Using Data to Track the Energy Transition

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Energy Matters

How COP21 can shift the energy sector onto a low-carbon path that supports economic growth and energy access

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Overview

- Introduction: Energy at the heart of the climate challenge
- The impact of INDCs on the energy sector
- IEA’s four key messages to COP21
- IEA activities at COP21
Energy at the heart of the climate challenge

- The energy sector accounts for at least two-thirds of global greenhouse gas emissions

- Momentum is building:
  - 2014 emissions did not rise
  - Renewable capacity additions at a record high of 130GW
  - Fossil fuel subsidy reforms bearing fruit
  - Over 175 countries with INDCs for COP21

- The energy sector must cut emissions, while powering economic growth, boosting energy security & increasing energy access
Impact of INDCs on the energy sector

- 150 INDCs; over 175 countries; these countries represent nearly 95% of energy-related emissions
- IEA World Energy Outlook Special Report (June, updated October) found that INDCs result in:
  - Near-tripling in rate of global energy intensity improvement
  - 70% of additional power generation to be low-carbon
  - Power sector emissions plateauing close to today’s levels

But emissions still rising in 2030: more is needed
IEA messages to COP21

To shift the energy sector onto a low-carbon path that supports economic growth and energy access:

1. **Take five key actions, led by energy efficiency and renewables, to peak then reduce global energy emissions.**

2. **Use the Paris Agreement to drive short-term actions consistent with long-term emission goals.**

3. **Accelerate energy technology innovation to make decarbonisation easier and even more affordable.**

4. **Enhance energy security by making the energy sector more resilient to climate change impacts.**
1. Take five key actions, led by energy efficiency and renewables, to peak then reduce global energy emissions.

Five measures save almost 5 Gt of emissions by 2030 & achieve a global emissions peak by 2020, without harming economic growth & using only proven technologies.
The Bridge Strategy is flexible across regions.

GHG emissions reduction by measure in the Bridge Scenario, relative to the INDC Scenario, 2030


The measures in the Bridge Scenario apply flexibly across regions, with energy efficiency & renewables as key measures worldwide.
2. Use the Paris Agreement to drive short-term actions consistent with long-term emission goals.

- **Lock in the vision** by translating the below-2°C temperature goal into a clear long-term emissions goal. Link short-term national targets to the long-term objective through national low-carbon development strategies.

- Establish a **five-year revision** cycle to strengthen action as countries experience success and technology costs decline.

- **Track the transition** of the energy sector, not just greenhouse gas levels.

3. Accelerate energy technology innovation to make decarbonisation easier and even more affordable.
Clean energy is not ramping up fast enough. Despite some progress, evidence shows that for the first time none of the technologies are in line with 2DS goals.
Energy RD&D funding now targets the right issues, but is not enough.

IEA government Energy RD&D expenditure

Energy RD&D spending should reflect the importance of energy technology in meeting climate objectives.

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3. Accelerate energy technology innovation to make decarbonisation easier and even more affordable.

- Triple public investment in RD&D
- Scale up collaboration between public and private entities in developed and developing countries
- IEA roadmaps for clean energy technologies
- IEA is supporting 39 Technology Collaboration Programmes, and is ready to support new initiatives

Source: Energy Technology Perspectives (2015).
4. Enhance energy security by making the energy sector more resilient to climate change impacts.
Making the energy sector more resilient to climate change

- Energy supply, transmission and demand can be directly affected by changes to the climate
- Extreme weather events and increasing stress on water resources pose threats to energy security by disrupting energy supply systems
- Greater resilience to climate change impacts will be essential for a sustainable energy sector and global energy security
- The resilience “value chain” integrates robustness - ability to withstand threats, resourcefulness - capacity to maintain essential functions under extreme events and quick recovery
- Synergies between mitigation and adaptation actions should be emphasised (e.g. distributed generation, energy efficiency)
- Businesses and governments are the key actors in resilience-building
IEA analytical inputs to COP 21
Conclusions

- The energy sector is key for a successful outcome in Paris
- INDCs are not yet enough to achieve our climate goal, but are a basis from which to build ambition
- Cost-effective action is possible now that could lead global emissions to peak around 2020
- The Paris agreement must send a strong signal to the energy sector through a long-term goal, 5-year reviews, and a strong tracking framework
- Additional focus is needed on energy technology innovation, and on building energy sector resilience to climate impacts
- The IEA stands ready to support implementation, bringing together data, modeling, policy and technology
Thank you for your attention

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