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## A Great Transition toward Deep De-carbonization driven by concerns about climate risks and by emerging market opportunities

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### Earth set a temperature record for the third straight year



Global Mean Estimates based on Land and Ocean Data (1880 ~ 2016) (Source: NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies)

# Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions flat for third straight year from 2014-2016





Source: IEA, "IEA finds CO<sub>2</sub> emissions flat for third straight year even as global economy grew in 2016", 17 March 2017 <u>https://www.iea.org/newsroom/news/2017/march/iea-finds-co2-emissions-flat-for-third-straight-year-even-as-global-economy-grew.html</u>

While US announced to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, many countries, non-state actors (States, Municipal Governments and Businesses) committed to implement the Paris Agreement

- On 1 June, President Trump announced to withdraw the US from the Paris Agreement (PA).
- Many countries, US States and municipal governments, and businesses expressed their commitments to implement the PA.
  - **G7 members other than the US** reaffirmed their commitment to implement the PA (G7 Taormina Leader's Communique)
  - China and India expressed their commitment to the PA.
  - 13 States including State of California and New York formed the US Climate Alliance committed to upholding the PA. 211 cities including Pittsburgh adopted the PA goals.
  - **US businesses** including Apple, Google, General Electric, General Motors, Walmart and Cargill announced that US Government's announcement to withdraw from the Agreement would not change their climate actions.

Reference: "WE ARE STILL IN", <u>http://www.wearestillin.com/#press-release</u>

# Outline

- Climate change: a serious risk to human society
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  - The need to limit cumulative emissions to hold temperature increase below 2°C
- Paris Agreement and its impact
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  - Rising momentum for climate action in international community
- Knowledge available from de-carbonization scenario analysis
- Strategies to address challenges of achieving deep decarbonization

## **Climate change: A serious risk to human society**

 Climate change impacts on the availability of water resources, food production and human health, exacerbate refugee and other security issues globally, and threaten the stability of societies





Extreme weather conditions have left farmers struggling to survive. Source: AP

Many people died, or killed themselves, due to record breaking heat wave, and as crops have withered in west India (2016).

Source: IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, "Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability", Summary for Policy Makers.

## **Tipping Points Related to 2°C Guardrail**



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# Greenland Is Melting Away

Source: New York Times, "Greenland Is Melting Away", 27 October, 2015,

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/10/27/world/greenland-is-melting-away.html

Video: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQghC-hrAZA">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQghC-hrAZA</a>



# Failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation ranked as the risk with the greatest potential impact

- The World Economic Forum's <u>Global Risks</u> <u>Report 2016</u> found that a failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation ranked as the risk with the greatest potential impact.
- This is the first time since the report was published in 2006 that an environmental risk has topped the ranking.

Source: World Economic Forum, http://reports.weforum.org/global-risks-2016/part-1-title-tba/



Figure 1.1: The Changing Global Risks Landscape 2015–2016: The 10 Most Changing Global Risks

#### Global mean surface temperature increase as a function of cumulative global CO2 emissions CO2 emissions from 1870 (GtCO2) 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 8000

Limiting the warming caused by anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions alone with a probability of >66%, and >50% to less than 2°C, will require cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from all anthropogenic sources to stay less than about 1000 GtC and about 1210 GtC respectively (about 790 GtC and about 820 GtC respectively, when accounting for non-CO<sub>2</sub> forcings). An amount of 515 GtC was already emitted by 2011.

Figure SPM.10 Global mean surface temperature increase as a function of cumulative total global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from various lines of evidence.



Source: IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, "Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis", Summary for Policy Makers

## Entry into force of the Paris Agreement and Marrakech COP22

- Paris Agreement (PA) entered into force on 4 November, 2016. 148 countries including Japan, and European Union have ratified the PA (UNFCCC, as of 13 June 2017).
- Major outcomes of Marrakech COP22
  - Adopted decisions that set 2018 as the deadline for writing a rulebook to implement the PA.



- Issued "Marrakech Action Proclamation" to signal a shift towards implementation and action on climate and sustainable development.
- Launched Marrakech Platform for Global Climate Action: Facilitate climate action from 2017 2020, by convening Party and non-Party stakeholders, to showcase successes, to collectively identify and address barriers to enhanced implementation, and to report to the COP on achievements and options to enhance action.

## **Rising momentum for climate action**

- COP22 was successful in further enhancing momentum for climate action in international community.
- Governments including China and India, sub-national governments like California, as well as many businesses have committed to ambitious climate actions:
  - ➤ China is going to introduce nation-wide emissions trading scheme → 20~25% of global GHG emissions to be covered by carbon pricing initiatives (The World Bank)
  - India and France jointly launched the International Solar Alliance, committed to mobilize \$1 trillion of investments by 2030 for the massive deployment of solar energy in tropical countries.
  - California is taking leadership in implementing emissions trading scheme, ZEV program, and Under 2 Coalition initiative.

# **State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2016**



Source: The World Bank Group, "State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2016", Washington DC, October 2016 <a href="https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25160/9781464810015.pdf?sequence=7&isAllowed=y">https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25160/9781464810015.pdf?sequence=7&isAllowed=y</a>







Under2 MOU: a commitment by sub-national governments to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 80-95% on 1990 levels, or 2 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per capita, by 2050.

Source: Under 2 Coalition, <u>https://www.theclimategroup.org/project/under2-coalition</u>

# Rising momentum for climate actions (continued)



 Siemens sets the goal of CO<sub>2</sub> neutral by 2030, and provides solutions for power generation, transmission, distribution and storage, and for demand-side management, enabling their customers to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 520 million tons in 2016.

Source : World Climate Summit 2016, Marrakech (Photo by IGES)

## **Global trends in renewable energy investment**

- Investments in renewable energy totaled \$241.6 billion (excluding large hydro) in 2016, roughly double that in fossil fuel generation and they added 138.5 GW to power capacity, equivalent to 55% of all new power. Investment in China was \$78.3 billion. (UNEP, Global Trends in Renewable Energy Investment 2017)
- Costs of power generation from renewable energy sources have been drastically decreasing: announced record-low prices ranging from \$30/MWh to 50/MWh for both onshore wind and solar (PV) plants.
- Huge investments in storage system and power network
  - TOTAL agreed to buy French battery maker Saft in a \$1.1 billion deal, ratcheting up investments in clean energy. (Bloomberg, 9 May, 2016)
  - China's State Grid Chairman Mr. Liu outlined a big plan to build a \$50 trillion global power network, linking Asia, Europe, North America, etc. He said the world grid could be running by 2050, with advances in renewable power and transmission technology. (Wall Street Journal, 30 March 2016)

### **Developing climate-related financial disclosure**

- Financial Stability Board (FSB, which works to develop regulatory, supervisory and other financial sector policies)
  - FSB Task Force is developing voluntary **climate-related financial disclosure**, which will help to reduce financial stability risks.
- Climate risks that can affect financial stability
  - **Physical risks** of extreme weather events that damage property.
  - Liability risks: if parties suffered loss or damage from the effects of climate change seek compensation from those they hold responsible.
  - **Transition risks** resulting from the introduction of carbon pricing and other changes in policy, technology and physical risks that could prompt a reassessment of the value of assets (**"stranded assets"**)

Source: Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, "Breaking the Tragedy of the Horizon – climate change and financial stability", Lloyd's of London, 29 September 2015)

## Knowledge available from de-carbonization scenario analysis : Pathways to deep de-carbonization in Japan



Illustrates deep de-carbonization pathways for Japan, and assesses the feasibility to achieve 80% GHG emission reduction from 1990 levels by 2050.

Methodology: AIM/End-use model of Japan was used.

#### Three deep de-carbonization scenarios:

- Mixed scenario
- No-nuclear scenario
- Limited CCS scenario

In all scenarios, **total final energy demand decreased by more than 50%,** and **energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by more than 80%** by 2050 from 2010 levels respectively.

Source: <a href="http://deepdecarbonization.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/DDPP\_JPN.pdf">http://deepdecarbonization.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/DDPP\_JPN.pdf</a>

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In all scenarios, **carbon intensity of electricity falls to nearly zero** in **2050** by large scale deployment of renewable energy and/or natural gas with CCS.

Solar PV and wind power provide up to 75% of electricity supply during daytime (from 10am to 3pm). In order to integrate intermittent supply from these power sources, electricity supply and demand are assumed to be balanced every 3 hours in a day.

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In all scenarios, **final energy demand in the building sector is reduced by approximately 60-70%** in **2050** from the **2010** level.

The share of electricity increases from about 50% in 2010 to more than 90% in 2050. Building sector  $CO_2$  emissions reaches almost zero in 2050.

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## Strategies to address challenges of achieving deep decarbonization

- National vision/goals and strategies need to be established.
  - Transformational change in socio-economic structure is required.
  - Need to be integrated into policies addressing other challenges (depopulation, aging society, revitalization of local economies, etc.).
- Promoting public acceptance of deep de-carbonization pathways
  - Serious risks posed by climate change to be widely shared.
  - Inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement process.
- Developing policy framework to create enabling environments for non-state actors to take ambitious actions
  - Carbon pricing
  - Mobilizing innovative local actions and business models

#### Anthropocene: Is it the beginning of a new Dark Age, or the age of new hope?



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Spurce: Tetsuzo Yasunari,「Future Earth ―地球環境変化研究における新たな国際的な枠組み―」, SCJ Bulletin, 2012

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