





Low-carbon analysis

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# Mitigation subcomponent of Kenya's Climate Change Action Plan

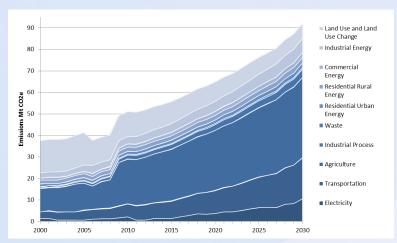
- Low-carbon scenario assessment of potential NAMAs and REDD+ actions across six sectors of UNFCCC, Article 4.1: energy, transport, industry, waste, forestry and agriculture
- Identifies potential emissions abatement actions that can bend down emissions from the proposed reference case emissions
- Work builds on priorities and planning processes of the Government of Kenya
- Local validation meetings to engage Kenyan experts and stakeholders to ground-truth and validate assumptions
- Analysis undertaken by a consortium of IISD, ECN and ICRAF





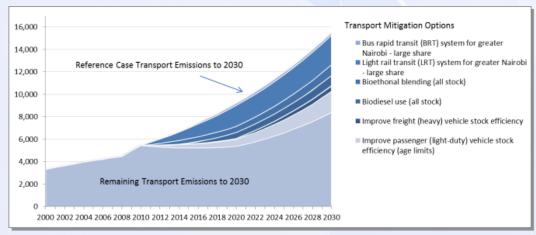
# **Output: Low-carbon scenario assessment**

1) Emissions projection to 2030 (reference case / business as usual)



- 3) Qualitative analysis of sustainable development impacts of low-carbon options
- 4) Concrete next steps for the Climate Change Action Plan

2) Wedge analysis: Demonstrates how low carbon options / potential NAMAs can bend down emissions



# Potential added value of the low-carbon analysis

- Provides Government of Kenya with an overview of GHG emissions and low-carbon development opportunities in all sectors of the economy
- Provides an analytical and evidence base for identifying and prioritizing mitigation actions / NAMAs
- Can be used as supporting information in proposals to international donors and other financing organization
- Can be used to mainstream low-carbon considerations into development planning
- Stakeholder involvement builds capacity and buy-in



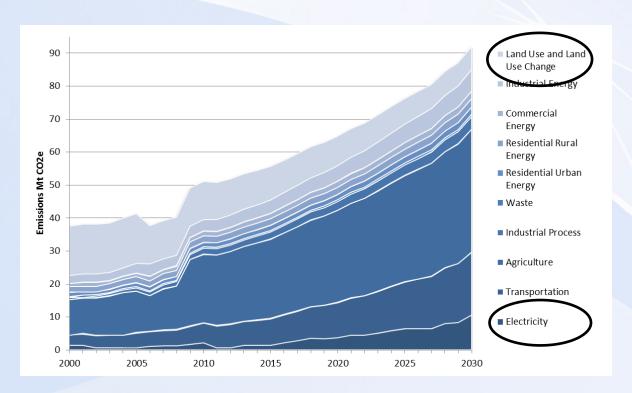


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## **Draft GHG emissions reference case**



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#### **Total Emissions rise 3% annually**

- 50.9 MT in 2010
- 91.8 MT in 2030

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## Low-carbon options in forestry: Reforestation

- **Current situation**: Forest cover is currently at 5.9% (FAO, 2010), but still declining. Only half of Kenya Forest Service's annual planting target of 6,000 ha/year achieved due to lack of resources.
- **Low carbon scenario**: GoK target of 10% tree cover amounts to 4 million ha of land. Assuming half that target is achieved by 2030.
- **Development benefits:** Improved groundwater retention; provides source of fuelwood, charcoal, and medicines; potential for enhancing biodiversity.
- **Abatement potential & costs**: **2.0** Mt CO2e in 2015, rising to **30** Mt CO2e in 2030. Abatement costs of \$404.69/ha/year and \$11.66/t CO2e/year.
- Adaptation co-benefits: Foresting water catchments generates and sustains water supplies, aids hydropower generation, and helps prevent flooding. Also reduces erosion and sediment discharge in rivers, and improves the health of soil.
- **Feasibility of implementation**: Key barriers are weak government capacity and land tenure issues.

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# Low-carbon option in electricity: Geothermal power

**Current situation**: 13% of electricity generation from geothermal power today, slow growth rate in the past, but significant efforts to scale up growth including establishment of GDC and SREP

**Low carbon scenario**: geothermal generation grows from a business-as-usual projection (2.7 GW in 2030) and exploits the full capacity forecast in the Least-Cost Power Development Plan (5.5 GW in 2030)

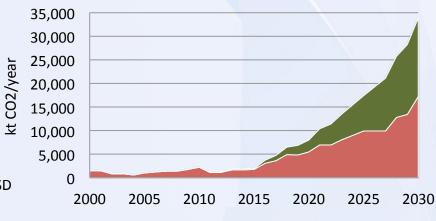
**Development benefits**: Improved energy security, lower oil/coal imports, provides stable base load electricity as basis for economic growth, low environmental impact

**Abatement potential & costs**: 16,600 kt CO<sub>2</sub>/year in 2030<sup>1</sup>; marginal abatement cost of -12 \$/tCO<sub>2</sub> today and -22 \$/tCO<sub>2</sub> in 2030<sup>1</sup>.

**Adaptation co-benefits**: less vulnerable to changing climate than hydropower

Feasibility of implementation: Needs significant up-front capital for drilling. Need for guarantee or insurance for IPPs

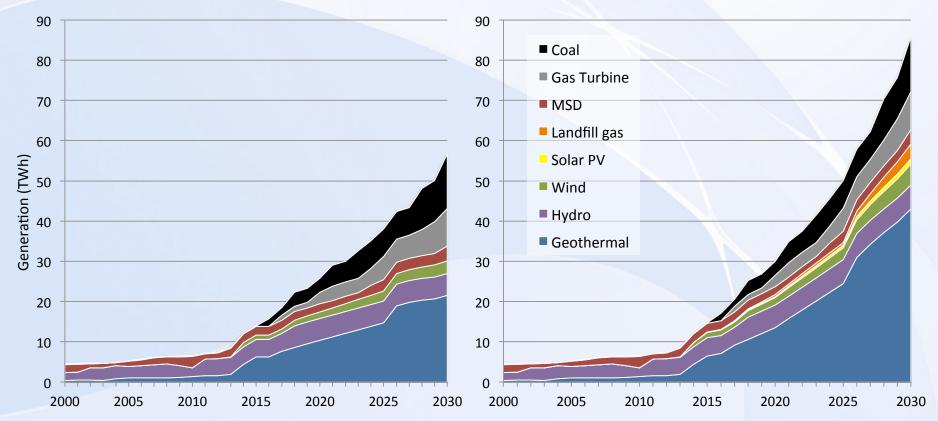
 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  based on own calculation of green growth effectively replacing coal and MSD



Geothermal generation expansion

Energy - Electricity

# Electricity generation: BAU versus low-carbon scenario



**BAU** scenario

Low-carbon scenario





# Visualization of sustainable development impacts

High Positive Positive Neutral / Minorimpact Negative Uncertain  Low-carbon options	Abatement potential (Mt C O2)		<u>E</u>	GDP growth	nic	Environmental impacts  Stranger of the strange	Adaptation impact
Electricity generation							
Expanding geothermal electricity generation	16.6	-12	•	•	_	_	•
Expanding wind power	1.6	8			_	_	
Expanding hydro power	0.4	-24			_	<b>-</b>	D
Distributed solar PV	1.0	210				_	
Electricity generation from landfill gas	2.8	-2			_		
Clean coal	1.9	0				D	

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# **Next steps**

- Finalize low-carbon scenario assessment and technical reports for all sectors by June 2012
- Develop summary for policy makers and concrete actions for the Kenya Climate Change Action Plan
- Validate results with Government of Kenya representatives and other stakeholders
- Potential basis for prioritizing low-carbon options / NAMAs
- Basis for work with Ministry of Planning on mainstreaming low-carbon and climate resilience considerations into the next Medium Term Plan





# Reflections on approach and preliminary results

- There are real win-win opportunities for low-carbon development
- Reference case for GHG emissions needs to be revisited regularly due to uncertainty about structural changes in the economy (industrialization, urbanization, impact of oil discovery, etc.)
- Modeling low-carbon growth instead of "lowering emissions versus BAU"
- Lessons learned on tailoring stakeholder consultations to different target groups





# Thank you for the attention!

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