

Result for Global Temperature Change: CO<sub>2</sub> and SLCF measures are complementary strategies

Source: UNEP/WMO (2011). Integrated Assessment of Black Carbon and Tropospheric Ozone. UNEP, Nairobi

### The share of global temperature reduction from methane measures



Pre-mine degasification and recovery of methane from coal mine ventilation air

Extended methane recovery/utilization and reduced fugitive emisions from oil and gas production

Reduced gas leakage from long-distance transmission pipelines

Separation and treatment of biodegradable municipal waste

Upgrading primary wastewater treatment with gas recovery

Reduce methane emissions from livestock by anaerobic digestion of manure

Intermittent aeration of continuously flooded rice paddies



### The share of global temperature reduction from methane measures



Replace traditional brick kilns with vertical shaft kilns

Replace traditional coke ovens with modern recovery ovens

Switch from traditional biomass cookstoves to stoves fueled by LPG or biogas or to fan-assisted biomass stoves (in developing countries)

Replace current residential wood burning technologies with pellet stoves and boilers (in industrialized countries)

Replace lump coal with coal briquettes in cooking and heating stoves

Elimination of high-emitting vehicles

Additional reduction from Euro-6/VI vehicle standards (including DPF) after elimination of high-emitters

Ban of open burning of agricultural residue



## **Near-term framing**

Slowing down near term global warming. How much?

16 measures *reduce global warming* up to  $2040 \approx 0.4/0.5$ °C relative to baseline → almost halving of temperature rise; 0.7°C reduction in Arctic

#### Why slow down near term global warming?

- Bursting glacier lakes;
- increasing heat waves
- Melting arctic land ice, ice caps,  $\rightarrow$  sea level rise

#### Also reduce regional climate change impacts

Glacier melting; arctic ice melting; precipitation patterns

## Glacier lake outburst floods



#### Cannot replace CO<sub>2</sub> reductions

Need both -

- 1. Reducing short-lived climate forcers: slow down near-term global warming SFI
- 2.  $CO_2$  reductions for long term climate protection

## Time series estimates of glacier mass balance in different regions of the world (from Kaser et al., 2006).



Panel a. shows mass balance normalized to the glacierized area in each region (specific mass balance), a measure of the relative response of each region, while Panel b. shows change in total mass balance, reported in millimetres of sea-level equivalent (SLE)





Global and regional temperature changes due to widespread use of pellet stoves and boilers in industrialized countries and coal briquettes in the residential sector in China.

# Annual average surface temperature change (°C) from implementing all measures



• Dark areas: where the biggest temperature benefit occurs

# Annual average albedo forcing change (W/m<sup>2</sup>) from implementing all measures



• Dark areas: where the forcing benefit from increased albedo occurs

## Regional Climate Changes: Preventing Disturbance of Rainfall Patterns

## Change in atmospheric forcing at 2030 relative to the reference case in the two models.



- Dark areas: where the biggest energy change to the atmosphere occurs
- This drives regional weather pattern changes

## How much does it cost? **Costs of implementing 16 measures**

## 50% of black carbon and methane emission reductions: <u>Low cost or no-cost</u> $\rightarrow$ Recovery of methane, better fuel efficiency



#### Methane measures

- Recovery from fossil fuel production (coal mines; gas distribution)
- Waste / landfill management



#### **Black carbon measures**

- Improved stoves
- Upgraded brick kilns





## Actions on the National, Regional and Global Scales

#### Why national action?

 Most health benefits close to emission sources; local sustainable development; unique mix of emission sources



 Fast action on obvious emission sources, National Action Plans

## Why regional action?

- Reduce regional-scale pollution, e.g. black carbon transported long distances to Himalayas, Arctic
- Integrate abatement of black carbon and methane into existing or new regional air pollution agreements

## Why global action?

- Support and catalyze national and regional action awareness raising, financing, technical assistance
- Control international emission sources → Work within existing treaties: e.g. Reduce black carbon emissions through MARPOL?

## **Political action now: the Coalition**

## **Coalition for Climate and Clean Air**

February, 2012: 6 countries + UNEP End 2012: + 10 countries + other partners ?

### Action on Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

- Awareness raising
- National action plans
- Black carbon from vehicles, brick kilns
- Methane from landfills, oil & gas production
- HFCs from refrigeration & air conditioning



## Conclusions

- Addressing SLCPs is a development issue countries reducing emissions will benefit from improved health (avoid 2.4 million deaths), crop yields (avoid > 30 million tonnes loss) etc
- 16 identified measures, implemented by 2030, would reduce global warming by 0.5°C (0.2-0.7°C) in 2050 – half the warming projected by the Reference Scenario
- Near-term measures would improve the chance of not exceeding 2°C target, but only if CO<sub>2</sub> is also addressed, starting now (complementary strategies; not alternatives)
- Substantial regional climate benefits: e.g. in the Arctic reduce warming by 0.7 °C (range 0.2-1.3°C by 2040), for Himalayas and South Asian monsoon
- The identified **measures are all currently in use** in different regions around the world; much wider and more rapid implementation is required to achieve the full benefits
- Many measures achieve cost savings over time.

