economic conditions, policies, and renewable energy can collectively shape the future of electric mobility on the continent. Through case studies, thematic analysis, and projections for future trends, this research aims to provide actionable insights and recommendations for policymakers, businesses, and other stakeholders interested in accelerating the transition to sustainable transportation in Africa.

4. Contribution of the study:

This study provides valuable contributions to the discourse on electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa, particularly regarding their adoption, the challenges involved, and the opportunities they present. By focusing on the unique circumstances in Africa, the research offers insights that can guide policy development, industry growth, and technological innovation in the context of sustainable transportation. The key contributions of this study are outlined as follows:

- ***Comprehensive Evaluation of EV Feasibility in Africa:***

One of the primary contributions of this research is a thorough assessment of the feasibility of adopting electric vehicles across Africa. The study systematically evaluates various factors that

impact the adoption of EVs, including infrastructure development, economic conditions, government policies, and renewable energy integration. This in-depth analysis provides a clear picture of the potential for EVs in Africa, while considering the continent's specific needs and challenges.

- ***Identification of Key Barriers to EV Adoption:***

This study identifies and examines the main obstacles to the widespread adoption of electric vehicles in Africa. These challenges include insufficient charging infrastructure, high EV costs, limited access to financing, and a lack of skilled labor for EV maintenance. The research also highlights the difficulties posed by unreliable electricity grids and the high cost of importing key components such as batteries. By pinpointing these barriers, the study helps to identify practical solutions to overcome them, providing a roadmap for governments and businesses to follow in fostering EV adoption.

- ***Exploration of Renewable Energy Integration:***

A significant contribution of this research is the exploration of how Africa's abundant renewable energy resources—such as solar, wind, and hydropower—can be integrated into the EV ecosystem. This integration could provide a sustainable and cost-effective solution to power EV charging infrastructure, reducing Africa's reliance on fossil fuels and improving energy security. The study demonstrates how renewable energy can be a key enabler of electric mobility in Africa, aligning the transition to EVs with broader environmental and energy goals.

- ***Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment:***

The study offers an analysis of the potential economic and environmental benefits of EV adoption in Africa. Economically, it explores how local manufacturing of EVs and their components can stimulate job creation, reduce dependency on imported vehicles, and promote industrial growth. Environmentally, the study examines how the adoption of electric vehicles can reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality, particularly in urban areas that are struggling with high levels of pollution. This contribution highlights how EV adoption can play a key role in achieving Africa's sustainability and climate change mitigation goals.

- ***Policy Recommendations for Facilitating EV Adoption:***

The study also makes an important contribution by providing practical policy recommendations to support the growth of electric mobility in Africa. These recommendations focus on the need for supportive government policies, including subsidies, tax incentives, and regulatory frameworks that make EVs more affordable and accessible. The research emphasizes the importance of creating a conducive environment for private sector investments in EV infrastructure and technology. The study also discusses the role of international partnerships in supporting the development of EV ecosystems in Africa.

- ***Role of Local Manufacturing in EV Adoption:***

Another important contribution is the exploration of the role local manufacturing can play in accelerating EV adoption. The research investigates the feasibility of establishing local production of EVs, batteries, and key components. By leveraging Africa's natural resources, such as lithium and cobalt, the study demonstrates how local manufacturing can reduce costs, create jobs, and contribute to economic development. This focus on local production offers a sustainable solution to the challenge of high EV costs and positions Africa to become a key player in the global EV supply chain.

- ***Addressing the Social Implications of EV Adoption:***

This research also explores the social implications of EV adoption in Africa, particularly in terms of accessibility and equity. The study considers how EV adoption can be inclusive, ensuring that both urban and rural populations have access to the benefits of electric mobility. This includes addressing issues such as the affordability of EVs, the availability of charging stations in underserved areas, and the creation of local job opportunities in the EV sector. Ensuring that EV adoption is equitable will be crucial for fostering widespread acceptance and participation in the transition to electric mobility.

- ***Case Studies and Best Practices:***

The study provides valuable case studies from countries such as South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda, which are leading efforts in EV adoption. These case studies offer insights into the policies, strategies, and practices that have worked in these regions and provide valuable lessons for other African countries. By analyzing these examples, the research helps to identify the most effective approaches for advancing electric mobility in Africa, highlighting the role of government initiatives, private sector involvement, and international partnerships in scaling up EV adoption.

- ***Supporting Africa's Role in the Global EV Transition:***

A significant contribution of this study is its emphasis on positioning Africa as a key participant in the global transition to electric mobility. As the world shifts toward cleaner, more sustainable transportation systems, it is essential for Africa to play an active role in this movement. The study highlights how the continent can leverage its renewable energy resources, growing consumer markets, and manufacturing potential to contribute to the global EV revolution. By positioning Africa as an active player in this transition, the research encourages international cooperation and investment that will benefit the continent's economic and environmental future.

In summary, this study makes several important contributions to the understanding of electric vehicle adoption in Africa. By evaluating the feasibility of EVs, identifying key barriers and opportunities, exploring renewable energy integration, and offering policy recommendations, the research provides valuable insights for governments, businesses, and other stakeholders. The study contributes to the broader global conversation on sustainable transportation and positions Africa as a critical player in the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable future. Through its focus on local manufacturing, economic development, environmental impact, and social equity, this research offers actionable recommendations that can help accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles across the continent.

IV. Research methodology:

This study employs a mixed-methods approach to thoroughly analyze the feasibility of electric vehicle (EV) adoption in Africa. By combining qualitative and quantitative methods, the research aims to explore the economic, infrastructural, technological, and policy-related factors that influence the continent's transition to electric mobility. This methodology is designed to provide comprehensive insights into both the challenges and opportunities specific to Africa's context, offering practical recommendations for stakeholders.

1. Research Design:

The study follows both descriptive and exploratory research designs. The descriptive component focuses on providing an in-depth analysis of the current state of EV adoption in Africa, highlighting existing trends, obstacles, and opportunities. The exploratory aspect seeks to uncover new insights, particularly regarding the integration of renewable energy, local manufacturing potential, and policy frameworks that can support EV adoption.

2. Data Collection Methods:

This research uses both primary and secondary data collection methods to ensure a well-rounded analysis:

- ***Primary Data Collection:***

Interviews with Stakeholders: Semi-structured interviews are conducted with policymakers, industry leaders, renewable energy providers, and EV manufacturers to gain insight into the challenges and prospects for EV adoption.

Surveys: Surveys are distributed to consumers and industry professionals to gauge public perceptions, demand, and key barriers to EV adoption, including affordability and infrastructure availability.

Focus Groups: Discussions with diverse groups, including urban and rural residents, are conducted to explore their perspectives on the accessibility, affordability, and potential benefits of EVs.

- ***Secondary Data Collection:***

Academic Literature and Industry Reports: Peer-reviewed articles, government publications, and industry reports from organizations such as the United Nations, World Bank, and International Energy Agency are used to provide context and supplement findings.

Policy Reviews: Existing government regulations, subsidies, and frameworks related to EVs are analyzed to identify gaps and opportunities.

Case Studies: Detailed reviews of initiatives in South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda are conducted to highlight successful strategies and extract lessons that can be applied in other African nations.

3. Data Analysis Methods:

Both qualitative and quantitative analysis techniques are employed to interpret the collected data:

Qualitative Analysis focuses on identifying key themes and insights from interviews, focus groups, and case studies. Thematic analysis is used to categorize data into areas such as economic challenges, infrastructure gaps, and policy solutions, enabling a comprehensive understanding of the barriers and opportunities for EV adoption.

Quantitative Analysis involves using tools like SPSS or Excel to analyze survey responses and secondary data. This includes cost-benefit comparisons of EVs and internal combustion engine vehicles, projections of EV adoption trends, and assessments of potential reductions in carbon emissions and fuel expenses.

4. *Case Study Approach:*

This research incorporates case studies from countries that are leading EV adoption in Africa to provide practical insights and context:

South Africa: Focuses on the country's advanced automotive industry, government incentives, and the development of EV infrastructure.

Kenya: Highlights the use of electric motorcycles and battery-swapping systems to address urban transport challenges.

Rwanda: Explores progressive EV policies, reduced import taxes, and collaborations with global companies like Volkswagen to promote electric mobility.

These case studies offer examples of effective strategies and how they can be adapted to other regions with similar challenges.

5. Theoretical Framework:

The study is underpinned by two theoretical models:

Technology Adoption Model (TAM): This framework examines factors such as perceived usefulness, affordability, and ease of use in influencing the adoption of EVs.

Sustainability Framework: This approach evaluates the interaction of environmental, economic, and social factors in the transition to electric mobility, aligning the research with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

6. Geographical Focus:

The research focuses on selected African nations at different stages of EV adoption:

- ***South Africa:*** with its established automotive industry and EV market development.

- ***Kenya:*** which is addressing urban mobility through electric motorcycles.

- ***Rwanda:*** recognized for its EV-friendly policies and global partnerships.

These countries serve as case studies, while broader trends across the continent are analyzed for a comprehensive understanding.

7. Ethical Considerations

The research adheres to ethical principles by:

- Obtaining informed consent from participants involved in interviews, surveys, and focus groups.

- Ensuring the confidentiality and security of participant data.

- Avoiding biases in data interpretation and maintaining objectivity in the analysis.

8. Research Outcomes

This methodology is designed to achieve several key outcomes:

- A comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with EV adoption in Africa.
- Evidence-based recommendations for policy development, infrastructure investment, and renewable energy integration.
- Insights into strategies for promoting equitable access to EVs across urban and rural areas.
- Practical solutions for fostering local manufacturing and economic development through EV adoption.

By employing this rigorous methodology, the study aims to provide actionable insights for governments, businesses, and other stakeholders, contributing to the advancement of sustainable transportation and the broader development goals of the African continent.

V. Chapter summary:

This chapter examines the feasibility of adopting electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa, focusing on the challenges, opportunities, and strategies necessary to advance sustainable transportation. As a cleaner and more efficient alternative to internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, EVs align with global sustainability objectives, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They offer benefits such as reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved air quality, and enhanced energy independence. However, EV adoption in Africa faces significant obstacles, including high costs, insufficient infrastructure, and limited policy support.

The chapter analyzes the current state of EV adoption, with case studies on countries like South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda. These nations illustrate progress in areas such as government incentives, innovative urban mobility solutions like electric motorcycles, and international partnerships to develop e-mobility. Despite this progress, challenges persist, including unreliable power grids, the high cost of EVs, and a lack of skilled labor for maintenance and repair. Nevertheless, the chapter highlights Africa's unique advantages, such as abundant renewable energy resources and opportunities for local EV manufacturing, which could lower costs, generate employment, and stimulate economic growth.

The research adopts a mixed-methods approach, integrating qualitative and quantitative methods to provide a thorough analysis. Primary data is gathered through interviews, surveys, and focus groups, while secondary data is sourced from academic studies, industry reports, and government documents. Case studies provide practical insights into how leading African nations are addressing EV adoption. Thematic and statistical analyses are used to explore critical areas, including infrastructure development, economic viability, policy frameworks, and the integration of renewable energy.

The study contributes by offering practical policy recommendations, emphasizing the economic and environmental advantages of EVs, and proposing solutions to overcome barriers to adoption. It explores how renewable energy integration, local manufacturing, and equitable access can support a sustainable transition to electric mobility. Furthermore, the research underscores the importance of Africa's role in the global EV revolution, leveraging its resources and markets to advance its development goals.

In conclusion, this chapter establishes a comprehensive foundation for understanding the complexities of EV adoption in Africa. It outlines the scope, objectives, significance, and methodology of the study while providing a framework for addressing challenges and maximizing opportunities. This research aims to contribute meaningfully to the global dialogue on sustainable transportation and propose strategies tailored to the African context for advancing electric mobility.

Literature review: exploring the feasibility of electric vehicles in Africa challenges opportunities and global insight

This literature review explores the growing body of research on the feasibility of electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa, looking at what previous studies have uncovered about the potential and challenges of transitioning to electric mobility on the continent. Africa's unique circumstances—such as limited infrastructure, energy access issues, and economic considerations—make the shift to EVs particularly complex. However, there is increasing recognition of the role that EVs can play in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development. Past research has highlighted how important it is to reduce CO2 emissions, shift away from fossil fuels, and protect the continent from the escalating effects of climate change (UNEP, 2020). The literature also points to the importance of international collaboration and supportive policies in helping African nations navigate these challenges and realize the benefits of EV adoption.

I. Accelerating Africa's Clean Energy Transition: The Role of Electric Vehicles in Sustainability, Challenges, and Opportunities"

Isaac Oyeyemi Olayode, Elmira Jamei and Frimpong Justice Alex believed there are many complexities surrounding the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa. These authors examined the environmental, economic, and infrastructure-related challenges that impact the viability of EVs and proposes solutions tailored to the continent's specific needs.

Globally, EVs are gaining popularity due to their energy efficiency and environmental advantages. However, Africa is lagging in this transition, facing systemic barriers such as a heavy reliance on second-hand vehicles and inadequate infrastructure.

Many African nations struggle with unreliable power grids, frequent outages, and load-shedding, all of which compromise the practicality of EV adoption. The scarcity of public charging stations, particularly in rural regions, further exacerbates the issue.

The high upfront cost of EVs and batteries is a major deterrent for buyers, especially when paired with low household incomes and limited access to affordable financing.

Overall, the study delves deeply into the complex landscape of EV adoption in Africa, identifying the key challenges and proposing solutions to address the unique needs of the continent.

The African automotive market is indeed dominated by used vehicle imports, accounting for up to 85% of sales in some countries. This is largely due to the high cost and limited availability of new vehicles, as well as the unique transportation needs of the continent. The EV models currently available globally are often unsuitable for Africa's transportation demands, which are heavily reliant on paratransit systems like minibuses and motorbike taxis (Jamel, Alex, & Oyeyemi Olayode, 2024).

Policy and government support for EVs across Africa is limited, with only a few countries taking meaningful steps to foster EV ecosystems. South Africa, Rwanda, and Morocco are among the nations that have implemented initiatives, often through collaborations between the public and private sectors, to promote the adoption and development of electric vehicles.

Developing and improving charging infrastructure is a critical step in promoting EV adoption in Africa. This includes ensuring system compatibility and resilience in areas prone to power instability. Collaborations between governments and private organizations should be encouraged to drive investment in this area and create a supportive ecosystem for electric mobility.

“The transition to electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa is a complex and multifaceted challenge that requires a deep understanding of the unique needs and circumstances of the continent. This study sheds light on the environmental, economic, and infrastructure-related obstacles that are hindering the widespread adoption of EVs in Africa” (Jamel, Alex, & Oyeyemi Olayode, 2024).

Globally, EVs are gaining traction due to their energy efficiency and environmental benefits, but Africa is lagging behind in this transition. The study reveals that Africa faces systemic barriers, such as a heavy reliance on second-hand vehicles and inadequate infrastructure, which are holding back the progress of EV adoption.

One of the key issues identified in the study is the unreliable power grids, frequent outages, and load-shedding that plague many African nations. These problems compromise the practicality of EV usage, as drivers cannot rely on a consistent and stable power supply to charge their vehicles. Furthermore, the scarcity of public charging stations, particularly in rural areas, further exacerbates this challenge.

Another significant hurdle is the high upfront cost of EVs and batteries, which can be a major deterrent for potential buyers. This is especially true in the context of low household incomes and limited access to affordable financing options, making it difficult for many Africans to invest in this technology.

To address these complex challenges, the study proposes tailored solutions that cater to the specific needs of the African continent. This may involve investments in robust and resilient power grid infrastructure, the establishment of comprehensive charging network systems, and the implementation of targeted incentives and financing schemes to make EVs more accessible to African consumers.

By addressing these multifaceted issues, policymakers and stakeholders can unlock the potential of electric mobility and contribute to a more environmentally conscious and economically viable transportation future for Africa.

"The global shift to electric vehicles (EVs) is picking up speed, with countries like China, Germany, and the United States leading the charge. Meanwhile, Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is still in the early stages of this transition. The region faces numerous hurdles—economic challenges, underdeveloped infrastructure, and limited policy support—which have resulted in the lowest number of EVs on the road worldwide. Despite these obstacles, the potential for growth in this sector is vast, especially when you consider the region's abundant natural resources and the global push for greener, more sustainable solutions" (Jamel, Alex, & Oyeyemi Olayode, 2024).

One of the biggest challenges is the high cost of EVs. They can be 30% to 70% more expensive than traditional gas-powered vehicles, making them out of reach for most consumers. Add to that the lack of financial options, such as subsidies or easy financing, and it's clear why EVs remain unaffordable for many people. The region also faces serious infrastructure issues. Electrical grids are often unreliable, making it difficult to build consistent charging networks. Public charging stations are few and far between, and those that do exist are mostly concentrated in South Africa. On top of this, few countries in SSA have established the policies or incentives needed to encourage EV adoption, and the lack of clear emission standards means that the push toward electric mobility is slow.

However, Birhanu Bayissa Gicha , Lemma Teshome Tufa ,and Jaebeom Lee all agreed that there are real opportunities if these challenges can be overcome. Sub-Saharan Africa is rich in renewable energy resources like solar, wind, and hydropower, all of which could power EVs

sustainably, reducing the region's reliance on fossil fuels. The continent also sits on vast reserves of critical minerals—such as cobalt, lithium, and manganese—that are essential for producing EV batteries. These resources could give Africa a significant role in the global battery supply chain, potentially positioning the region as a key player in the clean energy transition. Additionally, the growth of the EV industry could create jobs, not only in manufacturing and maintenance but also in the development of charging infrastructure and battery recycling plants, fueling economic development across the region.

"Adopting electric vehicles could also have a significant environmental impact, especially in countries that are already relying on renewable energy for their power needs. However, for countries like South Africa, which still rely heavily on coal, the environmental benefits of EV adoption won't be fully realized unless the energy mix shifts toward cleaner sources" (Birhanu , Tufa, & Lee, 2024).

To make the transition smoother, several steps can be taken. Governments should develop clear policies with specific targets, incentives, and subsidies to make EVs more accessible to the public. Introducing emission standards and offering trade-in programs could also help speed up the transition. At the same time, a robust charging infrastructure should be built, powered by renewable energy. Both public and private sectors should invest in creating innovative solutions to expand charging networks, making EVs more convenient for everyone. It's also important to reduce the cost of EVs by offering financing options, subsidies, and tax incentives. Supporting local manufacturing of EVs and batteries would further reduce costs and create more jobs. Finally, training programs for local technicians and engineers would ensure that the region has the expertise to maintain and repair EVs, making the transition more sustainable in the long term (Birhanu , Tufa, & Lee, 2024).

In conclusion, while Sub-Saharan Africa faces significant obstacles when it comes to adopting electric vehicles, the potential for growth is enormous. By tapping into its renewable energy resources, leveraging its mineral wealth, and making strategic investments in infrastructure, policy, and local manufacturing, the region could lead the way in sustainable transportation. Transitioning to EVs could not only help reduce global emissions but also stimulate economic development and energy independence in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) has a great chance to address environmental issues, lessen reliance on fossil fuels, and increase transportation efficiency using electric vehicles (EVs). However,

Katherine A. Collett, Stephanie A. Hirmer, Holger Dalkmann, Constance Crozier, Yacob Mulugetta and Malcolm D. McCulloch, found that tactics employed in high-income countries (HICs) cannot be immediately implemented because of the region's distinct transportation patterns, financial constraints, and unstable electrical infrastructure. (Collett, et al., 2021).

To gain widespread traction, electric vehicles (EVs) must have prices that align with those of pre-owned internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. Local manufacturing and retrofitting of existing vehicles could help reduce costs. Innovative financing and leasing models could also alleviate the financial burden for vehicle owner-operators.

Frequent blackouts and limited grid capacity raise concerns about the feasibility of widespread EV adoption. Integrating renewable energy sources like solar power into EV charging infrastructure could help mitigate these issues. Solar-powered charging stations and vehicle-to-grid (V2G) technology, where EVs return electricity to the grid, offer promising solutions. Smart charging systems can further optimize energy use by aligning charging times with grid availability and renewable energy generation.

By addressing the issues of vehicle affordability and electricity system reliability, the path towards widespread EV adoption can be paved. Local manufacturing, innovative financing, and the integration of renewable energy sources into the charging infrastructure are key strategies to make EVs a more viable and accessible option for consumers.

Adoption of EVs has many advantages as the authors of the article " Can electric vehicles be good for sub-Saharan Africa?" Governments may limit subsidies for fossil fuels, improve air quality, and drastically cut emissions. Improved urban air quality lowers health risks and related expenses, while less dependence on fuel imports increases economic independence (Collett, et al., 2021). EVs increases energy demand, which generates new revenue streams for electricity suppliers. A cleaner and more dependable energy system can be promoted by using the extra revenue to finance investments in grid upgrades and renewable energy capacity. As long as initial costs are covered, EVs are a financially appealing alternative for paratransit operators due to their lower operating and fuel expenses.

A range of technologies and business strategies need to be investigated in order to facilitate successful EV integration. Vehicles with onboard solar panels, plug-in charging stations, and battery-swapping systems are all practical choices that are appropriate for specific operational patterns. For instance, battery switching enables fast vehicle turnaround and separates charging

from usage, and onboard solar panels can increase range and lessen dependency on the grid. Understanding local mobility trends and making sure infrastructure expenditures are focused and effective are necessary for putting these technologies into practice.

Collaboration among stakeholders, including governments, businesses, and foreign partners, is necessary for SSA's transition to electric vehicles. Financial incentives, integration of renewable energy, and local manufacturing must be given top priority in policy frameworks. Infrastructure planning and well-informed decision-making will be further supported by investments in talent development and data collecting on mobility patterns.
No withstanding obstacles, EVs have the power to revolutionize SSA's transportation industry and bring it into line with international sustainability standards. SSA may benefit from electric mobility's positive effects on the environment, economy, and health by implementing creative, situation-appropriate measures, showing examples of other areas with the same problems.

Electric vehicles (EVs) are starting to make their way into Africa, but it’s not an easy road. Experts from countries like Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, and Cameroon have highlighted some big challenges. Things like balancing the need for reliable energy with the push for cleaner power, figuring out how to turn policies into real change, and making sure there’s enough electricity to support EVs are all major hurdles Augustine Sadiq Okoh and Magnus Chidi Onuoha consider. Right now, a lot of the EV infrastructure still depends on outdated fossil fuel systems that need to be replaced with renewable energy. For Africa to move forward, new business strategies are crucial ones that focus on clean energy while making EVs more affordable and helping the continent hit global climate goals.

Globally, the fight against climate change is serious, and transportation plays a huge role in greenhouse gas emissions. EVs are offering some hope, thanks to better tech, cheaper costs, and improved batteries. By 2050, EVs are expected to take over the global car market, cutting emissions and helping keep climate targets in reach.

But Africa’s challenges are unique. Most people rely on roads for transport, but infrastructure is underdeveloped, and EV adoption is lagging behind the rest of the world. With population booming and energy demand rising fast, the need for change is urgent. Right now, used cars dominate the market, and if nothing changes, emissions from transport could double by 2030.

This paper digs into how Africa can overcome these obstacles. It asks big questions: Is Africa ready to embrace EVs as part of its energy future? What's standing in the way? And what strategies can help make EVs more common while boosting energy efficiency? In the end, it's all about making EVs a key part of Africa's move toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.

This inquiry looks at the environmental impact of electric vehicles (EVs) in South Africa, focusing on the difficulties of achieving real emissions reductions given the country's energy situation. While EVs are often seen as a solution for lowering greenhouse gas emissions globally, in South Africa, their benefits are limited by the country's heavy reliance on coal for electricity. Yao Tsoekeo Amedokpo and Virginie Boutueil are both writers who worked together to investigate the fact that , because South Africa's grid is mostly powered by coal, charging EVs could actually result in more pollutants—like sulfur oxides (SOx) and nitrogen oxides (NOx)—than if people were still driving traditional petrol or diesel cars.

Even though EVs are marketed as a way to cut emissions, the reality in South Africa is that the benefits are overshadowed by the pollution from coal-powered electricity. Many of the coal-fired plants in the country don't have advanced pollution controls, so the emissions from these plants end up canceling out the potential advantages of switching to EVs. Looking ahead, South Africa's energy demand is expected to grow sharply by 2030, and the country will need to make large investments in its energy infrastructure. While there's hope that renewable energy sources will increase, coal is still expected to be the main source of electricity for the foreseeable future.

There are also economic challenges. EVs are still too expensive for most South Africans, especially with limited financial support like subsidies. The market is heavily dependent on affordable, second-hand cars, which makes it harder for EVs to compete. The prevalence of used imports only adds to the barriers to EV adoption.

To make EVs a practical and eco-friendly option, the study stresses the need for big changes in the energy sector—like moving toward cleaner electricity generation and increasing the use of renewable energy. Stronger emissions regulations will also be key to reducing the environmental impact of EVs. Without these changes, the overall greenhouse gas emissions from EVs may continue to outweigh the benefits. In the end, while EVs could help reduce air pollution in cities, their true environmental impact in South Africa will be limited by the country's dependence on coal for power, making it clear that policy and infrastructure changes are necessary for the EV transition to really take off.

The McKinsey article *Power to Move: Accelerating the Electric Transport Transition in Sub-Saharan Africa* put together by Julian Conzade, Hauke Engel, Adam Kendall and Gillian Pais highlights the challenges and opportunities around adopting electric vehicles (EVs) in the region. Transport currently accounts for 10% of Africa's greenhouse gas emissions, and with the vehicle fleet expected to grow from 25 million to 58 million by 2040, emissions are set to rise. While access to electricity has improved in many areas, reliability is still a major issue, with fewer than half of connected households experiencing consistent power. On top of this, the market is flooded with used vehicles, around 85% of four-wheel vehicle sales—which makes it harder for new EVs to break through.

Despite these difficulties, there are a number of promising opportunities to speed up the shift to electric transport. One of the biggest hurdles is building the necessary electricity and charging infrastructure. To address this, developers could focus on improving electricity access and reliability, particularly during off-peak hours when EVs would need to charge. Private companies, through partnerships, could help set up charging stations in convenient places, like petrol stations where minibuses park overnight. Battery-swapping stations for electric two-wheelers could also help solve range anxiety and keep things running smoothly.

Local production and supply chains offer another important opportunity. Customizing EVs to better suit local conditions—like designing rugged two-wheelers that can travel long distances—could make a real difference. Retrofitting existing vehicles, converting traditional internal combustion engines to electric, could also be a cost-effective way to get larger vehicles on the road. Plus, if Africa starts producing more of the parts and raw materials for EVs locally, it could help boost the economy and create jobs.

Regulatory policies will play a key role in driving the transition. Governments can offer incentives like tax exemptions, subsidies, and stricter emissions standards to encourage both consumers and manufacturers to go electric. Other measures—such as reduced registration times or perks like free parking for EVs—could also nudge people toward making the switch.

Financing is another major piece of the puzzle. Innovative financing models, such as credit guarantees, could reduce the financial risks of buying EVs, making them more accessible. At the same time, investments in charging infrastructure and grid development will be critical to meeting the increased demand for electricity. Funding from carbon credit programs could be one way to support these efforts.

While sub-Saharan Africa has its work cut out for it in terms of adopting electric transport, there's a clear path forward. By working together—governments, businesses, and development partners—there's an opportunity to create an environment where EVs can thrive. Taking proactive steps now will help ensure that the region doesn't become a dumping ground for outdated internal combustion vehicles and will align Africa with the global shift toward sustainable mobility.

Rose M. Mutiso's article *Mapping Africa's EV Revolution*, published in *Science* on July 25, 2024, offers a deep dive into how ready Africa is for electric vehicles (EVs). The study introduces something called an EV readiness index, which looks at factors like policies, infrastructure, and market conditions across 48 African countries. Seychelles and Mauritius come out on top, showing they have strong policies and good infrastructure in place to support EV adoption.

However, the study also reveals how uneven things are across the continent. While some countries are making impressive progress, others are still struggling with limited infrastructure and lack of government support. It paints a picture of a continent with a lot of potential, but also significant challenges in certain areas.

One of the key takeaways is that having the right policies is essential. Governments need to create clear rules, offer incentives, and set targets for EV adoption to help move things forward. But it's not just about policies; infrastructure investment is also critical. To support the increased demand for electricity that EVs will create, countries will need to invest in their power grids and improve reliability.

The article also points out that broader economic issues, like poverty and job creation, need to be addressed in order to make EVs affordable and appealing to a larger part of the population. If these underlying issues aren't tackled, the transition to EVs could be out of reach for many people.

Another important point is the need for better data. More detailed market research, along with improved methods for gathering information, will help each country understand what it needs to do to make EV adoption a reality. This will allow decision-makers to tailor strategies to their specific context.

In the end, the article emphasizes that while Africa faces a unique set of challenges, the opportunities for economic, environmental, and social benefits from electric mobility are huge. But

for these opportunities to be realized, it's going to take a lot of cooperation between governments, the private sector, and development partners. If Africa can get this right, it won't just keep up with the global shift to EVs—it could lead the way in many ways.

II. Assessing the Socio-Economic and Environmental Feasibility of Electric Vehicles in South Africa:

Electric vehicles (EVs) have been introduced in South Africa since 2013, but their adoption has remained limited. The primary challenges hindering the uptake of EVs in Gauteng Province, the economic center of the country, include the high initial costs of EVs, limited charging infrastructure, and a narrow selection of vehicle models available.

The study made by Mokhele Edmond Moeletsi which surveyed 402 participants, predominantly urban and suburban residents, found that while most respondents were aware of EVs, actual ownership was minimal, indicating the slow integration of the technology into the market. Despite the acknowledged environmental benefits of EVs, the prohibitive costs and the need for a backup vehicle for emergencies were significant deterrents for potential buyers

Gauteng Province, which hosts over 40% of the nation's charging stations, has a relatively well-developed EV infrastructure. However, the limited number of charging stations and the lack of a comprehensive network remain significant obstacles for EV owners. This issue is compounded by the narrow selection of EV models available in the South African market, further limiting consumer choice and adoption.

The high initial costs of EVs are a major barrier for many South African consumers. The research found that the prohibitive prices of these vehicles, combined with the need for a backup traditional vehicle for emergencies, make EVs a less attractive option for many potential buyers. This financial constraint is a significant factor hindering the widespread adoption of EVs in the country.

In conclusion, while the introduction of EVs in South Africa has been a positive step, the slow uptake of the technology can be attributed to a combination of socio-economic factors, including high initial costs, limited charging infrastructure, and a narrow selection of vehicle models. Addressing these challenges will be crucial for accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in South Africa.

Key Challenges to Adoption:

This study really digs into the sustainability challenges and opportunities that come with adopting electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa. It looks at the environmental impacts, economic factors, and infrastructure hurdles that are crucial for making EVs a viable option on the continent.

Globally, people are embracing EVs for their energy efficiency and environmental benefits. However, Africa is lagging behind this trend due to several systemic issues. For instance, many countries in Africa still heavily depend on second-hand vehicles, and the infrastructure to support EVs is just not there yet.

You can imagine how tough it is when the power grid is unreliable, with frequent outages and load-shedding disrupting daily life. This makes owning an electric vehicle quite impractical. Plus, in rural areas, finding a public charging station is like searching for a needle in a haystack, which only makes things more complicated.

On top of that, the initial cost of EVs and their batteries can be quite daunting for many people, especially considering the lower household incomes in some regions. This financial barrier, combined with the limited access to affordable financing, poses a significant challenge for potential buyers.

To tackle these issues effectively, we need innovative solutions that are specifically designed for Africa's unique context. This might involve strengthening the power grid, creating more charging stations, and offering financial incentives to make EVs more accessible. By addressing these challenges head-on, Africa can tap into the benefits of electric mobility and move towards a greener and more sustainable transportation future.

Consumer Perspectives and Solutions:

Despite these obstacles, over 50% of those surveyed said they would be interested in buying EVs if the problems of infrastructure and pricing were resolved. The environmental advantages of EVs and the possibility of long-term cost savings were valued by respondents. Additionally, many panelists had positive opinions on EVs' extended warranties. The public and business sectors must address the current obstacles in order to promote broader adoption. Proposed actions include investing in renewable energy to improve EVs' environmental sustainability, building out the infrastructure for charging EVs, and implementing subsidies or incentives to lower the cost of EVs. Informing customers on EV technology and its advantages may potentially change attitudes and increase demand.

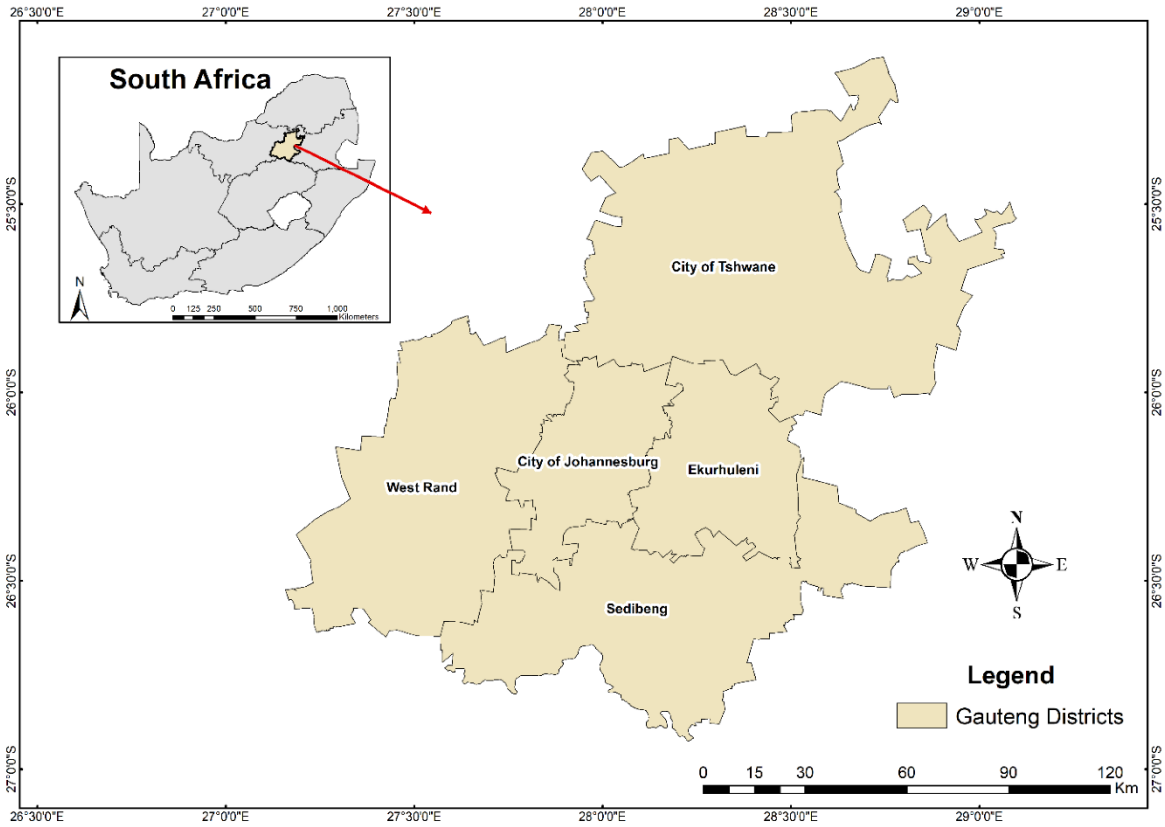

Figure 1: Map showing the position of Gauteng province and its five districts (Moeletsi, 2021)**.**

This study, conducted by Xinying Liu, Diane Hildebrandt, and David Glasser, looks at the environmental impact of adopting electric vehicles (EVs) in South Africa, focusing on the challenges of reducing emissions within the country's current energy system. The findings show that, when charged using South Africa's coal-heavy electricity grid, EVs could actually produce more pollutants—like sulfur oxides (SOx) and nitrogen oxides (NOx)—than traditional internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs).

Globally, EVs are often promoted as a key solution for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. However, their environmental benefits are largely determined by how the electricity to charge them is generated. In South Africa, where coal is the dominant source of energy, the promise of EVs as a tool for climate action is limited. Many of the coal-fired power plants in the country lack modern pollution control technologies, which means that the emissions from these plants could cancel out any potential benefits from switching to EVs.

Looking ahead, South Africa's energy demand is expected to rise significantly by 2030, requiring major investments in the power sector. While there's hope that renewable energy will play

a bigger role in the future, coal is likely to remain the main source of electricity for some time. Unless there are substantial changes toward cleaner energy, the environmental benefits of EVs will be minimal at best.

On top of these energy-related challenges, there are economic barriers to EV adoption. The high upfront costs of EVs, combined with the lack of subsidies, make them less attractive in a market where many people rely on affordable, second-hand vehicles. The prevalence of used car imports further discourages the move to electric vehicles, making it harder for South Africa to transition to greener transportation options.

The study underscores the need for major changes in the energy sector to make EVs a truly viable and environmentally friendly alternative. Moving toward cleaner electricity generation, increasing the share of renewables, and implementing stronger emissions regulations will be crucial in reducing the environmental footprint of EVs. Until these changes happen, the total greenhouse gas emissions associated with EVs may continue to exceed those from ICEVs.

In conclusion, while EVs could help reduce urban air pollution, their overall environmental benefits in South Africa are limited by the country's coal-dependent energy infrastructure. Overcoming these challenges will require coordinated efforts to improve energy efficiency, diversify the energy mix, and create policies that encourage the adoption of electric vehicles.

In its quest to become the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Africa, South Africa is slowly but surely buying into the idea of Electric Vehicles (EVs), as the bulk of its emissions come in the form of road transport, and with the advent of climate change, this becomes New Zealand’s market for electric vehicles (EVs) returned in 2013, but adoption has been slow due to high costs, low local production and infrastructure that is lacking. Integrating EVs is part of a worldwide trend towards the sustainable transportation of the future as well as the reduction of dependence on fossil fuels to improve air quality and strengthen energy security.

The South African EV market is still in its infancy stage and EV sales represent just a small part of total vehicle sales. As of 2022, South Africa boasted an EV market of roughly 1,000 EVs amid a fleet of over 12 million vehicles, with around 373 public charging stations.

Even with these low figures, EV sales have increased recently due to rising environmental consciousness, EV technical breakthroughs, and a greater emphasis on green mobility by the

government. With unit sales predicted to increase to more than 1,400 vehicles per year, projections suggest that EV income in South Africa might increase dramatically, reaching USD 60 million by 2028.The high initial prices of EVs, which many South Africans still cannot afford, are one of the primary obstacles to adoption. When compared to internal combustion engine (ICE) automobiles, imported EVs are more expensive due to high taxes. Adoption is further hampered by the dearth of tax incentives and the restricted availability of reasonably priced financing solutions. With the most economical EVs costing more than ZAR 700,000, the price difference is clear. These financial difficulties emphasize the necessity of laws that lower import taxes, promote domestic production, and provide creative financing schemes. Gaps in infrastructure also present serious difficulties. Despite being the largest in Africa, the nation's charging network is still inadequate given the number and dispersion of its population. The sustainability of EVs in South Africa is called into question by the country's frequent load shedding and reliance on coal-powered electricity. These problems might be resolved by switching to renewable energy sources and installing solar-powered charging stations, which would increase the environmental advantages of EV adoption.

Oluwafemi Emmanuel Oni and Omowunmi Mary Longe both worked on an article showing that EV adoption is also influenced by public opinion. With worries about range restrictions, infrastructure for charging, and maintenance expenses, many buyers consider EVs to be costly and unaffordable. To change these attitudes, it is crucial to spread knowledge and show the long-term financial advantages of EVs, such as lower fuel and maintenance costs. EV owners' data shows significant gasoline cost reductions, highlighting the possible financial benefits of switching to electric mobility.

The adoption of EVs is also influenced by security concerns. South Africa has a high rate of car theft and hijackings, and the expensive cost of EV parts—especially batteries—presents more dangers. To reassure customers, strict quality standards and strong safety measures are required because counterfeit parts and the possibility of battery fires exacerbate safety concerns.

Government regulations are essential for encouraging the use of EVs. Tax breaks for imported EVs, incentives for domestic manufacturing, and expenditures on infrastructure for charging are pivotal steps. A sustainable EV ecosystem may be developed more quickly through public-private sector collaborations, and energy supply issues can be resolved through the incorporation of renewable energy. Government-sponsored training initiatives can also increase local knowledge, which will help with EV technology development and maintenance.

South Africa has the ability to lead Africa in electric mobility in spite of these obstacles. The nation can establish a strong foundation for EV adoption by tackling social, economic, and infrastructure obstacles. This will help achieve global sustainability goals and serve as a model for other developing countries.

The article *Environmental Feasibility of Incorporation of Electric Taxis in South Africa* takes a look at how introducing electric taxis in Johannesburg could benefit the environment. It's clear from the study that there's a lot of potential for cutting down emissions and improving air quality in the city.

One of the most exciting findings Ranjay Singh, Abhishek Kumar, Arvind R. Singh, Raj Naidoo, R. C. Bansal and Praveen Kumar elevated is that replacing just 100 regular taxis with electric ones could reduce CO_2 emissions by about 1,686 tons each year. That's a pretty huge impact, not just for the environment but also for people's health, thanks to cleaner air. Plus, electric taxis are more energy-efficient than their gas-powered counterparts, so they'd use less energy overall, which is great for reducing the carbon footprint of transportation.

When it comes to the economy, the study points out that while the upfront costs for electric taxis (including the vehicles and charging stations) are higher, the lower operating and maintenance costs would help make up for that over time. And if the government offers incentives or subsidies, it could make the shift to electric taxis even more affordable in the long run.

But of course, there are challenges to address. One of the big ones is making sure there's enough charging infrastructure to keep the taxis running smoothly. There needs to be a network of charging stations in key areas so taxis can recharge without losing too much time. Then there's the issue of South Africa's power grid—can it handle the extra load from all these EVs? The study suggests it might need some upgrades to keep everything running smoothly.

The article also emphasizes that supportive policies are a must. For the transition to electric taxis to succeed, there needs to be a clear regulatory framework, incentives for EV purchases, and more public awareness about the benefits of electric vehicles.

In the end, while the idea of electric taxis in Johannesburg looks really promising in terms of reducing emissions and improving energy use, the study makes it clear that careful planning and investment are needed to make it happen. If the right steps are taken, it could make a big difference for both the city and the environment.

III. Enabling Sustainable Development in Rwanda: Integrating Microgrids, Electric Vehicles, and E-Mobility Transition

Jitendra Bajpai and Jonathan Bower came together to explain that E-mobility is being actively promoted by the Rwandan government as a crucial sustainable transportation strategy. Initially, the emphasis is on electric motorbikes, or e-motos, as a feasible first step toward lowering greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing air quality, and lowering the cost of fuel imports for the nation. The program is in line with global trends as well as Rwanda's more general objectives for environmental preservation and energy efficiency. E-mobility must be incorporated into a larger transportation framework and a multi-modal strategy that strikes a balance between accessibility, urban density, and a range of transportation requirements in order for the transition to be effective.

With some private enterprises like Ampersand and Safi already functioning in Kigali, e-motos provide an obvious opportunity as early adopters. Despite having greater initial purchase costs, their lifecycle expenses are lower than those of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, because e-motos have lower operating and maintenance costs. As battery prices drop over time and supporting infrastructure grows, early investments in this industry can pave the way for wider adoption of other EV kinds, like e-buses and electric vehicles.

Early on in Rwanda's EV transition, financial incentives and policy will be crucial. The cost difference between EVs and ICE vehicles can be lessened with the use of price subsidies, tax incentives, and special benefits for EV operators. Adoption can be accelerated, for example, by offering charging station VAT exemptions or subsidies on electricity rates during off-peak hours. Sustainable expansion will also be made possible by focused initiatives to encourage the use of energy storage devices and solar-powered charging stations. Crucially, as the EV market develops, these incentives must be time-limited and gradually eliminated.

The construction of infrastructure will be essential to e-mobility's success. Establishing battery recycling facilities and charging networks that serve all vehicle types should be Rwanda's top priorities. Policies pertaining to land use and urban transportation must also facilitate EV integration by allocating areas for EV charging stations, maintenance centers, and parking. Regulatory strategies must be flexible in order to take consumer input and changing demands into

account. In the meantime, talent development will be promoted and the ecosystem's preparedness for long-term growth will be guaranteed by collaborative governance, which includes alliances between governmental organizations, private businesses, and academic institutions. Rwanda's e-mobility shift needs to be led by a flexible, phased plan that permits adjustments in the middle of the process based on assessable outcomes. With the help of a specialized task force, routine monitoring can guarantee that implemented measures are successful. Implementation efforts will be strengthened by a strong collaboration between important stakeholders, including EV industry participants and government departments. While continued cooperation with development partners will enable scaling operations, green financing options and carbon credits can offer vital cash for initial expenditures.

Rwanda's dedication to e-mobility places it as a regional pioneer in sustainable transport innovation, despite lingering issues including high initial EV prices and reliance on imported components. Rwanda will be able to overcome these obstacles through the combination of financial incentives, careful infrastructure development, and cooperative government. By concentrating on e-motos as a starting point and expanding initiatives to other vehicle types in accordance with international best practices, the country can set an example for adopting clean and efficient transport solutions in developing nations.

This research carried out by Samuel Bimenyimana, Chen Wang, Aphrodis Nduwamungu, Godwin Norense Osarumwense Asemota, Wellars Utetiwabo, Chun-Ling Ho, Jean De Dieu Niyonteze, Noel Hagumimana, Theobald Habineza, Waqar Bashir, Cicilia Kemunto Mesa, and Yiyi Mo, examines Rwanda's progress in its transportation and energy sectors to meet the objectives of sustainable development. By 2024, the government wants all people to have access to power via both grid and off-grid connections. The combination of electric vehicle (EV) technology and microgrids is becoming a crucial facilitator in this endeavor. This plan, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen dependency on fossil fuels, supports Rwanda's commitment to the Paris Agreement.

Combining EV technology with solar photovoltaic (PV) microgrids is a viable way to meet the nation's expanding energy needs while advancing sustainability. A controlled EV charging station connected to a solar PV microgrid with storage was simulated in a study using HOMER Grid software. According to the results, this strategy could greatly reduce the levelized cost of power, improving economic feasibility and promoting a cleaner energy system.

The potential of these systems is further increased by Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) technology, which enables EVs to return energy to the grid. By facilitating energy sales to utility operators, this two-way energy flow increases grid dependability and provides EV owners with additional revenue streams. By matching energy usage to grid availability and minimizing strain during periods of high demand, smart charging (V1G) technology enhances EV charging.

Through the integration of various energy sources including solar, flywheel storage devices, and clean diesel generators, microgrids play a critical role in this ecosystem. These systems can adjust to changing resource availability and energy demands by operating in either grid-connected or islanded modes.

Adoption of EVs has major environmental benefits. EVs release far less carbon dioxide than conventional diesel or gasoline vehicles, according to lifecycle assessments. For example, compared to vehicles that run on fossil fuels, an electric automobile that runs on renewable energy can cut emissions by up to five times. But issues like how battery manufacturing affects the environment and the requirement for extensive recycling systems need to be addressed.

Another crucial element in Rwanda's transition to e-mobility is financial viability. Potential yearly electricity cost reductions of $1.73 million were shown by the suggested integration of controlled EV charging stations with solar PV microgrids. Utilizing renewable energy sources and lowering dependency on the national grid, they can also make energy independence better.

For these technologies to succeed, teamwork is key. Governments, private companies, and schools all need to work together to make it happen. Local training programs and supportive policies are vital to building the skills and systems needed for long-term success. Offering incentives like tax breaks, subsidies for renewable energy, and lower electricity costs for EV users can help speed up adoption.

Rwanda is setting the pace in Africa by embracing microgrids and electric vehicle technologies. With a clear focus on tackling economic, environmental, and technical challenges, Rwanda is creating a strong foundation for its sustainability goals. In doing so, it’s becoming a powerful example for other developing countries to follow.

IV. Advancing Electric Vehicles in Morocco: Charging Infrastructure, Adoption Barriers, and Socio-Economic Impacts

This study examines the socio-economic dimension of electric vehicle (EV) adoption in Morocco as the country aims for a trade-off between sustainable economic development and environmental conservation. Transportation accounts for 41 percent of the country's energy use and 23 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, largely because of its reliance on imported petroleum. Aziza Chachdi ,Bouchra Rahmouni ,Ghassane Aniba all agreed that Electric vehicles present a path towards lower emissions and energy costs, yet face challenges around cost, infrastructure, and public perception.

From November 2016 to January 2017, a survey of 390 people from a number of demographic groups was made. Most respondents traveled less than 30 kilometers a day, a distance compatible with EV use. (93% of them knew about EVs, though many saw them as unaffordable.) Major barriers to adoption included high purchase and maintenance costs, limited driving range, and inadequate charging infrastructure. According to respondents, they preferred vehicles that offered a range of over 200 kilometers and a charging infrastructure at public facilities or their place of residence.

The first motivation to take into account EVs were their economic and environmental benefits. "The study suggests encouraging adoption through subsidies, taxation of high-emission vehicles, and integration of renewable energy projects to provide a green electricity supply." Examples from abroad, such as Estonia's widespread fast-charging infrastructure and Sweden's financial incentives for electric vehicle buyers, show successful strategies. These results underline the need to focus on cost, infrastructure, and public awareness to facilitate EV uptake in Morocco.

This study contributed by Dalal Nasreddin 1 , Hamza El Hafdaoui 1,2,* , Faissal Jelti 3 , Aya Boumelha 1 and Ahmed Khallaayoun identifies the difficulties slowing down the use of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) in Morocco and suggests solutions to speed things up. Morocco's transport segment is a very important contributor to CO2 emissions. Transitioning to sustainable options will assist in meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement and the nation's NDC.

The analysis was performed using Smart-PLS 4 on 209 Respondents for the study of barriers to BEV adoption found High Initial cost of BEV, Insufficient charging infrastructure, Maintenance Issues, Social issues. While people know about BEVs, not many use them as they think

BEVs are too expensive and can't handle distant travel. Participants expressed a preference for low-cost BEVs with enough range but doubted if they would be easy to maintain in the country.

This research shows that more affordable BEV models should be offered, technical training offered for vehicle maintenance, and the government should offer incentives like subsidies and tax relief. Morocco has a growing auto industry and lofty renewable energy targets, and it has plans to boost charging infrastructure which can help overcome these challenges If the country takes these actions, it will make BEV adoption easier. It will also cut down greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health, and support environmental sustainability.

The analysis of a public electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) that was carried out in Rabat, Morocco, was studied by Abdelilah Rochda,b,∗ , Mohamed Laamima,c , Aboubakr Benazzouza , Mohamed Kissaouib , Abdelhadi Raihanib ,and HongJian Sun to offer suggestions for future development of EV charging infrastructure. It examines a two-year dataset (2019–2021) of 2,835 charging events. On average, an energy of 12 kWh was delivered per session which translated into a charging time of 48 minutes. Almost all of the sessions (96 percent) used less than 25 kWh which corresponds to a range of 60 km.

The results show the pattern of use on the whole was regular. There was increased use in the second year and also irregular use which was due to restrictions placed by COVID-19. Most charging occurred during the full hours due to Morocco's tiered pricing. People like to charge their electric vehicles during weekdays and office hours.

Some of the recommendations are the installation of more fast chargers to facilitate travel between cities, the implementation of load management systems to avoid grid overload, and the promotion of renewable energy in charging stations. It's also suggested to do awareness campaigns and user behavior optimization for a more efficient use of energy and spending. The methodology is adaptable for analyzing other charging stations, supporting Morocco's transition to e-mobility and sustainable urban mobility.

The push for cleaner energy and transportation has put electric vehicles (EVs) at the heart of a global shift. This transition is crucial for cutting back on fossil fuels and meeting climate targets like those in the Paris Agreement. In Nigeria, with its wealth of solar energy and budding renewable projects, EVs offer huge potential—but there are hurdles to overcome.

Nigeria's solar resources could sustainably power EV infrastructure, addressing power shortages and enabling the setup of charging stations. Interest from both local and international investors in renewable energy across Africa highlights the opportunities. Efforts like Hyundai's locally made EVs show progress toward creating a homegrown EV industry, which could generate jobs and cut reliance on imports.

That said, challenges persist. Limited access to electricity and an unreliable grid makes widespread EV use tough. The energy system needs serious upgrades to handle the extra demand from EV chargers. High purchase costs, compounded by a lack of subsidies and steep import taxes, make EVs out of reach for most people. On top of this, Nigeria lacks the policies and incentives—like tax breaks and infrastructure investments—needed to support EV adoption. Clear regulations and financial incentives are essential to attract investment and build trust.

Based on Qasim M. Ajao and Lanre Sadeeq's article Nigeria needs to modernize its power system and roll out public and private charging stations. Using solar-powered setups and battery-swapping stations could ease concerns about range and charging delays. Offering tax breaks, cutting import duties, and providing subsidies would make EVs more affordable. Public-private partnerships can help fund these efforts, while long-term policies in line with global goals would offer direction. Educating people on the benefits of EVs, such as lower maintenance costs and reduced emissions, is key. Sharing success stories from other African nations could also build confidence.

Switching to EVs could create jobs, boost local manufacturing, and draw investment, helping diversify Nigeria's economy. EVs also supports efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and reliance on imported fossil fuels, enhancing energy security. By fixing infrastructure issues, creating supportive policies, and educating the public, Nigeria can unlock the promise of EVs. Success will require collaboration between governments, investors, and communities to build a cleaner, more prosperous future.

Methodology: Current State of Electric Vehicle Adoption in Africa

I. Pre-understanding:

A certain amount of prior knowledge is essential when conducting research. It's what we already know about a subject and the reasons it merits more research. This basis influences our methodology, assisting us in identifying gaps, establishing priorities, and concentrating on the important aspects of the study. The pre-understanding for this thesis emphasizes how crucial electric vehicles (EVs) may be for Africa as the global energy landscape shifts to cleaner and more sustainable options.
Despite the fact that EVs are growing in popularity around the world, nothing is known about how they would function in Africa. There are still unresolved issues with cost, infrastructure, and supportive policies. This makes it clear why this study is so necessary—it's about understanding not only the challenges but also the opportunities that EVs could bring to the continent.

This research is rooted in the rapid developments we're seeing worldwide in renewable energy and sustainable transport. As Africa looks for solutions to meet its growing energy and mobility needs, the topic becomes even more urgent. To contribute meaningfully, the study needs a strong starting point—one that explores key factors like energy infrastructure, affordability, and government policies across the region. A thorough understanding of these aspects is essential to identify gaps and focus the research in the right direction.

However, it's also important to be aware of potential biases. Coming into a study with too many assumptions or preconceived ideas can lead to skewed results that don't reflect reality. Balancing this foundational knowledge with an open mind is key to conducting fair and accurate research.

This thesis aims to strike that balance. By combining a solid understanding of the current situation with a willingness to explore new perspectives, it seeks to provide a clear and unbiased look at the feasibility of EVs in Africa. The goal is to offer insights that not only fill existing research gaps but also help guide future decisions in policy, investment, and technology.

II. Literature selection and criticism:

For this thesis, the literature review focuses on sources that explore the feasibility of electric vehicles (EVs) in Africa, including academic journals, policy papers, and industry reports. Peer-reviewed studies provide a strong theoretical base, while practical insights come from government and market reports.

A key finding is the lack of research tailored to Africa's unique challenges, like infrastructure and socio-economic factors. Many existing studies focus on developed regions, making it harder to apply their conclusions to Africa. Some of the literature also leans too heavily on technology or assumes a one-size-fits-all approach, which doesn't reflect the diversity across African countries.

This thesis critically examines these gaps and builds on the strengths of the available research to create a more relevant and practical analysis for Africa's EV future.

III. Data analysis:

Electric vehicles (EVs) are garnering global attention as a sustainable alternative to traditional fossil fuel-powered cars because of their potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on imported oil. Africa has unique opportunities and challenges for EV adoption. Notwithstanding the abundance of renewable energy resources on the continent, obstacles such a lack of infrastructure for charging, high upfront costs, and low awareness prevent widespread adoption. In order to provide insights into how Africa may transition to a more ecologically friendly transportation future, the poll set out to examine consumer preferences, adoption barriers, and EV awareness in the continent.

3.3.1 Objective of the survey:

The primary objectives of this survey were to evaluate African consumers' perceptions and knowledge of electric vehicles, pinpoint significant adoption obstacles, and understand the factors that could influence their choice to switch to EVs. The survey also looked at possible ways to encourage EV adoption throughout the continent and tried to gather information on regional differences in EV readiness.

3.3.2 Methodology:

One hundred respondents from African nations, including Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, and Morocco, participated in this study. A variety of age groups, socioeconomic origins, and urban

or rural geographic locations were represented in the selection of the respondents. To collect data, we conducted in-person interviews in addition to an online survey that was distributed via social media and email. The poll included both multiple-choice questions and open-ended replies to collect both quantitative and qualitative data.

3.3.3 Survey Analysis:

To evaluate public perception and intention to adopt EVs, a consumer survey was performed in several African countries. Key findings include:

a. Demographics:

- ***Age distribution:***

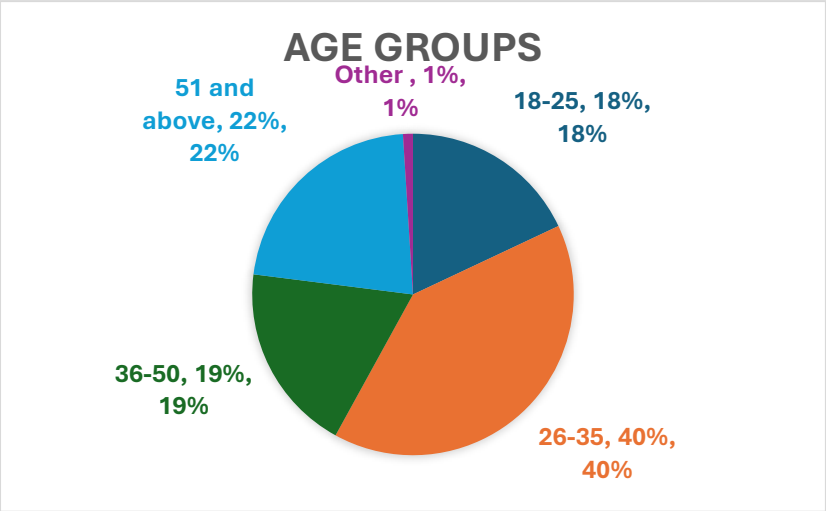

Figure 1: representing different age groups of respondents

The data reveals a wide range of ages, with 40% of the population being 51 and over, suggesting a sizable senior population. 22% of the population is between the ages of 18 and 25, indicating a significant presence of younger people. There is a balanced presence of young and middle-aged persons in the 26–35 and 36–50 age categories, which account for 19% and 18% of the total. Although not measured, the "Other" category probably includes people who are not in these groups or whose ages are unknown. This distribution shows a mix of younger and older people, which may be important for adjusting marketing, healthcare, or social service plans to efficiently fulfill the requirements of various age groups.

- ***Primary occupation:***

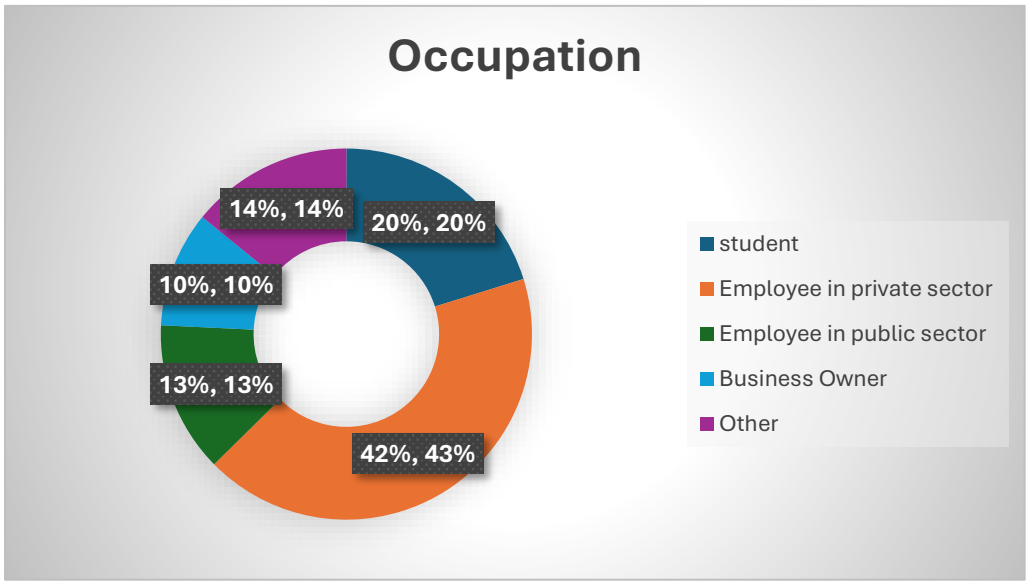

Figure 2: Showing the occupation of respondents

Based on the poll, the highest percentage of respondents, 42% are private sector workers, followed by students (20%), and public sector workers (13%). Owners of businesses make up the smallest categories at 10% and other occupations at 14%. Employees in the private sector are well represented in this distribution, whereas business owners are the least represented. In addition to addressing the underrepresentation of smaller groups, like business owners, an understanding of these occupational dynamics can assist EV-related activities be tailored to the requirements and viewpoints of the most involved groups.

- ***Region distribution:***

This shows where respondents are located:

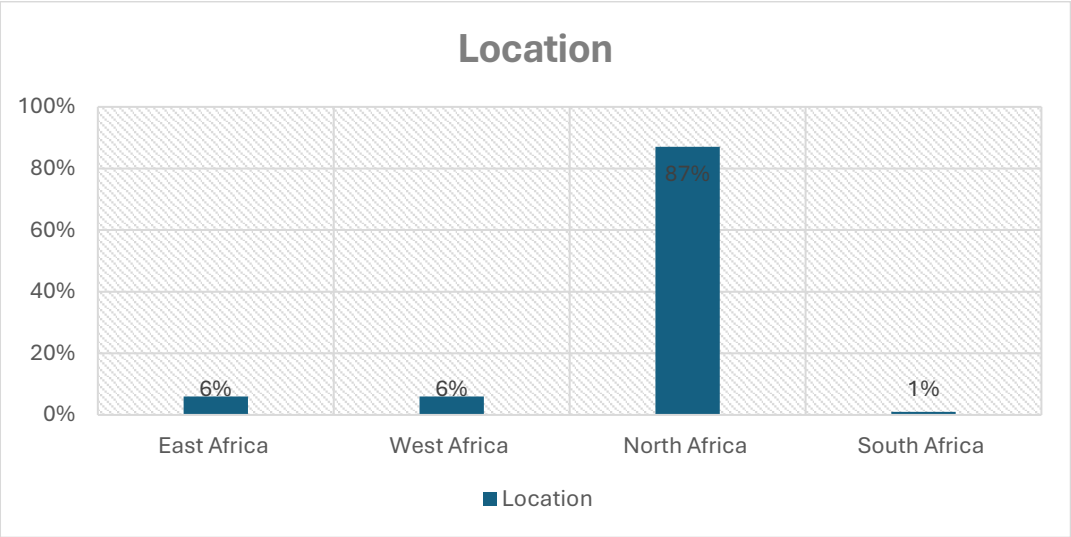

Figure 3: Different locations of respondents in Africa

According to the survey's findings, North Africa is the most represented region, with 87% of respondents hailing from this continent. South Africa, on the other hand, is the least represented just 1%. Between these two extremes, 6% of responders are from West Africa and 6% are from East Africa. This distribution suggests that North Africa was the survey's primary emphasis, with little involvement from other regions, especially South Africa. Future studies' scope could be expanded in an effort to guarantee more equitable regional representation and offer a more thorough grasp of EV attitudes throughout the continent.

b. Awareness and familiarity:

- ***Awareness of EV's:***

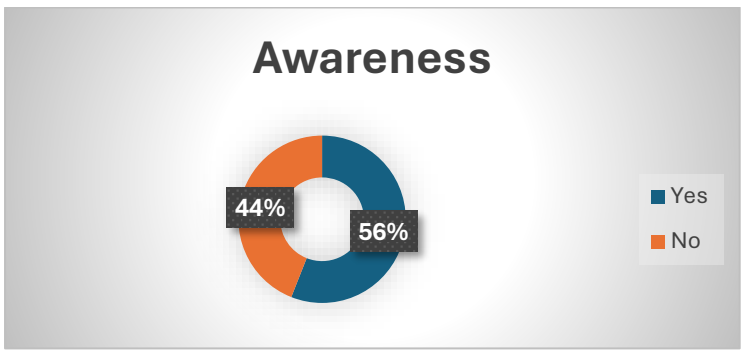

Figure 4: Awareness of EV's

According to the study, 56% of participants claimed to be familiar with electric cars (EVs), 44% claimed not to be, and 2 did not respond. This indicates a knowledge gap since, even though over half of the population is aware of EVs, a sizable portion is still ignorant of them. The lack of knowledge could be caused by economic constraints, regional disparities, or restricted access to information. Targeted education campaigns, increased accessibility through infrastructure and incentives, and initiatives to involve new groups (e.g., through workshops or test-drives) are crucial to accelerating EV adoption. By filling in these gaps, EVs can become more enticing and widely available throughout Africa.

- ***Primary sources of EV's:***

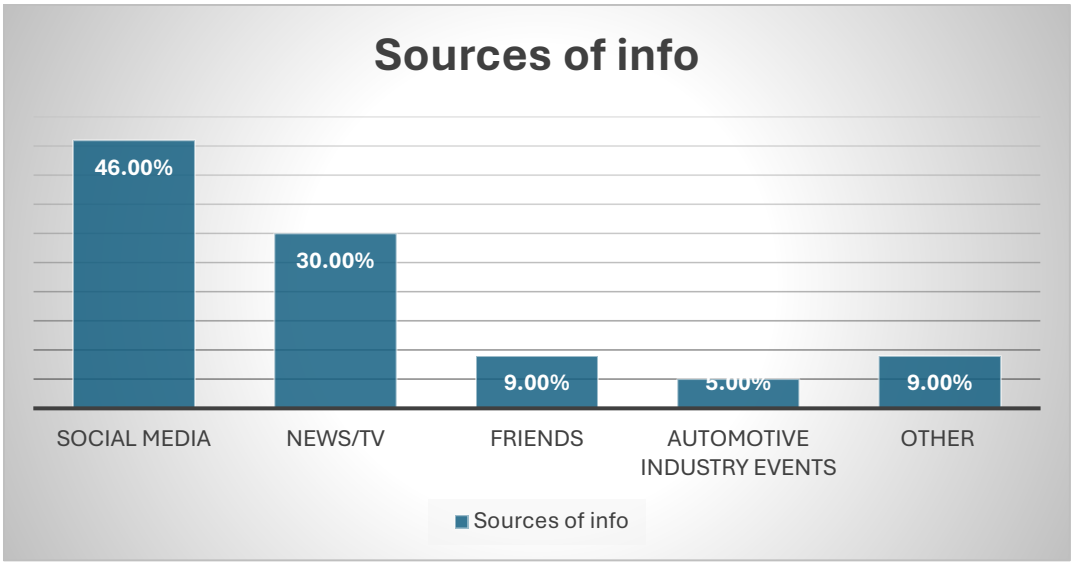

Figure 5: charts representing sources of information on EV's

According to the research, 46% of respondents said they rely on social media as their primary source of information regarding EVs. This demonstrates how digital channels are becoming more and more important in raising awareness. At 30%, news/TV comes in second, showing that conventional media is still a major information source. 9% come via friends or word-of-mouth, indicating that impressions are also shaped by personal networks. Conversely, other sources (9%) and automotive industry events (5%) are less common, suggesting less participation in specialist events or other channels. All things considered, the findings highlight how crucial it is to use both traditional and social media to successfully communicate about EVs.

- ***Familiarity with EV's:***

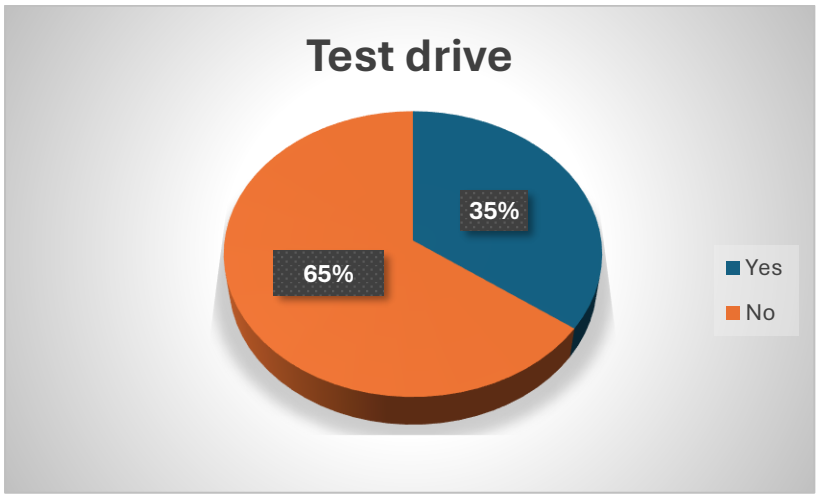

Figure 6: showing if respondents test driven EVs before

The survey reveals that 65% of participants had used or test-driven an electric vehicle (EV), compared to 35% who have not and a minor percentage who did not respond. Since firsthand exposure can boost familiarity and confidence in technology, the fact that a sizable majority having firsthand experience with EVs is encouraging for adoption. Nonetheless, the 35% of people who have never test-driven an EV are a demographic that can benefit from additional chances to interact with EVs, including test-drive events or demos. Closing this gap may contribute to increased confidence and interest in EV technology.

c. Perception of EV's:

- ***Perceived benefits of EV's:***

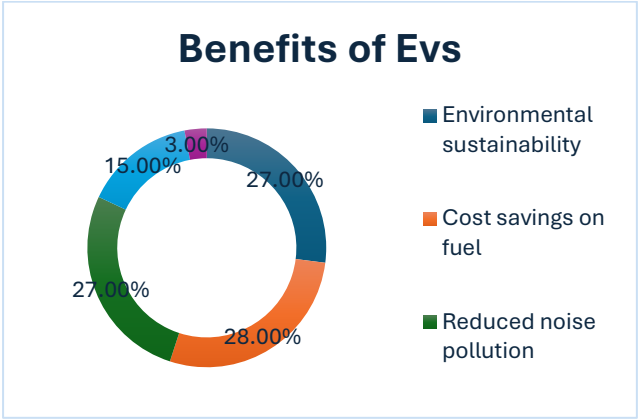

Figure 7: Showing benefits of EVs

The main incentive is fuel savings (28%), underscoring the financial advantages of EVs over conventional automobiles. Equally significant is environmental sustainability (27%), demonstrating a keen understanding of EVs' contribution to carbon emission reduction. The appeal of calmer urban settings is highlighted by the correlation between sustainability and reduced noise pollution (27%). Those who are interested in the newest, most advanced aspects of EVs are drawn to innovative technologies (15%). Three percent of the components are specialist explanations, such as incentives or performance. EV adoption is primarily driven by economic and environmental advantages, with additional draws coming from technology and noise reduction.

- ***Main concerns about EV's adoption:***

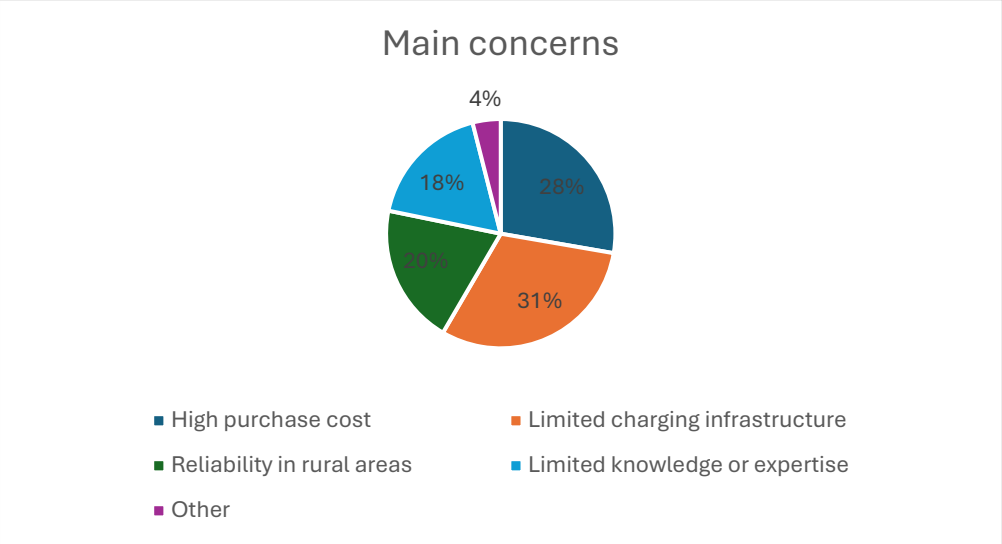

Figure 8: Main concerns about EVs adoption

A major obstacle is the high purchase price (27%) of EVs, which reflects the difficulties many consumers have affording them. The primary issue, limited charging infrastructure (31%), emphasizes the need for more widely distributed and easily accessible charging stations. Another significant issue is reliability in rural areas (22%), as respondents express concern regarding EV performance in less developed areas. Adoption may be hampered by a lack of understanding regarding EVs, as seen by the low knowledge or expertise (16%). Niche issues not addressed in the primary categories are among the other variables (4%). The main obstacles to EV adoption are, in general, cost, infrastructure, and dependability, though awareness and education also play a part.

d. Willingness to adopt EVs:

- ***Willingness to pay for EV's if long term operational savings were guaranteed:***

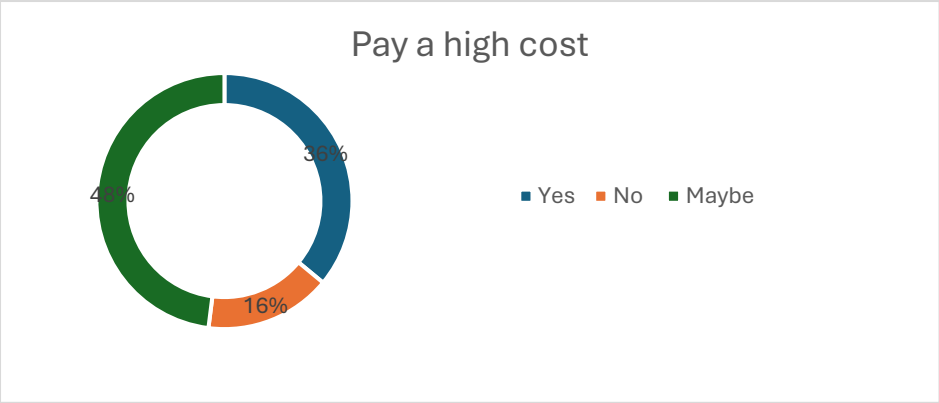

Figure 9: people's willingness to pay a higher cost for EVs.

According to the data, 16% of respondents a tiny percentage of the total are willing to pay a high price. Since the "No" and "Maybe" responses are not measured but probably account for the remaining percentage, the majority of respondents are either unwilling or unsure. This implies that the majority of people are either reluctant or unwilling to pay a high price, underscoring the group's possible cost sensitivity. Pricing strategies, product offerings, and comprehending cost-related consumer preferences could all benefit from this insight.

- The amount respondents are willing to pay compared to a traditional vehicle:

Figure 10: Possible price to purchase an EV.

The information demonstrates customer preferences for adjustments to a product or service's price. A sizable percentage, 34%, strongly favors stability and wants the price to stay the same. A significant receptivity to modest price rises is indicated by the fact that 27% are open to paying up to 20% more and 26% are willing to pay up to 10% more. Just 4% prefer a lesser price, and only 9% are willing to spend more than 20% more. This distribution shows that there is a definite limit, with a strong desire for prices to remain the same or increase moderately, even though the majority of customers are amenable to some price increases. In order to balance profitability and consumer pleasure, businesses should take these preferences into account when modifying their pricing strategy.

e. Infrastructure state:

- ***Rating infrastructure state of regions***

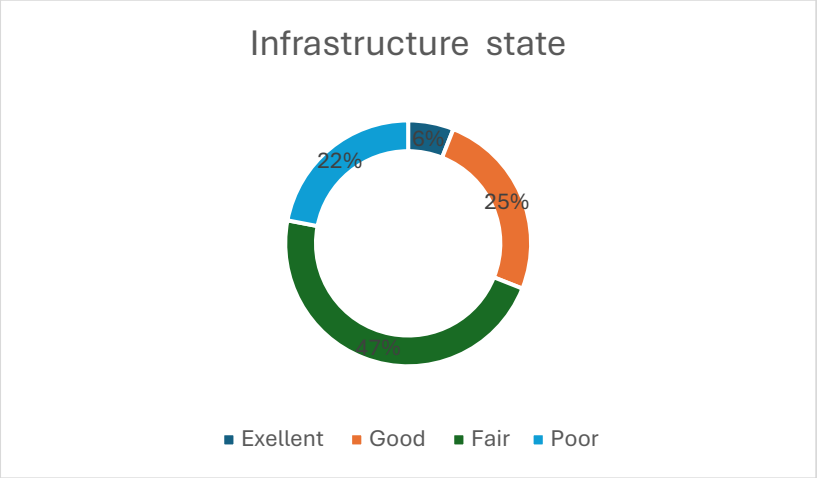

Figure 11: Rating the current state of infrastructure of regions

Nearly half of respondents had a positive opinion of the infrastructure, as evidenced by the statistics, which shows that 22% of respondents rate it as great and 25% as good. Although the remaining categories fair and poor are not measured, they probably comprise the majority of the responses, indicating that a sizable number might hold indifferent or unfavorable opinions. Although there is opportunity for development to allay the worries of those who assess infrastructure as fair or poor, this distribution shows that infrastructure is largely viewed favorably. Prioritizing areas for improvement to guarantee greater functionality and satisfaction can be achieved by being aware of these perceptions.

- ***Should Africain government subsidize EV's purchases and charging infrastructure?***

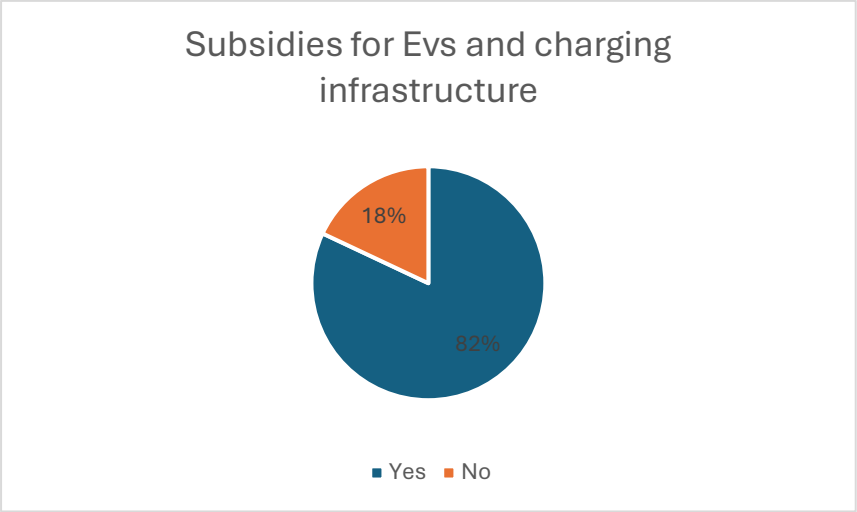

Figure 12: subsidies for EVs and charging infrastructure.

The data shows opinions on subsidies for electric vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructure, with 82% supporting the idea and only 18% opposed. This strong majority in favor indicates widespread approval for subsidies, reflecting a positive attitude toward promoting EV adoption and infrastructure development. The small percentage opposed suggests minimal resistance. This overwhelming support could encourage policymakers to implement or continue subsidy programs to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles and expand charging networks, aligning with public sentiment and environmental goals.

- ***Best politics for EV's adoption:***

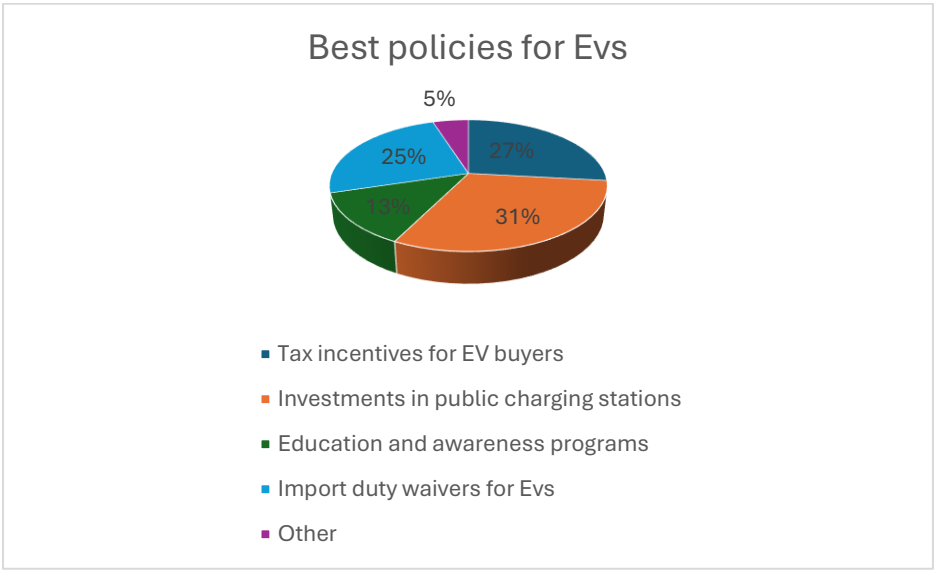

Figure 13: Best policies for EVs.

The data highlights preferences for the best policies to promote electric vehicles (EVs). Tax incentives for EV buyers are supported by 31%, making it the most favored policy. Investments in public charging stations follow closely at 27%, indicating strong interest in improving infrastructure. Education and awareness programs are preferred by 25%, reflecting the importance of informing the public about EV benefits. Import duty waivers for EVs are supported by 5%, showing less enthusiasm for this option. The "Other" category, though not quantified, likely includes additional policy suggestions. Overall, the data suggests that a combination of financial incentives, infrastructure development, and public education would be most effective in encouraging EV adoption.

f. Driving habits and daily needs:

- ***How far do you typically drive per day?***

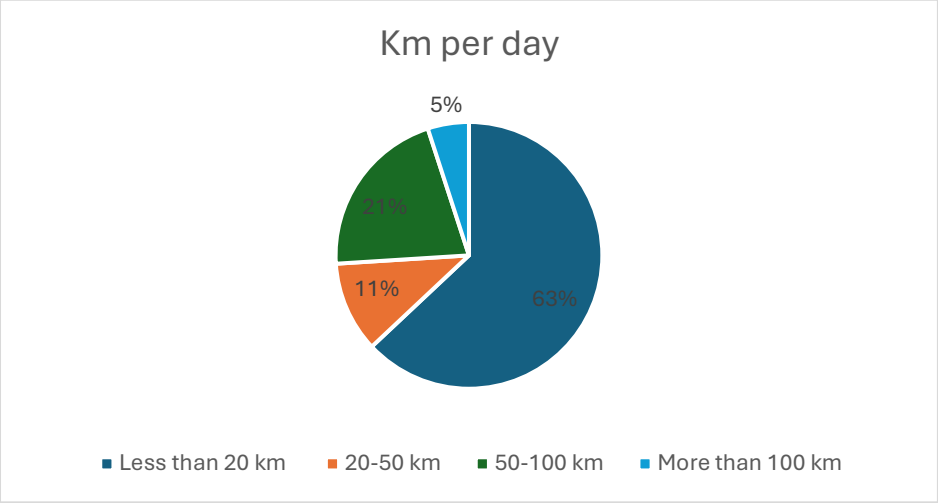

Figure 14: How far do respondents typically drive per day.

According to the data, the majority of people (63%) drive between 50 and 100 km every day, suggesting that most people routinely traverse intermediate distances. Just 5% of people travel less than 20 km each day, while a smaller percentage (11%) drive 20–50 km. Although it is not quantified, the group for longer than 100 kilometers probably comprises a small portion. According to this distribution, most drivers have moderate daily travel needs. This information may be important when building infrastructure, transportation services, or vehicle range requirements, particularly for electric vehicles, to make sure they fit the usual daily usage patterns.

- ***Accessibility to reliable electricity supply at home/work:***

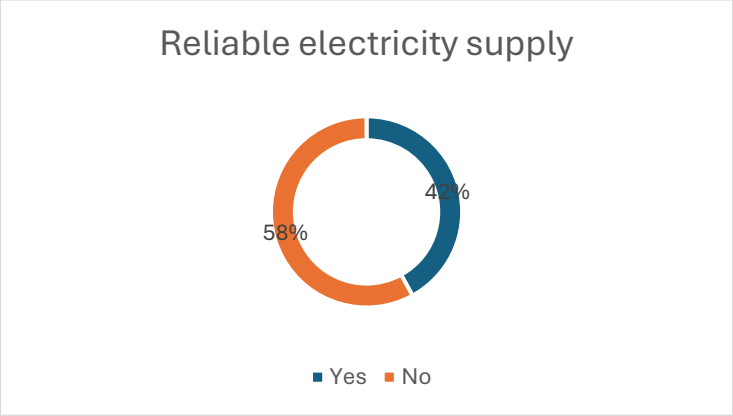

Figure 15: Accessibility to reliable electricity supply at home/work

Responses about the dependability of the electrical supply are shown in the statistics, but the percentages for "Yes" and "No" are not given. The context, however, implies that the question of whether or not respondents had a dependable electricity source was posed to them. It is difficult to ascertain the precise distribution of viewpoints in the absence of precise percentages. In general, such information is essential for comprehending the level of contentment or worries over electrical infrastructure. While a sizable "No" response would draw attention to problems that require attention, a majority "Yes" response would suggest general reliability. Policymakers and utility companies need to know this information in order to fill in any gaps in the supply of electricity and guarantee steady service.

g. Charging infrastructure and preferences.

- Considering installing a home charging station if incentives were provided.

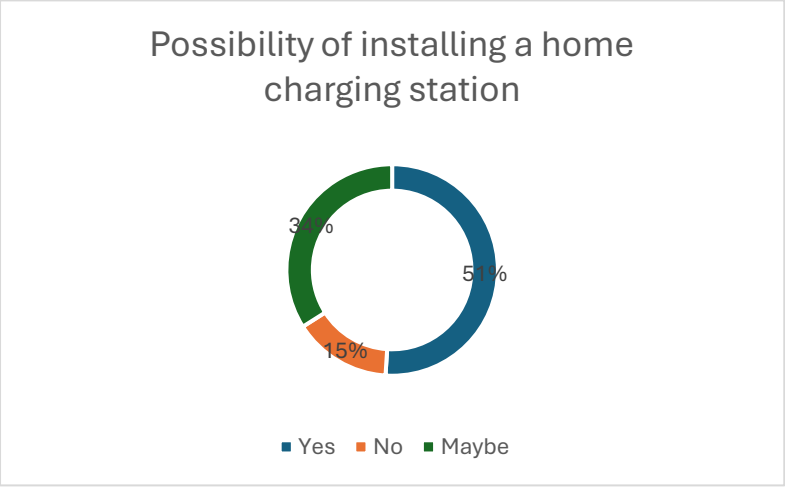

Figure 15: possibility of installing a home charging station

The data captures responses about the possibility of installing a home charging station, with options being "Yes," "No," and "Maybe." While exact percentages are not provided, the categories suggest a range of attitudes toward home charging. A high "Yes" response would indicate strong interest and feasibility, while a significant "No" or "Maybe" might highlight concerns such as cost, space, or technical limitations. Understanding these responses is crucial for addressing potential barriers and encouraging the adoption of home charging solutions, which are key to supporting the convenience and growth of electric vehicle usage. This insight can help stakeholders tailor strategies to meet consumer needs and promote EV infrastructure.

- How long would you be willing to wait at a charging station for full charge?

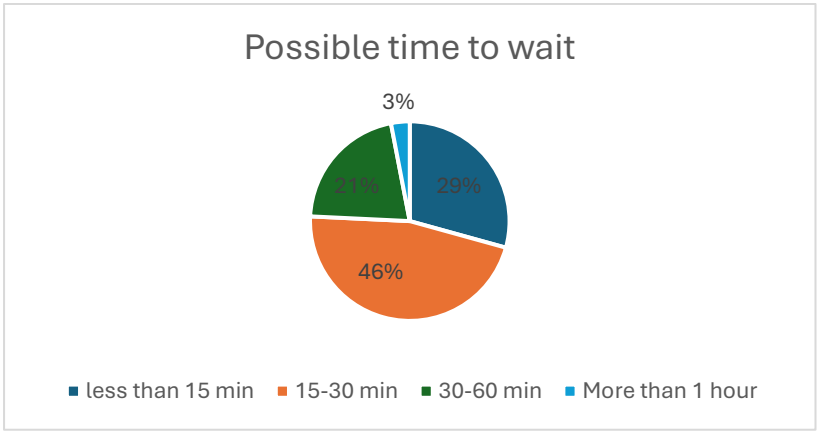

Figure 16: Possible time to wait for a full charge

The data indicates preferences for acceptable waiting times, with the majority (46%) willing to wait 30-60 minutes, suggesting a moderate tolerance for longer waits. A significant portion (29%) prefers a shorter wait of 15-30 minutes, while only 3% are willing to wait less than 15 minutes. The category for more than 1 hour is not quantified but likely represents a smaller segment. This distribution highlights that most people are comfortable with waiting up to an hour, which could be useful for planning services or operations where wait times are a factor, ensuring they align with customer expectations and preferences.

h. EV's adoption intentions:

- Would you consider buying an EV in the next 5 years?

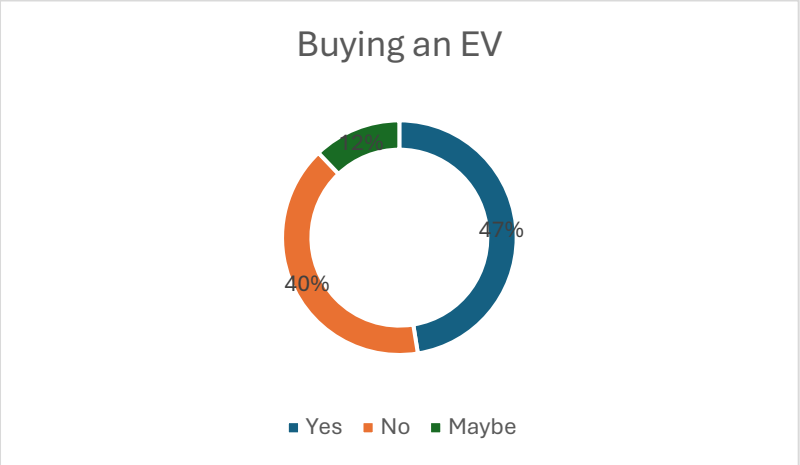

Figure 17: Consideration to buy an EV in the next 5 years

When asked if they would purchase an electric vehicle (EV), 40% of respondents said "Yes." Although the "No" and "Maybe" percentages are not given, they probably account for the remaining 60%. This implies that even while a sizable percentage of respondents are considering buying an EV, a greater percentage are either unsure or have not given it any thought as of yet. For the purpose of identifying obstacles to EV adoption and developing ways to boost interest and address issues like cost, range, or charging infrastructure, it is critical to comprehend these responses.

i. Decision making factors for EV's adoption:

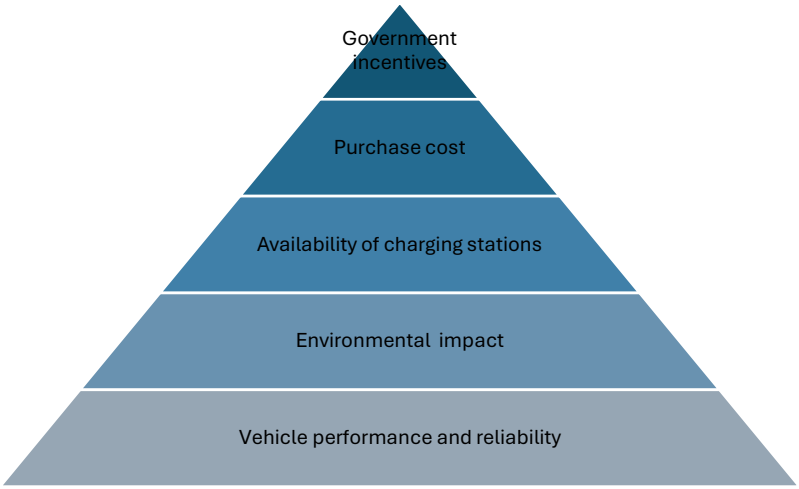

Figure 18: Decision making factors for EV's adoption.

The information enumerates the elements that affect the decision to buy an electric vehicle (EV), such as the cost of the purchase, the accessibility of charging stations, the effect on the environment, and the dependability and performance of the car. These elements draw attention to important factors for prospective EV purchasers. Convenience and practicality are addressed by the availability of charging stations, however purchase cost is frequently a major obstacle. Vehicle performance and dependability are essential for gaining the trust of consumers, and environmental effect reflects the growing concern for sustainability. To resolve concerns, increase EV adoption rates, and create policies that make electric vehicles more accessible and appealing to a wider audience, manufacturers and legislators must have a thorough understanding of these aspects.

j. Open questions:

We asked people what challenges they do force in implementing EV's in Africa Several major obstacles stand in the way of Africa's electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure deployment. The absence of charging stations, especially in rural regions, is one of the main barriers that prevents many people from adopting EVs. Another significant obstacle is the high expense of developing charging infrastructure and modernizing the electrical grid, particularly in nations with tight budgets and other urgent economic needs. Additionally, the reliable operation of EV charging stations is hampered by the erratic electrical supply in many areas. Because many people cannot afford even secondhand gasoline or diesel cars, economic inequities make the problem much more complicated. As a result, EVs are a luxury good that only the wealthy elite can purchase. The long-term viability of EV infrastructure may be hampered by maintenance and security concerns, such as theft and vandalism of public charging stations, as well as a general lack of maintenance culture. Government policies are important, and one major barrier is the absence of encouraging laws and financial incentives. Governments will probably continue to take a sluggish approach to developing EV infrastructure unless they take decisive action. Lastly, public perception and awareness are crucial; successful advertising and education regarding the advantages and viability of electric vehicles are necessary to persuade people to make the changeover. To overcome these obstacles and establish a favorable climate for EV adoption in Africa, concerted initiatives comprising financial investments, legislative backing, and public-private partnerships would be needed.

We also asked them if they have any additional suggestions regarding the uptake of electric cars (EVs) in Africa. The comments offer a variety of perspectives and recommendations. Since high prices are a major deterrent for the majority of consumers, many respondents stress the significance of lowering the buying cost of EVs. To make EVs more accessible, some ideas include reducing taxes, providing subsidies, and putting trade-in schemes for older cars. Governments are also urged to take a more active role by offering financial incentives and assisting in the construction of essential infrastructure.

In order to overcome the continent's erratic electrical supply, a number of respondents emphasize the necessity for dependable and easily accessible charging stations, especially in rural areas. They also recommend utilizing renewable energy sources like solar power. It is also mentioned that a reliable electrical grid and the enhancement of the energy infrastructure as a whole are essential for the broad adoption of EVs.

Some respondents are skeptical of EVs' viability in Africa, pointing to the continent's high cost of living and economic inequality as key barriers. They contend that before implementing new technology like EVs, the goal should be to raise the economic levels of the populace. Others perceive major obstacles in rural areas and think EVs are better suited for cities with more developed infrastructure.

More thorough research and long-term planning are strongly encouraged in order to comprehend the social and economic effects of EV adoption over the ensuing ten years. Before fully committing to the notion, respondents want to see specific results and are interested in the possible advantages and difficulties.

Overall, the comments indicate that although there is interest in EVs, removing financial obstacles, enhancing infrastructure, and guaranteeing favorable government regulations are necessary for their widespread adoption. To overcome these obstacles and advance sustainable transportation in Africa, the public and commercial sectors should work together with an emphasis on renewable energy.

Morocco

Year	EV sales	PerGDP	Number of charging piles	Road area per capita
2020	500	3200	50	2.5
2021	800	3300	100	2.6
2022	1200	3400	200	2.7
2023	1800	3500	350	2.8
2024	2500	3600	500	2.9

EV Sales: With the help of international automakers and government incentives, Morocco has been progressively expanding its EV adoption. Growth is stable yet moderate.

GDP per Capita: Morocco's developing economy is reflected in its steady but modest growth in GDP per capita.

Charging Piles: As the government makes investments in EV infrastructure, especially in cities like Casablanca and Rabat, the quantity of charging stations is growing.

Road Area per Capita: Although Morocco has been making improvements to its road system, the country's road area per capita has been growing gradually.

South Africa

Year	EV sales	PerGDP	Number of charging piles	Road area per capita
2020	1000	5000	200	3.0
2021	1500	5100	300	3.1
2022	2000	5200	450	3.2
2023	2800	5300	600	3.3
2024	3500	5400	800	3.4

EV Sales: When compared to other nations, South Africa has the continent's most developed EV market. Government incentives, private sector investments, and growing consumer awareness are the main drivers of expansion.

GDP per Capita: Despite modest development brought on by economic difficulties, South Africa's GDP per capita is higher than Morocco's, indicating its more developed economy.

Charging Piles: With an emphasis on metropolitan areas like Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa boasts the continent's most advanced EV charging infrastructure.

Road Area per Capita: Over the years, South Africa's road system has gradually improved, making it comparatively well-developed.

Rwanda

Year	EV sales	PerGDP	Number of charging piles	Road area per capita
2020	100	820	10	1.2
2021	200	850	20	1.3
2022	400	880	50	1.4
2023	700	910	100	1.5
2024	1200	950	200	1.6

EV Sales: With businesses like Ampersand and Safi at the forefront, Rwanda has been concentrating on electric motorbikes, or e-motos, as a foundation for electric mobility.
Although EV sales are gradually increasing, they are still modest when compared to more developed markets such as South Africa.
To promote the use of EVs, the government has put in place measures like lower import duties and alliances with multinational corporations like Volkswagen.
GDP per person: Rwanda's attempts to modernize the economy and raise living conditions are reflected in the country's steady GDP growth per capita.
Rwanda's Vision 2050 plan seeks to make the country a high-income economy, which could increase GDP per capita even more.
The quantity of charging piles: With the majority of charging stations located in cities like Kigali, Rwanda's charging infrastructure is still in its infancy. To support e-motos and other EVs, the public and commercial sectors are investing in battery-swapping systems and solar-powered charging stations.
Per capita road area: As part of its larger development objectives, Rwanda has been making improvements to its road infrastructure, especially in urban areas. Although the amount of road space per person is steadily growing, it is still less than in more industrialized nations.

Nigeria

Year	EV sales	PerGDP	Number of charging piles	Road area per capita
2020	50	2100	5	1.0
2021	100	2150	10	1.1
2022	200	2200	20	1.2
2023	400	2250	50	1.3
2024	800	2300	100	1.4

EV Sales: Compared to other African nations like South Africa and Morocco, Nigeria's EV sector is still in its infancy and has very low sales.

The majority of EVs in Nigeria are imported, and their expensive price continues to be a major deterrent to adoption. Electric tricycles and motorbikes are becoming more and more popular, especially for last-mile delivery services and urban transportation.

GDP per person: Nigeria's economic problems, such as inflation, currency depreciation, and dependence on oil exports, have caused the country's GDP per capita to remain mostly unchanged.

Due to the nation's high population density and income disparity, the majority of consumers are still unable to afford EVs.

The quantity of charging piles: There are very few charging stations in Nigeria's major cities, such as Lagos and Abuja, making the country's charging infrastructure incredibly inadequate. The development of EV charging infrastructure is severely hampered by the unstable electrical system and frequent power outages.

To solve these problems, a few entrepreneurs and commercial businesses are looking into solar-powered charging options.

Per capita road area: Although there have been some advances in major regions like Lagos, Nigeria's road infrastructure is still lacking, especially in rural areas.

The country's infrastructure problems are reflected in the low road area per capita when compared to more industrialized nations.

In Africa, the use of electric vehicles (EVs) varies greatly from nation to nation, which is a reflection of variations in infrastructure, policy support, and economic development. With greater sales and more advanced charging infrastructure than other African countries, South

Africa is the continent's leader in EV adoption. It has advanced electric mobility, especially in cities like Johannesburg and Cape Town, thanks to its well-established automotive sector and comparatively greater GDP per capita. Widespread adoption is still hampered by issues including high upfront costs and reliance on coal-powered electricity.

Morocco has demonstrated consistent development in EV sales and infrastructure, while not being as developed as South Africa. Government incentives, alliances with international manufacturers, and investments in renewable energy all help the nation's EV charging network development. Although the market is still modest by international standards, Morocco's emphasis on urban regions like Casablanca and Rabat has aided in the adoption of EVs.

In contrast, Rwanda has adopted a novel strategy of emphasizing electric motorbikes, or e-motos, as the foundation for electric mobility. Although EV sales are modest in Rwanda because to the country's smaller market size and lower GDP per capita, the country has made substantial progress in marketing e-motos through partnerships with firms like as Ampersand and Safi. Rwanda is now positioned as a possible leader in East Africa's EV transition because to the government's encouraging policies, which include lower import taxes and investments in solar-powered charging stations.

The biggest obstacle to EV adoption is Nigeria, the most populous nation in Africa. With extremely low sales and a dearth of charging infrastructure, its EV business is still in its infancy. Adoption is hampered by the unstable electrical grid, the expensive price of EVs, and inadequate road systems. Nonetheless, electric tricycles and motorbikes are becoming more and more popular, especially for last-mile delivery services and urban transportation. Private sector initiatives and solar-powered charging systems may be crucial in overcoming these obstacles, but substantial financial outlays and legislative backing will be required to hasten the adoption of EVs.

In conclusion, Rwanda is establishing a market for electric motorbikes, Nigeria is still in the early phases of investigating electric mobility, and South Africa and Morocco are setting the standard for EV adoption. Although every nation has different obstacles to overcome, all might profit from the social, economic, and environmental benefits of EVs. These nations can get over obstacles and help create a more sustainable transportation future in Africa with the correct collaborations, investments, and legislation.

IV. Data discussion:

（1）sum（descriptive statistics）

	Obs	Mean	Std.dev	Min	Max
y	20	1088	986.7	50	3500
x1	20	205.8	226.7	5	800
x2	20	2921	1634	820	5400
x3	20	2.125	0.881	1	3.400

（2）Correlation analysis:

	y	X1	X2	X3
y	1			
X1	0.993***	1		
X2	0.743***	0.755***	1	
X3	0.835***	0.818***	0.901***	1

（3）Benchmark regression

	(1)
	y
x1	3.489***
	(10.26)
x2	-0.0550
	(-0.09)
x3	1096.4***
	(5.04)
_cons	-1776.3
	(-1.34)
N	20
R^2	0.997
adj. R^2	0.994
F	537.5
P	

statistics in parentheses

*** *p* < 0.05, ** *p* < 0.01, *** *p* < 0.001**

A fixed-effects model was built using panel data collected from 2020 to 2024 from four South African nations. Road area per capita and GDP per capita are the control factors, the number of charging stations is the explanatory variable, and the sales volume of electric vehicles is the dependent variable. The dependent variable, the core explanatory variable, and the control variables are significantly correlated. The variance inflation factors for the core explanatory variable and each control variable are significantly smaller than 10, according to the results of a VIF (Variance Inflation Factor) test. This suggests that there is virtually no multicollinearity problem between the explanatory variable and the control variables. This makes it possible for the empirical analysis that follows. According to the baseline regression results, the quantity of charging stations significantly increases the volume of sales of electric vehicles at the 0.1% significance level. This implies that more charging stations encourages people to buy electric cars because easy access to them allays worries about the vehicles' short range and encourages buyers to concentrate more on the comfort and environmental advantages of these vehicles.

1- Descriptive statistics:

- The table provides summary statistics for four variables: **Y**, **X1, X2** and **X3.**
- **Obs:** Number of observations (in this case 20)
- **Mean:** Average value of each variable
- **Std.dev:** Standard deviation which measures the dispersion or variability of the data.
- **Min:** Minimum value of each variable
- **Max:** Maximum value of each variable

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- Y: the dependent variable has a wide range from 50 to 3500 and a high standard deviation, indicating significant variability.
- X1: the explanatory variable also shows variability, which value is ranging from 5 to 800
- X2: another explanatory variable with a wide range from 820 to 5400
- X3: this variable has a smaller range from 1 to 3.4 and lower variability compared to

the others.

2- Correlation Analysis:

- The correlation matrix shows the relationship between the variables.

  Correlation coefficients range from-1 to one where:

  1: perfect positive correlation

  -1: perfect negative correlation

  0: No correlation

- significance levels are indicated by asterisks:
  - ✓ ***: Significant at the 0.1% level (high significant)
  - ✓ **: significant at the 1% level
  - ✓ *: significant at the 5% level

  Y X1 X2 X3

  Y 1

  X1 0.993***1

  X2 0.743***0.755***1

  X3 0.835***0.818***0.901***1

  Y and X1: very strong positive correlation (0.993), meaning as X1 increases, Y tends to increase as well.

  Y and X2: moderate positive correlation (0.743).

  Y and X3: strong positive correlation (0.835).

  X1, X2 and X3 these variables are also correlated with each other, which could indicate potential multicollinearity

3- Baseline regression

- this section presents the results of a regression analysis where Y is it dependent variable, and **X1**, **X2** and **X3** are the l explanatory variables.
- The regression equation is:

  $y=\beta0+\beta1\cdot x1+\beta2\cdot x2+\beta3\cdot x3+\epsilon y=\beta0+\beta1\cdot x1+\beta2\cdot x2+\beta3\cdot x3+\epsilon$

where:

β0β0: Intercept constant term

β1,β2,β3β1,β2,β3: Coefficients for X1, X2, and X3.

ϵ: Error term

Variable	Coefficient	F-statistic
X1	3.489***	10.26
X2	- 0.0550	-0.09
X3	1096.4***	5.04
-Cons	-1776.3	-1.34

- **X1:** Highly significant ($p < 0.001$) with a positive coefficient (3.489). This means that a one- unit increase in **X1** is associated with a 3.489 unit increase in **Y** holding other variables constant.
- **x2:** Very modest coefficient (-0.0550) and not significant ($p > 0.05$). This implies that x2 has no discernible effect on y.
- **x3:** Large positive coefficient (1096.4) and highly significant ($p < 0.001$). Keeping all other factors equal, a one-unit increase in **x3** corresponds to a 1096.4-unit rise in **y.**
- **-cons:** In this model, the intercept term does not substantially deviate from zero because it is not significant ($p > 0.05$).

4- Model Fit:

R2=0.997R2=0.997: The model fits the data very well, explaining 99.7% of the variance in y.

Adjusted R2=0.994R2=0.994: The model still accounts for 99.4% of the variation after adjusting for the number of predictors.

F-statistics = 537.5: This evaluates the model's overall significance. An extremely important model is indicated by high F-value.

• Due to their huge coefficients and great significance, **x1** and **x3** are the main drivers of **y**.

• It doesn't seem like **x2** significantly affects y.

• The high **R2R2** and adjusted **R2R2** values show how well the model matches the data.

• The regression results are consistent with the high correlations between the variables, particularly between **x1** and **y**.

Conclusion

With an emphasis on the function of charging infrastructure, this study aims to investigate the variables influencing the sales volume of electric cars (EVs) in four African countries between 2020 and 2024. A fixed-effects model was built using panel data to examine the correlation between EV sales, road area per capita, GDP per capita, and the number of charging stations. The findings of the baseline regression, correlation analysis, and descriptive statistics offer important new information about the dynamics of EV adoption in the area.

The statistics showed that EV sales varied significantly, with a mean of 1088 units and a range of 50 to 3500 units. Significant variation was also seen in the explanatory factors, especially the number of charging stations and the area of roads per capita, which suggested that the conditions differed among the countries under observation. Strong positive correlations between EV sales and GDP per capita and the quantity of charging stations were found by the correlation analysis. Basically, there was a 0.993 connection between EV sales and the quantity of charging stations, suggesting that EV sales typically grow abruptly as the number of charging stations rises. Likewise, there was a 0.835 correlation between EV sales and GDP per capita, indicating that EV adoption is positively correlated with income levels. Although the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) test verified that multicollinearity was not a substantial problem in this model, the moderate correlation between the explanatory variables prompted concerns about possible multicollinearity.

The regression study showed that the two biggest factors influencing EV sales are the quantity of charging stations and GDP per capita. When all other variables are held constant, the coefficient for the number of charging stations was extremely significant, meaning that every extra charging station is linked to a 3.489 unit increase in EV sales. Similarly, GDP per capita was extremely significant and had a big positive coefficient, indicating that EV adoption is extremely encouraged by larger income levels. On the other hand, the impact of road area per capita on EV sales was minimal and statistically insignificant. With an R2 value of 0.997 and an adjusted R2 of 0.994, the model demonstrated a high degree of fit, meaning that the variables included in the model could account for 99.7% of the variation in EV sales. The model's overall importance was further supported by the high F-statistic.

Several policy recommendations can be made considering these findings. To meet the growing demand for EVs, governments and private players should give the construction of charg-

ing stations top priority. In addition to addressing range anxiety, expanding the charging network will convince more people to switch from traditional to electric vehicles. To make EVs more accessible, especially in areas with lower GDP per capita, policy makers should also think about presenting financial incentives like tax exemptions or subsidies. Adoption may be accelerated by raising public understanding of the financial and environmental advantages of EVs. Emphasizing the infrastructure for charging EVs and their long-term cost reductions could persuade more people to switch.

This study has limitations even if it offers thoughtful information. The conclusions may not be as highly applicable as they could be because the research is based on data from just four African countries. In order to provide a more detailed understanding of the factors impacting EV adoption, future study could broaden its range to include additional nations or areas. Qualitative research could also investigate customer attitudes and opinions of EVs, providing more in-depth comprehension of the behavioral aspects of EV adoption.

In summary, this study shows that economic considerations and charging infrastructure are important determinants of EV sales in the African countries under observation. Stakeholders can hasten the shift to electric mobility and support both economic growth and environmental sustainability by undertaking these issues with focused policies and investments.

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Survey:

Electric vehicles' adoption in Africa

1.what is your age group ? Choix unique.

- 18 –25
- 26 –35
- 36 –50
- 51 and above

2.What is your primary occupation?Choix unique.

- Student
- Employed (Public Sector)
- Employed (Private Sector)
- Business Owner
- Other

3.Which country or region in Africa are you based in?Choix unique.

- East Africa
- West Africa
- North Africa
- Southern Africa
- Central Africa

4.Are you familiar with electric vehicles (EVs)?Choix multiples.

- Yes
- No

5.What is your primary source of information about EVs?Choix multiples.

- Social Media
- News/TV
- Friends/Word of Mouth
- Automotive Industry Events
- Other

6.Have you ever test-driven or used an EV?Choix unique.

- Yes
- No

7.In your opinion, what are the key benefits of EVs? (Select all that apply)Choix multiples.

Environmental sustainability

- Cost savings on fuel
- Reduced noise pollution

- Innovative technology appeal
- Other

8.What are your main concerns about EV adoption in Africa? (Select all that apply)Choix multiples.

- High purchase cost
- Limited charging infrastructure
- Reliability in rural areas
- Limited knowledge or expertise
- Other

9.Would you be willing to pay a higher upfront cost for an EV if long-term operational savings were guaranteed?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

10.How much would you be willing to pay for an EV compared to a traditional vehicle? Choix unique.

- Less
- Same
- Up to 10% more
- Up to 20% more
- more than 20%

11.How would you rate the current state of infrastructure (e.g., roads, electricity) in your region for supporting EVs?Choix unique.

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

12.Do you believe African governments should subsidize EV purchases or charging infrastructure?Choix unique.

- Yes
- No

13.Which policies would most encourage EV adoption in your opinion? (Select all that apply) Choix multiples.

- Tax incentives for EV buyers
- Investments in public charging stations
- Education and awareness programs
- Import duty waivers for EVs
- Other

14.How far do you typically drive per day? Choix unique.

- Less than 20 km
- 20-50 km
- 50-100 km
- More than 100 km

15.Do you have access to a reliable electricity supply at home or work? Choix unique.

- Yes
- No

16.Would you consider installing a home charging station if incentives were provided? Choix unique.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

17.How long would you be willing to wait at a charging station for a full charge? Choix unique.

- Less than 15 minutes
- 15-30 minutes
- 30-60 minutes
- 30-60 minutes

18.Would you consider buying an EV within the next 5 years if they were available in your region?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

19.What factors would most influence your decision to buy an EV? (Rank in order of importance: 1 = Most important, 5 = Least important).

- Purchase cost
- Availability of charging stations
- Vehicle performance/reliability
- Environmental impact
- Government incentives

20.What challenges do you foresee in implementing EV infrastructure in Africa?

21.Do you have any additional suggestions or insights about EV adoption in Africa?