



#### Integrating climate, air pollution & universal access: The Sustainable Development Scenario

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- The SDGs recognise climate change, air pollution and universal energy access as central for human development, economic growth & sustainability
- Progress has been made, but the problems are far from solved:
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the same level for three consecutive years, but energy remains the largest emitter
  - > Air pollution causes around 6 million premature deaths per year
  - > 1.1 billion people still lack access to electricity & 2.8 billion people do not have access to clean cooking
- Many signs of political & technology progress, but is it enough to achieve Sustainable Development Goals?

#### India takes the lead, as China energy growth slows



Change in energy demand, 2016-40 (Mtoe)



Old ways of understanding the world of energy are losing value as countries change roles: the Middle East is fast becoming a major energy consumer & the United States a major exporter

#### **CO<sub>2</sub> emissions growth slows**



Energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the New Policies Scenario



Emissions growth slows as China moves away from coal and the use of low-carbon technologies, in particular solar PV and wind, rises

### Air pollution is an energy problem

Change in air pollutant emissions (left) and premature deaths (right) in the New Policies Scenario, 2016-2040



### *Emissions of the main air pollutants fall in many regions, but ageing populations and urbanisation increase related health impacts*

#### Electricity access makes progress in all regions, but sub-Saharan Africa lags behind



Population without electricity access



Many countries, led by India, are on track to achieving full electrification by 2030, but – despite recent progress – efforts in sub-Saharan Africa need to redouble

#### A shift in the electricity access paradigm



Population gaining access by source



Declining cost of renewables and innovative off-grid business models are transforming the way access is delivered, especially in rural areas

#### A new strategy for energy & sustainable development





The Sustainable Development Scenario reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, while also tackling air pollution and achieving universal energy access

#### Stronger policies for a more sustainable world



The Sustainable Development Scenario in 2040

875 million electric vehicles

times more efficient than today

3250<sub>GW</sub> global solar PV capacity



Only 15% additional investment is required to 2040 to achieve the Sustainable Development Scenario, with two-thirds of energy supply investment going to electricity generation & networks

#### Changing the way energy is used and produced



Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the New Policies and Sustainable Development Scenarios



## Energy efficiency and renewables account for 80% of the cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions savings in the Sustainable Development Scenario

#### Addressing air pollution has a variety of angles



Change in air pollutant emissions in the Sustainable Development Scenario, relative to the New Policies Scenario, 2040



# Air pollution control is the main contributor to reducing outdoor air pollution; achieving universal access to modern energy is important for PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions

#### Conclusions



- The energy sector makes progress towards sustainable development goals climate change, air pollution and universal access; but more is required for their achievement
- The energy sector is in transition towards the use of cleaner energy, but CO<sub>2</sub> emissions keep rising; air pollutant emissions fall in many countries but health impacts rise
- Many countries, led by India, are on track for universal access by 2030; sub-Saharan Africa lags behind so that 9 out of 10 people without access in 2030 are in this region
- Our strategy for sustainable energy shows that concerted action to address climate change is fully compatible with global goals on universal access & air quality
- The Sustainable Development Scenario requires profound changes in energy production & use, but the goals are not contradicting each other





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