

# World Energy 2015

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### The start of a new energy era?



#### 2015 has seen lower prices for all fossil fuels

- > Oil & gas could face second year of falling upstream investment in 2016
- Coal prices remain at rock-bottom as demand slows in China

#### Signals turn green ahead of key Paris climate summit

- > Pledges of 150+ countries account for 90% of energy-related emissions
- > Renewables capacity additions at a record-high of 130 GW in 2014
- Fossil-fuel subsidy reform, led by India & Indonesia, reduces the global subsidy bill below \$500 billion in 2014

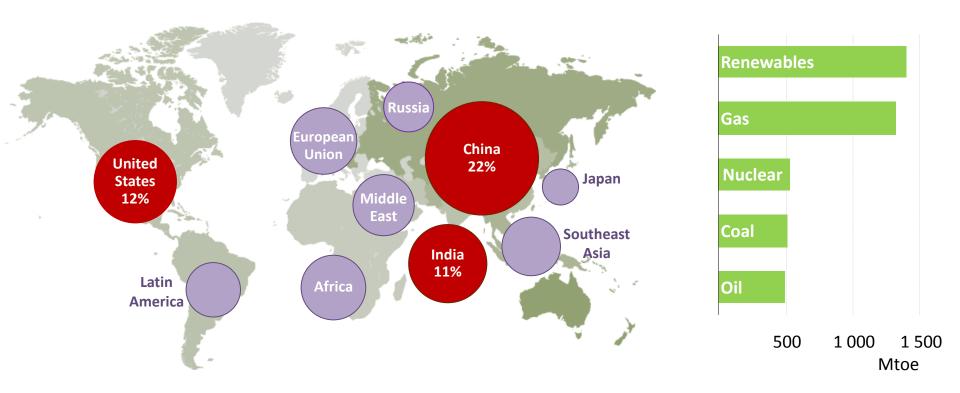
## Multiple signs of change, but are they moving the energy system in the right direction?

### The global energy map in 2040



#### Share of primary energy demand, 2040

#### Change 2014-2040

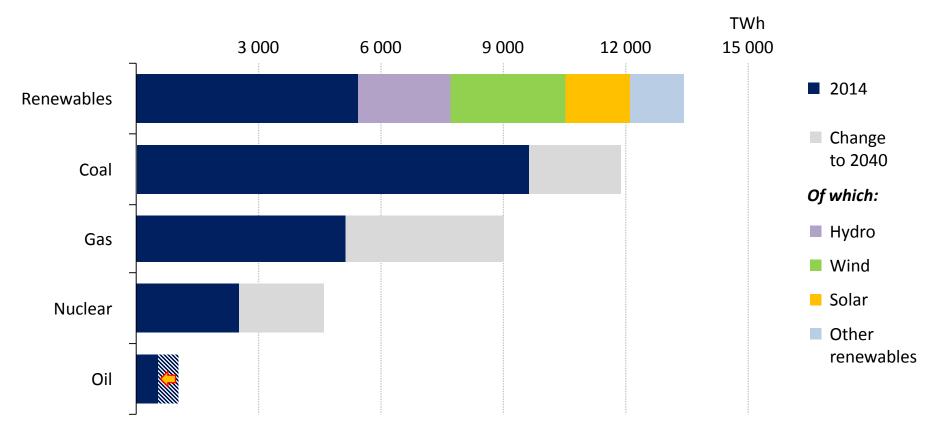


Renewables see the highest share of growth to 2040; Asia absorbs an increasing share of global trade – 80% of coal, 75% of oil and 60% of gas in 2040

# Power is leading the transformation of the energy system



#### **Global electricity generation by source**

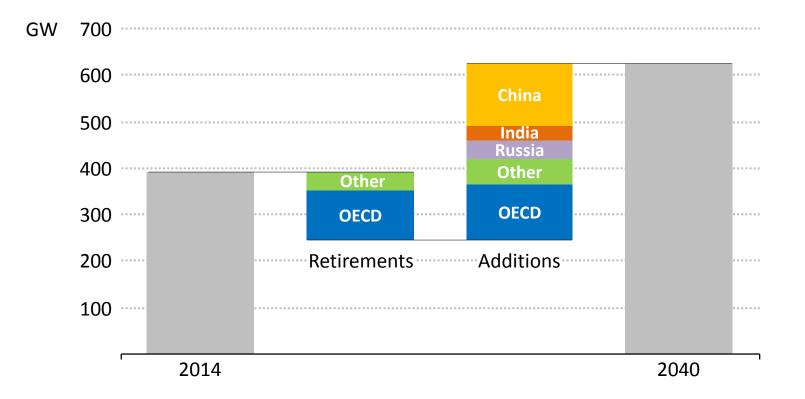


Driven by continued policy support, renewables account for half of additional global generation, overtaking coal around 2030 to become the largest power source

### Nuclear capacity increases, but no nuclear renaissance in sight



#### Nuclear capacity by selected region



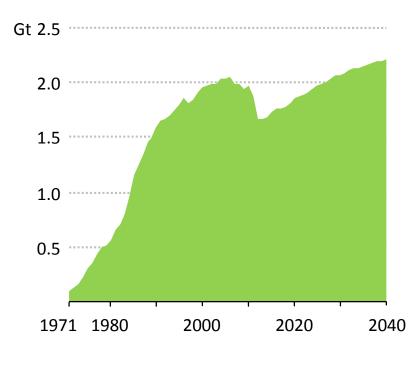
## Capacity grows 55% to over 610 GW in 2040, led by non-OECD, notably China & India; yet the share of nuclear in the global power mix remains well-below its historic peak

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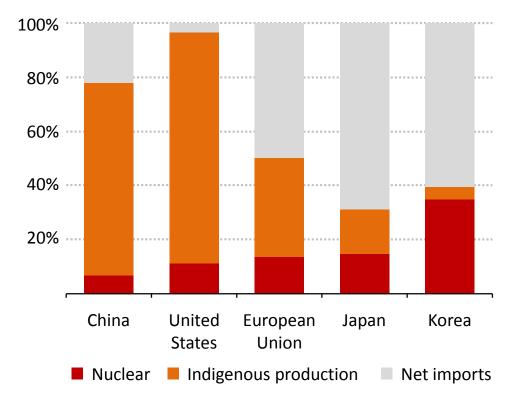
# Nuclear power can play a role in CO<sub>2</sub> abatement & energy security



### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided annually by nuclear power 1971-2040



#### Share of energy demand met by domestic sources and nuclear power in 2040



#### By 2040, almost 4 years of current emissions have been avoided by nuclear power; it cuts dependence on foreign fuel supplies & lowers import bills for some countries

# The coverage of climate pledges is impressive





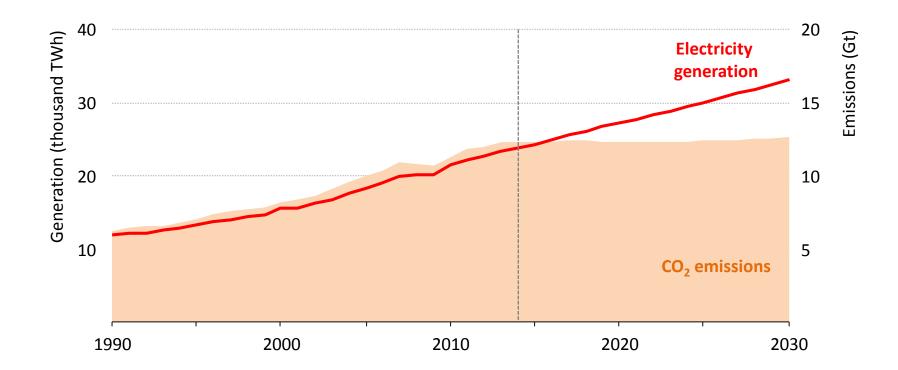
Climate pledges for COP21 are consistent with a temperature rise of 2.7 °C, with investment needs of \$13.5 trillion in low-carbon technologies & efficiency to 2030

### **Climate pledges decouple power sector emissions from electricity demand**

World electricity generation and related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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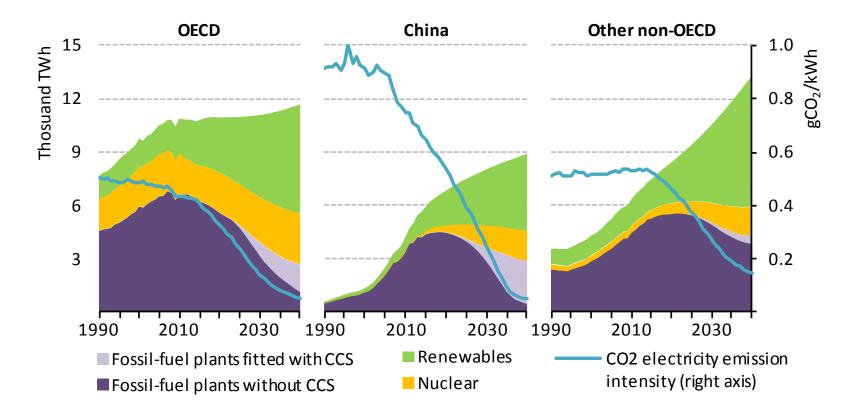
## The share of low-carbon power generation grows to almost 45% in 2030 so that power emissions remain flat, while electricity demand grows by more than 40%

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## The power sector is central to a low-carbon world



#### **Electricity generation by technology and CO<sub>2</sub> intensity in the 450 Scenario**



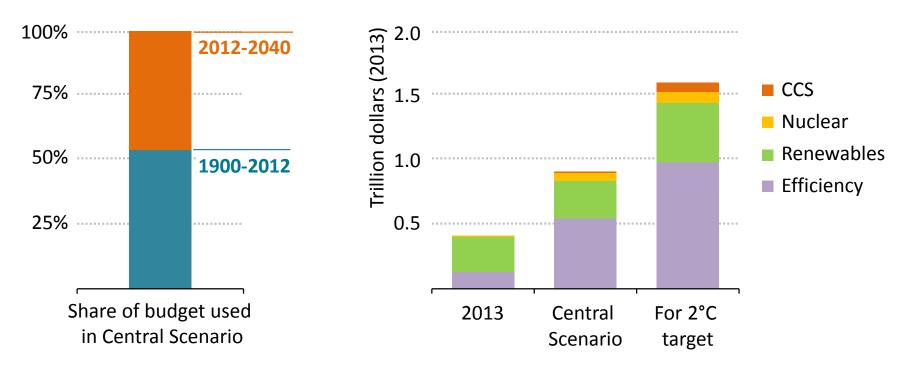
Low-carbon power generation needs to quadruple with respect to today, with renewables reaching half of the global power mix in 2040

### The 2 °C goal – last chance in Paris?



#### World CO<sub>2</sub> budget for 2 °C ~2300 Gt

### Average annual low-carbon investment, 2014-2040



## The entire global CO<sub>2</sub> budget to 2100 is used up by 2040 – Paris must send a strong signal for increasing low-carbon investment four times beyond current levels

# IEA Ministers issue statement on energy and climate change

#### IEA's 29 member countries issue a collective statement stating that they:

Welcome INDCs and endorse IEA view that INDCs should be a first step upon which to build ever-increasing ambition.

> Welcome the IEA's five key opportunities to reduce energy sector emissions:

- **1.** Increasing energy efficiency in industry, buildings and transport
- **2.** Phasing out the use of least efficient coal fired power plants
- **3.** Increasing investment in renewables, including hydro
- 4. Gradual phasing out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies
- **5.** Reducing methane emissions from oil and gas production

Call on the IEA to: advise how to enhance the environmental sustainability of the energy sector (including the reduction of local pollution), expand tracking of the energy sector transformation and increase international collaboration.





- Low prices bring gains to consumers in the short term, but can lead to greater reliance on fossil fuels
- India and China are the leading actors in the future energy growth story, with far-reaching impacts on energy markets
- The energy transition is underway in the power sector, led by renewables, with a role to play for nuclear
- More action is needed to put the world on a path to 2° Celsius, tapping the full suite of existing and emerging low carbon options
- International cooperation on energy has never been more vital as we look to COP to set up a virtuous cycle of increasing ambition



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