

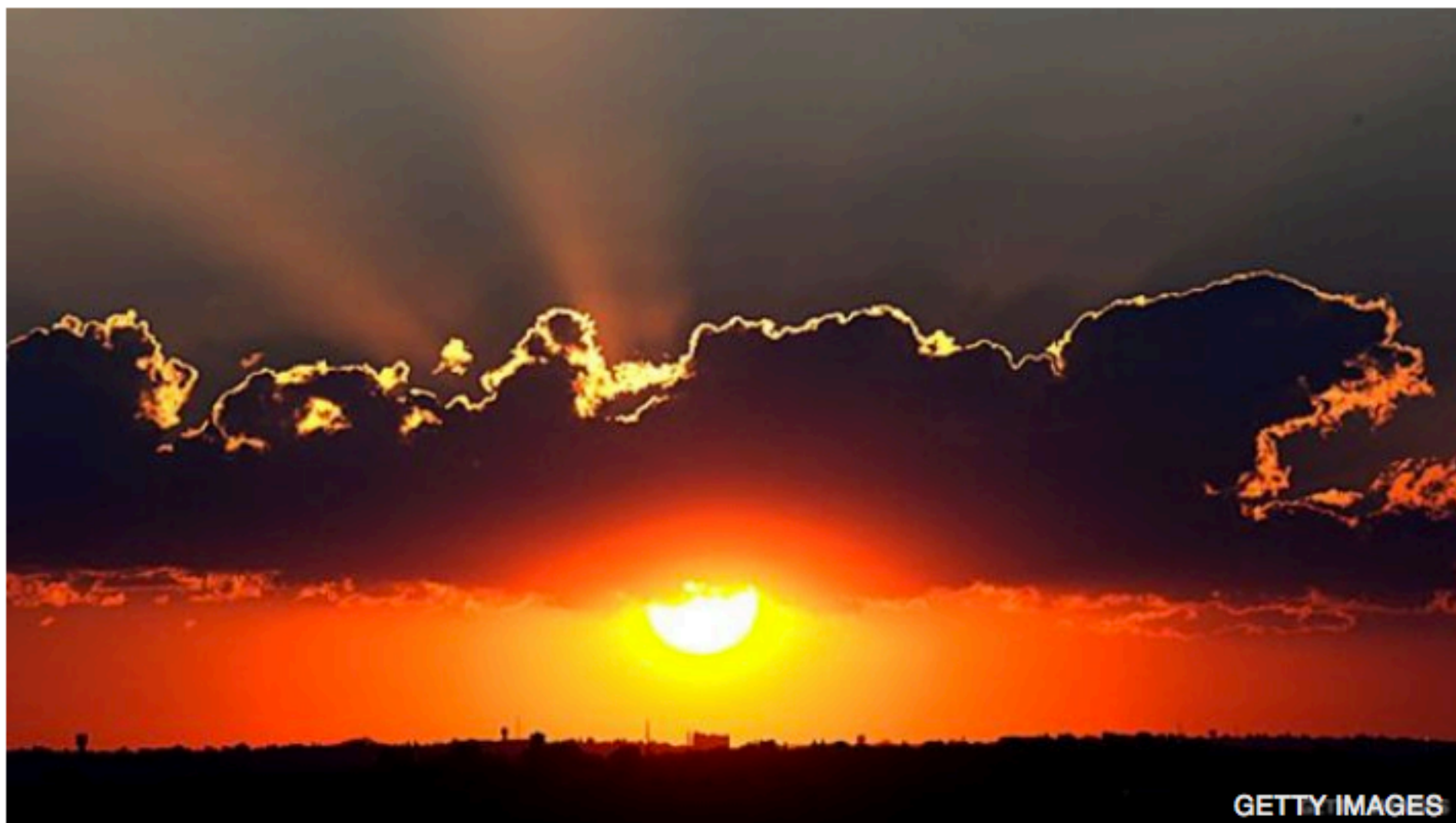
# Africa's new breed of solar energy entrepreneurs

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**African economies may be booming, but continued growth and quality of life are being jeopardised by lack of power.**

The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates 585 million people in sub-Saharan Africa lack access to electricity, with the electrification rate as low as 14.2% in rural areas.

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