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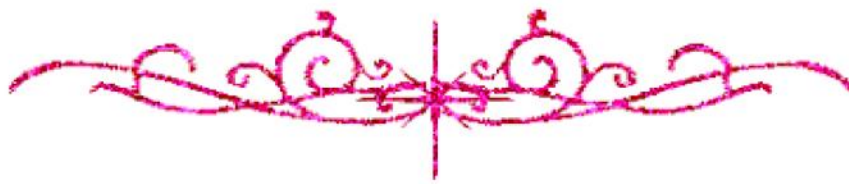
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Abstract

Our study is to develop clean, competitive power technologies for 21st century, including wind energy as a renewable energy resource. This technologies will be work together to transform the power sector; Lowering energy costs, reducing greenhouse gas emission and pollutants, and improving reliability of service.

Wind Power plants have relatively little impact on the environment compared to the other conventional power plants.

The present work demonstrate the availability of wind power over Yemen. The Geography of Yemen is very variable and charactristized by wide area of mountains, this may influence the wind pattern in the lowest part of the atmosphere. In fact it may be considered the most significant parameter to calculate wind energy.

The climatology of the area presented showed that, in general, the highest wind speed may be detected in summer season (June–August) regardless the wind speed differences from one site to another. The Weibull parameters for wind distribution and energy calculations were estimated for different locations.

The current work used different climate scenarios from general circulation models climate change were investigated at the area up to 2099.

The results indicated while there are considerable change in temperature and precipitation, there were no evidence for expected changes in wind speed at the area. So, final conclusions extracted from this work supported the importance of use of wind energy in Yemen Republic and the sustainability of this type of energy within the expected climate changes.

Key Words: Wind Energy, Yemen Climate, General Circulation Models, Renwable energy, Greenhouse Gases.