

# The IEA Sustainable Development Scenario

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World Energy Outlook 2018

## Sustainable Development Scenario

## Today's energy context



- Mixed signals about the pace & direction of change in global energy:
  - > Oil markets are entering a period of renewed uncertainty & volatility
  - > Natural gas is on the rise: China's rapid demand growth is erasing talk of a 'gas glut'
  - > Solar PV has the momentum while other key technologies & efficiency policies need a push
  - > Our assessment points to energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reaching a historic high in 2018
  - > For the first time, the global population without access to electricity fell below 1 billion
- Electricity is carrying great expectations, but questions remain over the extent of its reach in meeting demand & how the power systems of the future will operate
- Policy makers need well-grounded insights about different possible futures & how they come about. The WEO provides two key scenarios:
  - New Policies Scenario

Sustainable Development Scenario

An integrated strategy for energy & sustainable development



The Sustainable Development Scenario reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions while also tackling air pollution, achieving universal energy access, and assessing implications for water

## **Benefits of the Sustainable Development Scenario**



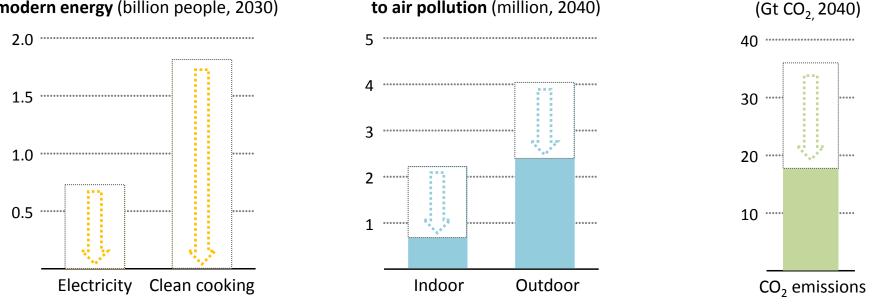
Carbon dioxide emissions

#### Outcomes of the Sustainable Development Scenario vs. New Policies Scenario

Premature deaths related

to air pollution (million, 2040)

Population without access to modern energy (billion people, 2030)

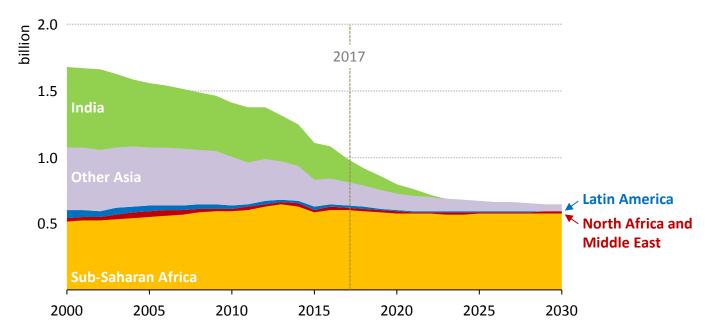


In an integrated approach, universal energy access can be reached while also achieving climate goals and reducing air pollutant emissions, at little extra cost

## Progress and outlook for electricity access



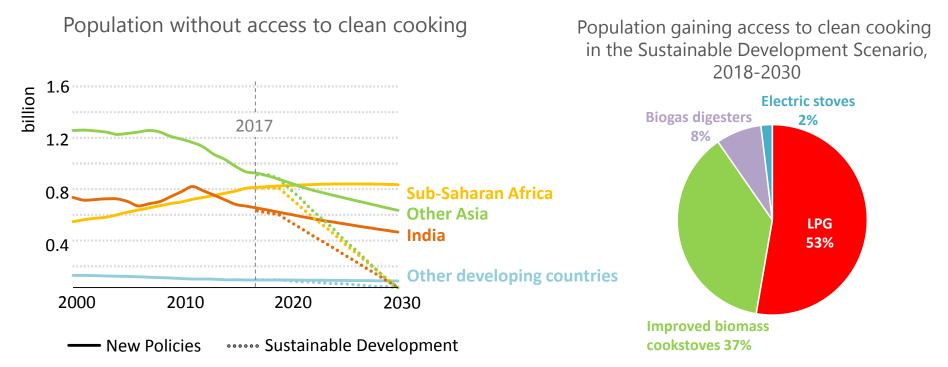




The world population without electricity access fell below 1 billion in 2017, led by India; but despite recent progress, efforts in sub-Saharan Africa need to redouble

## Clean cooking for all: planned effort lags behind



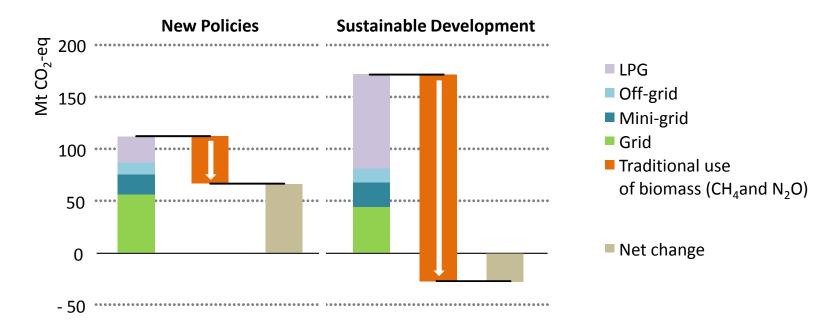


Clean cooking access is best achieved through LPG and improved biomass cookstoves, and could significantly lower annual premature deaths related to household air pollution

## Synergies between energy access and GHG mitigation

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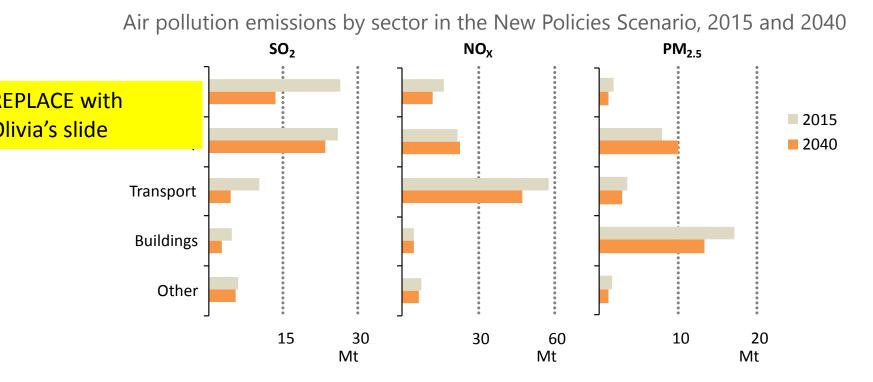
Energy access-related GHG emissions in 2030 compared to today by scenario



Higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from increased fossil fuel consumption for access are more than offset by a reduction in other GHGs from avoided traditional use of biomass

### Air pollution outlook

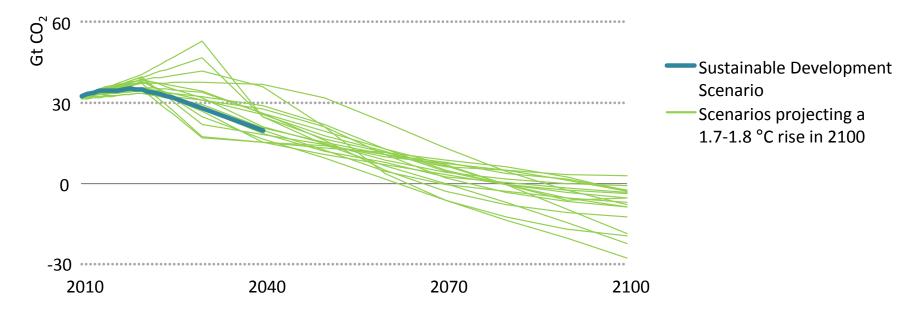




Pollutant emissions fall in the New Policies Scenario, but not enough to make premature deaths due to air pollution stop from increasing

## The SDS is fully in line with the Paris agreement

CO2 emissions in the Sustainable Development Scenario and other "well below 2 °C" scenarios

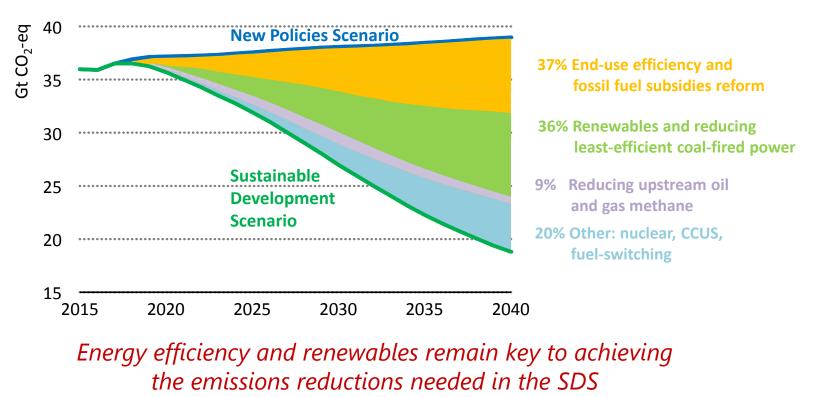


The CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trajectory to 2040 in the SDS is at the lower end of a range of scenarios projecting a global temperature rise of 1.7-1.8 °C in 2100

### **Emissions savings in the Sustainable Development Scenario**

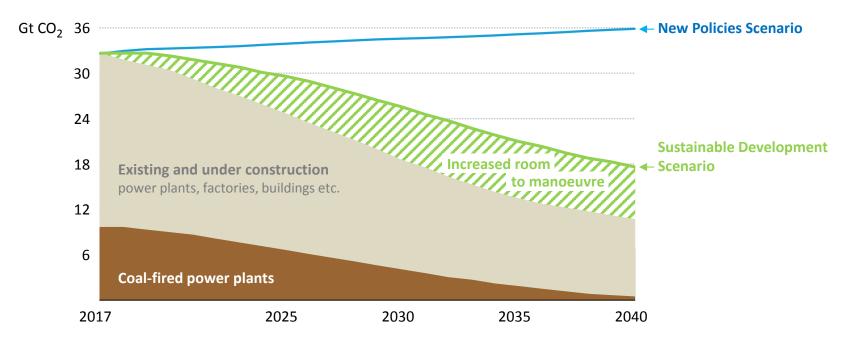


Global CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> emissions in the New Policies and Sustainable Development scenarios



## Avoiding "lock-in" from existing infrastructure

Global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

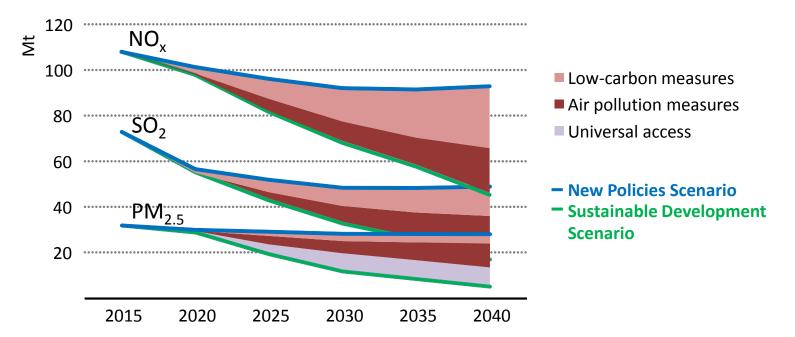


Coal plants make up one-third of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions today and half are less than 15 years old; policies are needed to support CCUS, efficient operations and technology innovation

## Synergies: low-carbon measures reduce air pollution



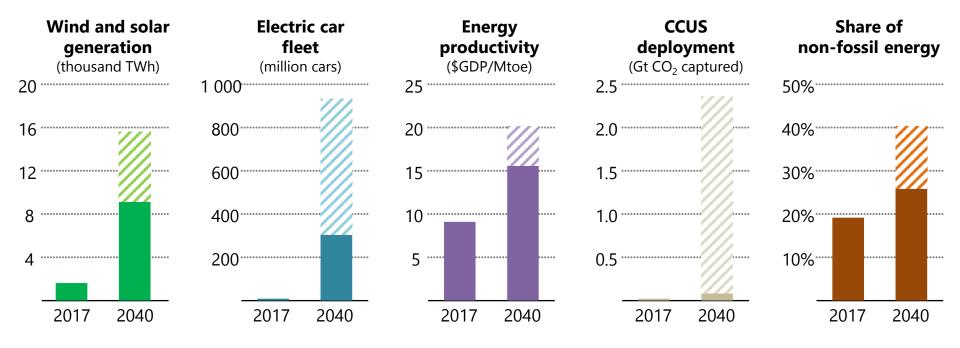
#### Drivers of pollutant emissions reductions



Low-carbon measures rather than measures specific to air pollution account for 57% of  $NO_X$  and 40% of  $SO_2$  emissions reductions

## **Energy Sector Transformation in the SDS**





New Policies Scenario

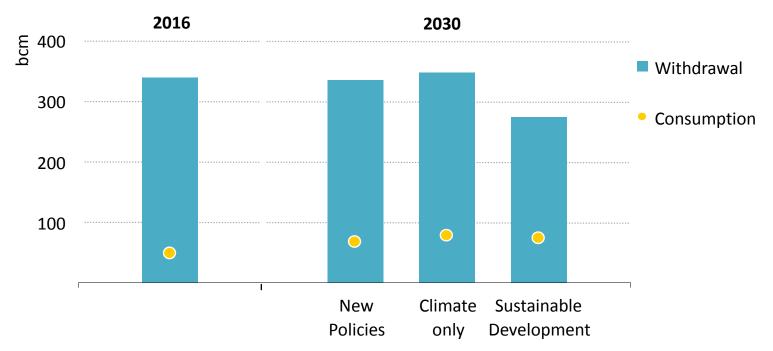
Z Additional in Sustainable Development Scenario

Delivering the energy transformation in the SDS requires 13% more energy sector investment than the NPS, due particularly to ramped up demand-side investment

## The energy sector requires water



Global water use by the energy sector by scenario



A focus on an integrated approach rather than just a decarbonisation approach results in the lowest level of water withdrawals in 2030



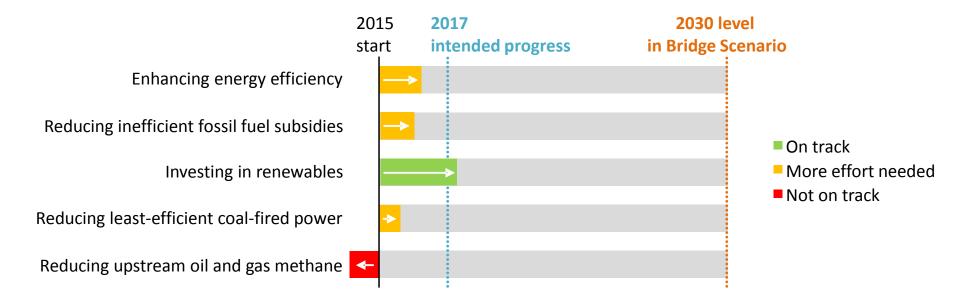
- Energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions continue to rise and will hit record highs in 2018
- Progress is being made towards the SDGs, but under current trends goals on climate change, air pollution and universal access will not be met
- Our strategy for sustainable energy shows that concerted action to address climate change is fully compatible with global goals on universal access & air quality
- There is no single solution to turn emissions around: renewables, efficiency & a host of innovative technologies, including storage, CCUS & hydrogen, are all required
- Our global scenario can be drilled down into regional and country trends to provide a benchmark for companies seeking to align with SDG outcomes



## Greenhouse gas reductions: mixed progress on key cost-effective measures



Progress on Bridge Scenario measures for an early peak



Investment in renewables in power generation is on track with the Bridge Scenario, but more efforts on other measures are required