Presentation 1.4: Energy technology perspectives, Scenarios and Strategies to 2050

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Abstract

Secure, reliable and affordable energy supplies are fundamental to economic stability and development. The threat of disruptive climate change, the erosion of energy security and the growing energy needs of the developing world all pose major challenges for energy decision makers. They can only be met through innovation, the adoption of new cost-effective technologies, and a better use of existing energy-efficient technologies. Energy Technology Perspectives presents the status and prospects for key energy technologies and assesses their potential to make a difference by 2050. It also outlines the barriers to implementing these technologies and the measures that can overcome such barriers.

The substantial changes demonstrated in the ACT scenarios are grounded in:

• Strong energy efficiency gains in the transport, industry and buildings sectors.

• Electricity supply becoming significantly decarbonised as the power-generation mix shifts

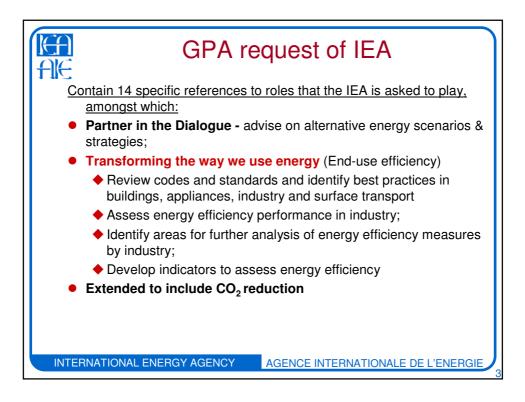
towards nuclear power, renewables, natural gas and coal with CO2 capture and storage (CCS).

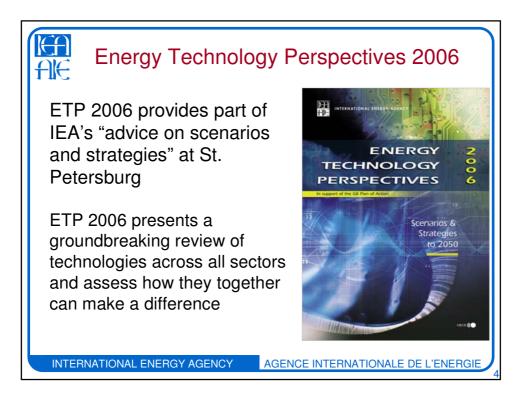
• Increased use of biofuels for road transport.

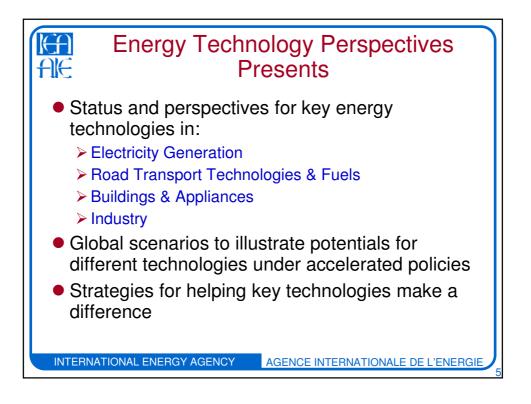
In industry there is huge potential to reduce energy demand and CO2 emissions through improved efficiency of motors, pumps, boilers and heating systems; increased energy recovery in materials production processes; increased recycling of used materials; adoption of new and more advanced processes and materials; and a higher efficiency of materials use. New cutting-edge industrial technologies with substantial potential to save energy and CO2 emissions in the pulp and paper industry include: black liquor gasification and advanced drying technologies

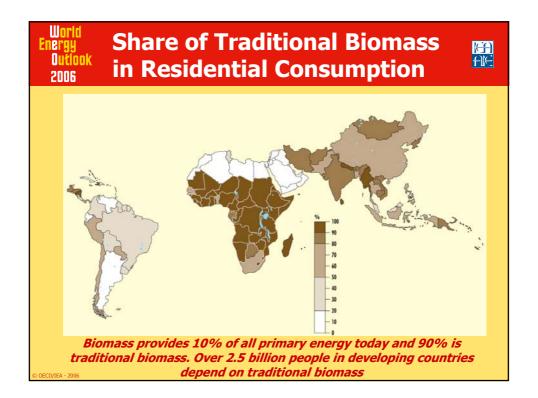


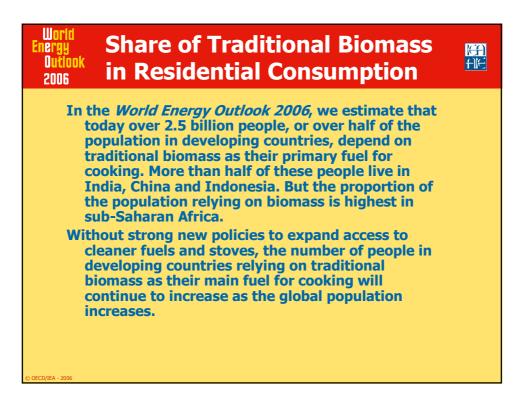


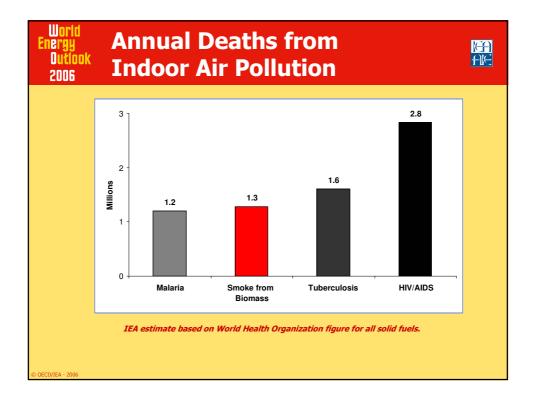


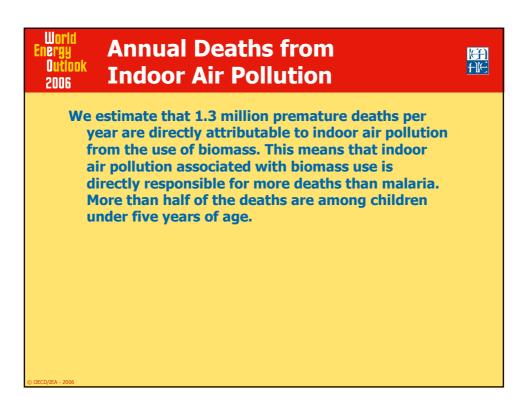


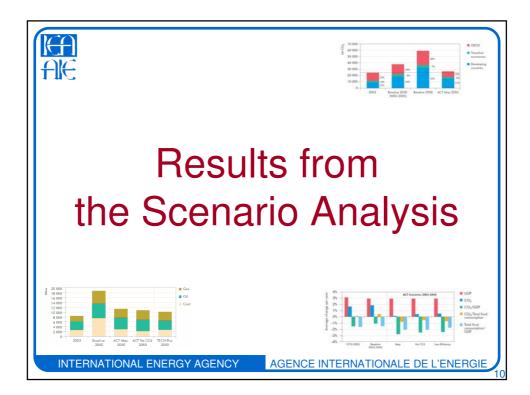


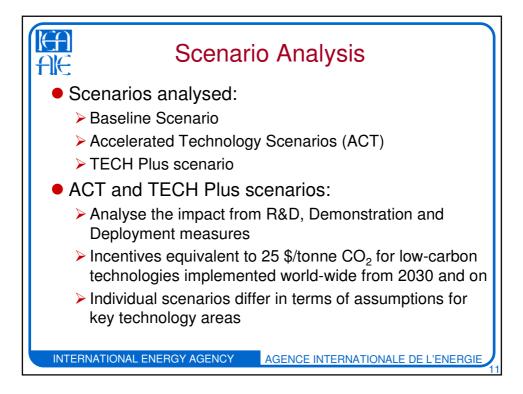












| Technology Assumptions | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| Renewables | Nuclear | CCS | H ₂ fuel cells | Advanced biofuels | End-use efficiency |
| Relatively optimistic across all technology areas | | | | 2.0 % p.a. global improvement | |
| Slower cost reductions | | | | | |
| | Lower public acceptance | | | | |
| | | No CCS | | | |
| | | | | | 1.7 % p.a. global improvement |
| Stronger cost reductions | Stronger cost reductions & technology improvements | | Break- through for FC | Stronger cost reductions & improved feedstock availability | |
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