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## For Annica and Carlotta

#### Preface

This thesis was accepted as a dissertation at the University of Münster in the summer semester of 2019. It is particularly dedicated to the analysis of decentralized and intelligently networked energy sectors.

Countries around the world are undergoing a paradigm shift in energy supply – from centralized, fossil-fueled supply systems to a decentralized, intelligently networked and climate-friendly structure. Some countries in the global south play a key role in this development. Using Mozambique as an example, this study shows how a digitally networked energy supply system can grow "from below". On this basis, strategies are developed that can contribute to achieving some of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals - especially in the areas of energy, climate, health, economy and poverty reduction.

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## List of acronyms

African Union
Alternating current
Associação Lusófona de Energias Renováveis
Associação Moçambicana de Energias Renováveis
Application
Autoridade Reguladora de Energia
Central Intelligence Agency
Conselho Nacional de Electricidade
Direct current
Electricidade de Moçambique
Energising Development Program
Foreign direct investment
Fundo da Energia, National Energy Fund of Mozambique
Frente de Libertação de Moçambique
Gross domestic product
Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
Gigawatt hour
Hydroelectricity of Cahora Bassa
Information and communication technology
International Monetary Fund
Instituto Nacional de Estatística
Kilovolt
Kilowatt hour
Ministério de Planificação e Desinvolvimento
New Mozambican Metical
Organization of African Unity
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
Pay-as-you-go technologies
Resistência Nacional Moçambicana
Republic of South Africa
South African Development Community
South African Smart Grid Initiative
United Nations

#### List of acronyms

UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
ZANLA	Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army

## List of symbols

С	Cost function
D	Demand function
ε	Price-elasticity of demand
тс	Marginal costs
mr	Marginal revenue
n	Sample size
р	Price
$p_o$	Off-peak-price
$p_p$	Peak-price
π	Profit
R	Revenue
sd	Standard deviation
и	Utility
μ	Average value
<i>x</i> <sup><i>D</i></sup>	Demanded quantity of the commodity
x <sub>i</sub>	Quantity of the commodity <i>i</i>
xo	Off-peak quantity
$x_p$	Peak quantity
<i>x</i> <sup><i>S</i></sup>	Supplied quantity of the commodity
y	Number of clients