

# Our Energy Future – Addressing the dual challenges of climate change and energy security

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## World primary energy demand in the Reference Scenario



World energy demand expands by 45% between now and 2030 – an average rate of increase of 1.6% per year – with coal accounting for more than a third of the overall rise



# Cumulative energy supply investment in the Reference Scenario, 2007-2030



Investment of \$26 trillion, or over \$1 trillion/year, is needed, but the credit squeeze could delay spending, potentially setting up a supply-crunch once the economy recovers



## Reductions in energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the climate policy scenarios



While technological progress is needed to achieve some emissions reductions, efficiency gains and deployment of existing low-carbon energy accounts for most of the savings.



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## Change in world energy investment in the 450ppm policy scenario compared to the 'business as usual' secenario, 2010-2030



Huge investment in power plants and energy efficiency is required to shift the world onto a 450-ppm trajectory



## Total power generation capacity today and in 2030 by scenario



In the 450 Policy Scenario, the power sector undergoes a dramatic change – with CCS, renewables and nuclear each playing a crucial role



## Nuclear share of global electricity (450 ppm Scenario)



Under the 450 ppm scenario, nuclear power supplies around 5200 TWh (18% of total electricity generation) and becomes the third largest source together with natural gas.



## Nuclear power needs to play a larger role in 2050



Energy Technology Perspectives (ETP) 2008 shows that significant increase of nuclear generation in both OECD countries and non-OECD countries is essential to halve the current level of energy related CO2 emission by 2050.



## **Challenges and Actions needed**

## Challenges which nuclear is facing

- <u>Huge initial investment</u>, which can be only recouped over long term, makes it uneasy to get financing in nuclear power plants
- especially vulnerable to financing difficulties under current economic crisis
- □ Sufficient <u>human resources</u> and other production capabilities
- □ <u>NIMBY</u> (Not In My Backyard) syndrome
- Appropriate management of <u>radioactive waste and spent fuel</u>
- □ Key actions to be considered by governments
  - On top of safety policy and non-proliferation policy which are prerequisite;
  - Provide <u>clear and sustained policy support</u> and an <u>efficient and</u> <u>effective regulatory system</u> with predictability for private sector
  - **provide additional** <u>financial support</u> to investors if needed
  - Put in place arrangements for the <u>management of radioactive waste</u> <u>and spent fuel</u>

## Summary

- We must invest in all <u>clean energy technologies</u> (e.g. energy efficiency, renewables, CCS, nuclear, electric vehicle etc) portfolios comprehensively to mitigate climate change
- Nuclear can play a significant role in the decarbonisation of the power sector.
- □ Mitigating climate change enhances our energy security
- For nuclear, policy action is essential to secure sufficient longterm investments
- Consistent and long-term oriented policy frameworks are needed to ensure private sector investment
- Economic crisis is an opportunity to place a <u>Clean Energy New</u>
  <u>Deal</u> at the heart of economic stimulus package everywhere.