

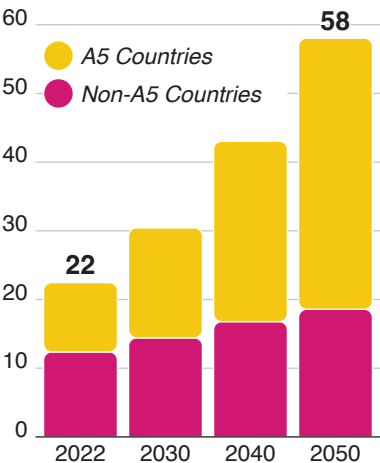
Global air conditioning demand set to soar

Installed cooling capacity is on a trajectory to almost triple by 2050, with the most rapid growth projected in Africa and South Asia



Air-con units cling to apartment buildings in Hong Kong

PROJECTED RISE IN GLOBAL COOLING CAPACITY (terawatts)



A5 Countries: Developing nations that are part of *Montreal Protocol* (regulates chemicals that damage Earth's ozone layer), defined as having low consumption of ozone-depleting substances

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