# Meeting the Climate Challenge: A FOCUS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GAS

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### Foundations of global energy system shifting

- Resurgence in oil & gas production in some countries
- Retreat from nuclear in some others
- Signs of increasing policy focus on energy efficiency

### All-time high oil prices acting as brake on global economy

Divergence in natural gas prices affecting Europe (with prices 5-times US levels) and Asia (8-times)

### Symptoms of an unsustainable energy system persist

- Fossil fuel subsidies up almost 30% to \$523 billion in 2011, led by MENA
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at record high, while renewables industry under strain
- > Despite new international efforts, 1.3 billion people still lack electricity
- > Water increasingly crucial for assessing the viability of energy projects



#### Growth in energy demand by fuel, 2010-2035



### Global energy demand grows by more than one-third over the period to 2035, with China, India & the Middle East accounting for 60% of the increase

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#### **Energy efficiency potential used by sector in the New Policies Scenario**



- Unrealised energy efficiency potential
- Realised energy efficiency potential

Two-thirds of the economic potential to improve energy efficiency remains untapped in the period to 2035



### Good governance

Government leadership, effective co-ordination & administrative capacity

### **Consumer priority**

> Increase visibility of efficiency and its economic gains

### Affordability

Availability of financing instruments & subsidies removal

### Make it the norm

> Introduce, monitor and enforce standards that will embed efficiency



### **Total primary energy demand**



Economically viable efficiency measures can halve energy demand growth to 2035; oil prices are \$15 per barrel lower by 2035 due to oil demand savings

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### **GDP in Efficient World Scenario versus New Policies Scenario, 2035**



### Cumulative investments in energy efficiency of \$12 trillion are more than offset by fuel savings & trigger economic growth of a cumulative \$18 trillion

# The Efficient World Scenario delays carbon lock-in



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Energy efficiency can delay "lock-in" of  $CO_2$  emissions permitted under a 2 °C trajectory – which is set to happen in 2017 – until 2022, buying five extra years



### **Global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by scenario**



**Energy efficiency can delay CO<sub>2</sub> "lock-in", but efficiency alone is** not sufficient to meet climate goals.



- Energy efficiency is a well established approach to reducing GHG emissions progress has been made
- Energy efficiency is the perennial low-hanging fruit
- In the WEO's 450 Scenario energy efficiency delivers nearly 3/4 of emissions reductions in 2020.



To realise the vast unmet energy efficiency potential:

**1.** Make it a priority

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- Fuller economic articulation of EE –multiple benefits (savings, budget, energy security), as well as rebound effects
- **3.** Increase visibility; increase its appeal
- 4. Commitment and perseverance
- 5. More financing for EE projects, including climate funds
- 6. Assess, adjust, and adapt policy approaches
- 7. Institutional capacity
- 8. Creates a new normal impact of behavior

# Natural gas: towards a globalised market

Major global gas trade flows, 2035

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Rising supplies of unconventional gas & LNG help to diversify trade flows, putting pressure on conventional gas suppliers & oil-linked pricing mechanisms



#### Change in selected energy indicators, 2006-2011



Unconventional gas is being instrumental in helping reducing overall energy-related emissions in the US, but gas alone isn't enough to reduce deep reductions

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### Potential CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from remaining fossil-fuel reserves by fuel type



More than two-thirds of current proven fossil-fuels reserves cannot be commercialised before 2050 in the 450 Scenario.

# **Profile of natural gas evolves in the 2DS**



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### Natural gas-fired power generation must decrease after 2030 to meet the CO2 emissions projected in the 2DS scenario.

Notes: Natural gas-fired power generation includes generation in power plants equipped with CCS units. Biogas is not included here.

## Natural gas a 'high-carbon fuel' after 2025



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The global average CO2 intensity from natural gas-fired power generation falls below the carbon intensity of CCGTs in 2025.

## **CCS essential in a low-carbon gas future**



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### In the 2DS, 40% of the electricity generated from gas comes from natural gas with CCS and biogas.

# *In the gas transition, energy efficiency and CCS all contribute to achieving the 2DS*

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Continuous technology improvement will be necessary to achieve efficiency increases and to reduce the cost of CCS.



### We are now entering the Golden Age of Gas

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- Gas is part of the solution to climate change in the energy sector in particular in the short-to-medium term
- In the longer term though, over-reliance on gas can become part of the problem (keys include CCS)



Energy efficiency & natural gas are two key aspects of achieving a 2 Degree Scenario while supporting economic growth

- Other parts of the puzzle, e.g.:
  - massive deployment of renewable energy technologies



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# **Overall Conclusions**

# Energy/Climate dynamics pose challenges:

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- Avoid lock-in of high-carbon technologies (time to begin to 'un-lock'?)
- Motivate despite "difficult to discern" impacts of climate change (act now for our future)
- Strengthen the resilience of our energy systems to climate
- Stimulate /support the political commitment needed to fuel dramatic changes

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# The IEA is committed to working with others to address the climate challenge and thereby enhance sustainable global energy security

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