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A major milestone in efforts to combat climate change is fast approaching – COP21 in Paris in December 2015

Momentum is building:

- > Historic US-China joint announcement; EU 2030 targets agreed
- Developed & developing countries are putting forward new pledges to reduce emissions
- > Many energy companies & investors are starting to engage
- Energy production & use accounts for two-thirds of global greenhouse-gas emissions
- Energy sector must cut emissions, while powering economic growth, boosting energy security & increasing energy access

Energy emissions stall but economic engine keeps running

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Global energy-related CO₂ emissions



For the first time, energy-related CO₂ emissions stalled despite the global economy expanding by 3%

Emissions burden moves over time

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Cumulative energy-related CO₂ emissions by region



Past emissions are important, although the source of emissions shifts with changes in the global economy

National pledges build towards a global agreement

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Submitted & signalled INDCs cover two-thirds of energy-related GHG emissions, with implications for future energy & emissions trends

Climate pledges shift the energy sector

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- One-quarter of the world's energy supply is low carbon in 2030; energy intensity improves three-times faster than the last decade
- Renewables reach nearly 60% of new capacity additions in the power sector; two-thirds of additions are in China, EU, US & India
- Natural gas is the only fossil-fuel that increases its share of the global energy mix
- Total coal demand in the US, Europe & Japan contracts by 45%, while the growth in India's coal use slows by one-quarter
- Climate pledges for COP21 are the right first step towards meeting the climate goal

What does the energy sector need from COP21?

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The IEA proposal for COP21:

- 1. **Peak in emissions** set the conditions which will achieve an early peak in global energy-related emissions
- 2. Five-year revision review contributions regularly, to test the scope to lift the level of ambition
- **3.** Lock in the vision translate the established climate goal into a collective long-term emissions goal
- 4. **Track the transition** establish a process for tracking energy sector achievements

1. Peak in emissions: IEA strategy to raise climate ambition

Global energy-related GHG emissions

Savings by measure, 2030

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Five measures – shown in a "Bridge Scenario" – achieve a peak in emissions around 2020, using only proven technologies & without harming economic growth

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The measures in the Bridge Scenario apply flexibly across regions, with energy efficiency and renewables as key measures worldwide

2. Five-year revision: World's carbon budget is shrinking

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World's remaining carbon budget



A five-year review cycle would enable pledges to keep pace with energy sector innovation; building ambition before the carbon budget is consumed 3. Lock in the vision:What more does it take for 2 °C?

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Cost reductions & deployment of all solar PV



Cost reductions & deployment of electric vehicles



An emissions goal would give greater clarity & certainty to the energy sector, strengthening the case for RD&D investment & technology transfer

4. Track the transition:Impact of pledges must be monitored



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Energy sector indicators are needed to track the low-carbon transition; IEA identifies key metrics to monitor energy sector achievements

of new cars

600

500

400

300

200

100

CO₂ per kWh

pD

Conclusions

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- Pledges are not yet enough to achieve our climate goal, but are a basis from which to build ambition
- Companies that do not anticipate stronger energy & climate policies risk being at a competitive disadvantage

For COP21, the IEA proposes four key energy sector outcomes:

- **1.** Target a near-term **peak in emissions**
- 2. *Five-year revision*, to test the scope for raising ambition
- **3. Lock in the vision** by setting a long-term emissions goal
- 4. <u>Track the transition</u> in the energy sector

Climate change will lead the agenda at the IEA's Ministerial meeting on 17-18 November 2015



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