

Nuclear post COP21

International Workshop on Advanced Reactor Systems and Future Energy Market Needs

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CO₂ Concentration

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COP-21 is a good start to global climate action, ...but not the end point

Paris Agreement - "historic, durable and ambitious"

Nations Unies Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques 2015 Paris France "Vive la planète, vive l'humanité et vive la vie"

Goal: 2°C, aspire to 1.5°C Nov. 2016: entry into force Bottom-up: action at the national level Vital: design of rules, processes and institutions under negotiations



Country plans to curb emissions help, but fall well short of 2°C target, much less 1.5°C

- Much greater <u>ambition</u> needed from States to adequately address the problem
- Low-carbon govt. policies, actions, and investments must quickly follow



Source: Derived from Climate Action Tracker, UNEP and IEA



Nuclear power avoids huge amounts of CO₂ generation over long time scales



Nuclear power is very low life cycle emission source

Life cycle GHG emissions from electricity generation





Ramping nuclear to support 2°C target will be difficult, but not impossible



- <u>Competitiveness</u>
- Nuclear investments
- Construction times
- Regulatory constraints
- Supply Chain limitations
- Skilled Workforce
- Public Acceptance

Significant actions needed to awaken the "Sleeping Giant" we know as Nuclear Power

Competitiveness and Finance

Clean-Energy Investments

Need:

Valuation on reliability, macro-economic, and environmental benefits; & investment certainty

Actions:

Full accounting of total system costs; tax on high-C consumption, production, and emissions; innovative financing and increased technology innovation <u>Need:</u> Investments of at least US\$80B/year for nuclear power, potentially double if fossil CCS fails

Actions:

Realisation of all proposed nuclear projects worldwide by 2030, life-time extensions for existing NPPs

Climate and SDGs

Need:

Anchor nuclear as a core asset for meeting 2°C goal and SDGs

Actions:

Make nuclear core to achieving countries NDCs and sustainable development vision





Thank you for your attention!



Credit: NASA

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IAEA plans greater engagement with MS on future Climate Change activities

- Outreach through COP meetings and participation on UN HLCP Working Group
- Support IPCC Special Reports
- Produce Climate Change publications
- Research, Training (ICTP) and collaborations



PESS Planning and Capacity Building

Assessing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

The Issue

Where would business as usual lead us?

Are we well on track towards Paris, taking into account:

- unconditional &
- conditional pledges?



How PESS Contributes

- Regional Workshops on NDCs
- Lectures on evaluating energy technologies to tackle climate change
- Providing the PESS tool MESSAGE free of charge
- Developing country case studies

The Output

- Investment pathways
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission profiles
- Optimal technology mix to achieve GHG targets
- Strengthened local expertise for evaluating energy options

Examples of Our Work – Regional Projects Bringing Countries together to Model their Power Pools

AFRA



- Sub-regional trainings for
 - North Africa Tunisia
 - Central Africa Cameroon
- Regional training on Energy Statistics and Energy Balances – Sudan
- Regional Conference on Energy and Nuclear Power in Africa and the Project Coordination meeting – Kenya
- Training for Islands and Small & Isolated Countries –Mauritius





PESS 3E Analysis Highlights (Energy-Economics-Environment)

- Cooperative Research Program activities
 - Assessment of the Potential Role of Nuclear Energy in National Climate Change Mitigation Strategies
- Climate, Land, Energy, Water (CLEW)
 - Integrated assessment of the energy-foodwater-climate nexus



CRP – Collaborative Research Project

Assessments of the Potential Role of Nuclear Energy in National Climate Change Mitigation Strategies (2017-2020),

 Participation: Armenia, Australia, Chile, China, Croatia, Lithuania, Pakistan, South Africa, Viet Nam, Turkey, Ukraine and USA

• Outputs:

- Development and testing of analytical / methodological frameworks for comparing different low carbon energy supply options under various support policy mechanisms;
- Country Studies assessing the role of nuclear energy in national CC mitigation strategies;
- Generation of information package for MS in preparation of their NDCs.



Framework for integrated assessment of the energy-food-water-climate nexus

- Explores energy sector policies in a broader national sustainable development context and explores trade-offs and synergies among different policy goals
- Deliver capacity building projects in Member States in collaboration with UNDP and UNDESA.
 - Support sustainable development policy and attainment of SDGs in Member States
 - Used in parallel with economy-wide modelling tools and sectoral models to conduct comprehensive assessment of development policy
 - Expanding number of national projects
 - Projects ongoing with Ghana and Nicaragua







