## **MISSION INNOVATION**

# Presentation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Universal IEA TCP Meeting

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#### Mission Innovation's Aims & Objectives

- Mission Innovation (MI) is a global initiative of 22 countries and the European Union seeking to strengthen international clean energy RD&D in order to dramatically accelerate clean energy innovation with the goal of making clean energy widely affordable.
- As part of the initiative, participating countries have committed to seek to double their governments' clean energy research and development (R&D) investments over five years, while encouraging greater levels of private sector investment in transformative clean energy technologies.
- These additional resources will dramatically accelerate the availability of the advanced technologies that will define a future global energy mix that is clean, affordable, and reliable.



### Accelerating the Clean Energy Revolution

#### 22 Countries & EU



Our Mission Statement:

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In support of economic growth, energy access and security, and an urgent and lasting global response to climate change, **our mission is to accelerate the pace of clean energy innovation** to achieve performance breakthroughs and cost reductions **to provide widely affordable and reliable clean energy solutions** that will revolutionize energy systems throughout the world over the next two decades and beyond.

The MI Action plan defined 4 objectives:

- 1. A substantial **boost in public-sector investment** in clean energy R&D at the national level of MI members;
- 2. Increased private sector engagement and investment in energy innovation, particularly in key Innovation Challenges;
- 3. Many new or strengthened voluntary cross-border networks and partnerships on energy innovation, greater engagement from innovators, and accelerated progress in addressing specific Innovation Challenges;
- 4. **Greater awareness** amongst MI members and the wider clean energy community of the transformational potential of energy innovation, the progress being made, and the remaining critical clean energy innovation gaps and opportunities.

#### Mission Innovation – Seven "Innovation Challenges"

Innovation Challenges are global calls to action aimed at accelerating research, development and demonstration in areas where MI members believe increased international attention is needed – making clean energy more affordable, helping us all deliver on our climate change, energy access and energy security goals.



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#### **Mission Innovation's Challenges**

- As part of Mission Innovation, the UK led the development of 7 global 'innovation challenges' launched at COP22. Work plans for these challenges were announced at the recent Mission Innovation Ministerial in Beijing. The Challenges are:
- 1. Smart Grids to enable future grids that are powered by affordable, reliable, decentralised renewable electricity systems;

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- 2. Off-Grid Access to Electricity to develop systems that enable off-grid households and communities to access affordable and reliable renewable electricity;
- **3.** Carbon Capture to enable near-zero carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from power plants and carbon intensive industries;
- 4. Sustainable Biofuels to develop ways to produce, at scale, widely affordable, advanced biofuels for transportation and industrial applications;
- 5. Converting Sunlight to discover affordable ways to convert sunlight into storable solar fuels;
- 6. Clean Energy Materials to accelerate the exploration, discovery, and use of new high-performance, low-cost clean energy materials; and
- 7. Affordable Heating and Cooling of Buildings to make low-carbon heating and cooling affordable for everyone (the UK is co-leading this challenge with the European Commission and the United Arab Emirates)

#### Objectives for the Innovation Challenges

- To build an improved and shared understanding of what is needed to address the Challenge and what success looks like (define specific, measurable targets and track progress towards them)
- 2. To **identify key gaps and opportunities** not sufficiently addressed by current activities.
- 3. To promote opportunities to researchers, innovators and investors in-order to build support and excitement around them and boost engagement;
- 4. To **strengthen and expand collaboration** between key partners (government-government, researcher-researcher, public-private etc).

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Innovation Ministerial, China, June 2017



- Progress Among MI Members Has Been Robust:
  - Five Countries Released Major New National Energy Strategies that Incorporate Mission Innovation Goal
  - Many Countries on Track to Achieve Doubling and At Least 2 Countries Now Expect to Exceed Original Doubling Targets
  - More than a Dozen New R&D Programs and Initiatives Launched
  - Five Members Released Statements Regarding Formation of Closer Bi-lateral or Multi-lateral Cooperation with other Member Countries
- Multilateral Work Stream Products Include:
  - Significant Progress on Seven Innovation Challenges
  - Sharing Information via Seven Webinars on Clean Energy Innovation Priorities and Programs
  - Launch of New Collaboration between Mission Innovation and World Economic Forum
  - Development of "Investor Scan" of Key Players in Field of Clean Energy Finance







#### Next Steps

- Key milestones 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Innovation Ministerial, May 2018, Malmo & Copenhagen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission Innovation Ministerial, May/June 2019, Canada.
- Continue national efforts to increase public-sector investment
- Continue progress on Innovation Challenges and move from analysis to action:
  - Completing first round of analysis technical workshops, surveys of national activities
  - Focus on stimulating new national activities and expanding international collaboration.
  - Particularly keen to continue and expand working with TCPs
- Deepen partnerships with key international initiatives IEA, IRENA, WEF, BEC and others
- Deepen engagement with Business and Investors
  - Partnership working with World Economic Forum, Breakthrough Energy Coalition and others
- Kicking of increased efforts on: Communication, Tracking Progress-Measuring Impact, Information & Insights Sharing.

#### Strengthening MI & TCPs Connections

- MI a government partnership <u>but</u> reaching out to 'researchers & innovators' community <u>and</u> the 'business and investor' community.
- Want to strengthen the innovation eco-system not duplicate or re-invent
- MI IC–TCPs good engagement to date discussion, info sharing TCPs participation in MI workshops. MI IC lead's feedback very positive.
- Routes for engaging with MI beyond ICs needed.
- Open questions how to deepen that? some possibilities...[as a starting point for discussions]
  - MI focus on strategy and building support TCPs focus on the 'doing'
  - MI ICs identifying priorities would like TCP expertise in that
  - MI identifying global gaps might inform TCP work
  - MI gathering best practice examples and sharing them tap into TCP experience
  - MI maybe help with communicating TCPs' work to senior stakeholders
  - ...[others?]

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