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Per Capita GDP in C1 Scenarios ['000\$-PPP]

The suppression of incomes and consumption in developing regions

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Per Capita Energy Consumption in 2050

Primary energy consumption (not just fossil fuel) restricted in developing

Countries

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Per Capita Fossil Fuel Consumption in 2050

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Compensated by CDR in Developing Regions

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Results the same across models

Annex-I

Non-Annex-I



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Increasingly stringent mitigation action in the scenarios radically reverses these current global trends of the population at risk of hunger.

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Land-Based Mitigation Impacts Food Security Directly



None meet the SDG goal of Zero Hunger in 2030

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- AFOLU sector estimated to provide 20-30% of the global mitigation by 2050
- 80 percent of this "global mitigation" in developing regions
- Diversion of land for production of energy crops
- Rapid increase in land under afforestation and reforestation
- Suppressed/reduced demand in per capita food consumption from

livestock products and food crops

Diversion of land for energy crops \rightarrow competition for land \rightarrow increase

in food prices \rightarrow suppression of demand

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Summary.... IPCC Scenarios DO NOT deliver the future we want!

- Projected future in 2050 is an unequal world with enduring poverty and deprivation
- Inequalities are pervasive with respect to ALL variables
- Developed country fossil fuel use to be counterbalanced by developing country sinks

Model Distribution - 556 Scenarios

Red - Models from Annex-I regions; Blue - Models from non-Annex-I regions



 Scenarios, devoid of equity and CBDR&RC

Need for alternative scenarios and

frameworks

Why do IAMs project these unequal outcomes?

- Attributable to model assumptions
- Unprecedented and drastic decoupling between energy and emissions feasible? (Semieniuk et al., 2021, Muttitt et al, 2023)
- Arbitrary assumptions or normative choices (Pindyk, 2017; Ellenbeck and Lilliestam, 2019)
- Attributable to model structure/framework
- Pareto optimality

(Sen, 1987; Anand and Sen, 2000) No distributive justice

- Negishi weights
 (Stanton 2011)
- Is general equilibrium theory adequate, especially with climate change? (Decanio, 2003)

Are Scenarios -Devoid of Equity - Policy Relevant?

CBDRR&C, but contravention of these principles Not only "no explicit assumption" of equity and

- Higher short-term reductions in developing countries
- Enduring poverty and increasing food insecurity till 2050 and beyond

global targets currently being sought to be imposed in global climate policymaking Non-transparent assumptions underlie the aggregate

Global emissions reductions by 2030, Mid-century net-zero years, or peaking years

Average and/or singular values taken out of context from the AR6 for inclusion in COP decisions, especially immediately in the context of the GST, are untenable.

Violate both → "best available science" as well as "equity".