RECENT TRENDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CARBON MARKETS

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The future is powered by renewable energies





Source: data from IPCC Special Report 1.5 (2018)

Source: UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2017

The good news... Energy transformation is underway

- Wind energy has grown approx. 20x within 15 years.
- Solar energy has grown approx. 300x within 15 years.
- Contribution from wind and solar energies to global electricity generation has increased 17x.



...but it needs to be faster and diversified

Because economic barriers are disappearing... Electricity from renewables will soon be consistently cheaper than from fossil fuels

Global levelised cost of electricity from utility-scale renewable power generation technologies



Source: IRENA Renewable Cost Database.

Technology R&D continue... (1/2)

Solar power with storage



Battery costs are declining – solar and wind power will benefit

Colored solar PV glass on walls





As well as energy systems innovation...

Technology R&D continue... (2/2)

Distributed power generation

- Smart micro grids with innovative technology, on- and off- national grid
- Reduces burden of central grid and helps scheduling of entire grid
- Solar power "prosumers" and energy storage will play a key part: generation from residential buildings, commercial buildings, etc.







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Decarbonising heating system



- Compared with for electricity, technologies are less disseminated
- Clean electricity will only be efficient if combined with optimal energy conservation
- R&D and finance need incentives for new technology and pilot application. Policy incentives and international cooperation can help.

Integrated development of electricity and heating increases cost-efficiency

- Gas power plants equipped with Carbon Capture and Storage
- Clean electricity efficient combined with energy conservation
 - Building insulation, grid efficiency, efficiency standard for equipment
- Diversification of renewable electricity
 - Power with battery storage, distributed grid



Policy incentives: certainty and long-term strategies are important for RE development

Number of countries adopting renewable energy policies, by policy type, 2004, 2010 and 2016



Source: IRENA and CPI, Global Landscape of Renewable Energy Finance, 2018

International support from carbon markets will continue

Example: The Joint Crediting Mechanism



- UNFCCC- and country-operated market mechanisms (such as the JCM) will co-exist in Paris era.
- International negotiations prioritize avoiding double counting of issued units between participating countries.
- Clarity in domestic policy on carbon markets is important.
- Countries will benefit from formulation of policies on carbon markets usage and technology priority.

International support from carbon markets will continue: support from the JCM



Source: IGES JCM Database (October 2018)

Renewable energies are attractive for carbon markets, and innovation is important for funders.

Projects supported by JCM are being implemented



New project selected under ADB JF JCM scheme: Solar power generation system with advanced storage battery and energy management system (EMS)

Integrated energy system development



Towards a decarbonised future



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