

# Africa can become a renewable energy superpower – if climate deniers are kept at bay | The Guardian

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The power of climate science denial in the UK, thankfully, has been in retreat over the past decade. [Nigel Lawson's Global Warming Policy Foundation](#) (GWPF) may still boast a prime Westminster address, but its influence has waned. In fact, its decline aptly mirrors the fortunes of the coal industry, including US titans such as Peabody Energy, which saw its share price plunge 99% between 2008 and 2016 [before filing for chapter 11 bankruptcy](#).

With countries rightly phasing coal out of their energy mix, the GWPF has turned its sights on Africa to peddle its misinformation about the merits of burning fossil fuels. It has published a new report, derisively titled [Heart of Darkness: Why Electricity for Africa is a Security Issue](#), and launched a glossy website for “energy justice”, which uses the language of [climate justice campaigners](#) to try to undermine renewable energy.

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