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# EFFICIENCY: A CRITICAL TOOL FOR CLIMATE ACTION

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#### Halving carbon emissions by 2040 is within our reach if we act now to implement 4 interdependent transition strategies



SOURCE: Energy Transitions Commission (2017), Better Energy, Greater Prosperity.



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# WHY BUILDINGS?

#### **HOW IMPORTANT ARE BUILDINGS?**







## RISING ENERGY USE AND EMISSIONS FROM BUILDINGS



Composition of final building energy consumption by key contributions, 2010-2016 (GABC 2017)

## **1%/year** increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

**60%** of building stock in 2060 being built in countries with no mandatory building codes

**47%** of of buildings-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions covered by policies





Source: IEA Energy Balance Statistics, 2013 http://www.iea.org/statistics/statisticssearch/



# 50%

or more of the land area of nearly all cities are buildings

# Time Americans spend indoors

Cities are the largest physical and financial asset in cities

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#### **HOW IMPORTANT ARE BUILDINGS?**

#### Under current patterns, by 2050 carbon emissions from buildings will

Double

Source: http://report.mitigation2014.org/report/ipcc\_wg3\_ar5\_chapter9.pdf

#### **TODAY'S CHOICES ARE LOCKING US IN**

Choices about long-lived capital investments like buildings have long-lasting implications for carbon emissions and urban services





#### **HUGE OPPORTUNITIES EXIST**

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### The reduction in global building energy demand possible by 2050 if <u>existing best practices</u> are implemented at scale



#### **DECARBONISATION OF BUILDINGS SECTOR**





#### **STATUS OF BUILDING EFFICIENCY ACTIONS IN NDCS**

88 countries have now included building sector actions in their NDCs that will support the broader potential to serve an incremental US\$220B annual global market by 2020.



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#### **EXAMPLES OF BUILDINGS ACTIONS IN CLIMATE COMMITMENTS**

#### China:

- Integrate low-carbon development concept throughout the entire process of planning, construction, and management of new facilities
- NDC goal: green buildings account for 50% of all new construction by 2020

#### India:

- National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency aims to strengthen the market for energy efficiency by creating a navigable regulatory and policy regime.
- Standards and Labeling Program enables consumers to make informed appliance purchasing decisions
- Financing mechanisms like the Partial Risk Guarantee Fund for Energy Efficiency and Venture Capital Fund for Energy Efficiency helps to provide equity for efficiency projects

#### Japan:

- Promote **compliance of existing energy efficiency standards** for newly constructed buildings
- Develop a program for energy efficiency in existing buildings through retrofits
- Employ efficient equipment, lighting, water heaters; implement building energy management systems and energy efficiency diagnosis; efficiency and conservation of buildings in remodeling

#### Canada:

- Developing "net zero energy ready" building codes to be adopted by 2030 for new buildings
- Retrofitting existing buildings based on new retrofit codes
- Providing businesses and consumers with information on energy performance
- Improving energy efficiency of appliances and equipment



#### **2050 VISION FOR EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE BUILDINGS**

"To meet the Paris Agreement, all new buildings must operate at **net zero carbon** from 2030 and 100% of buildings must operate at net zero carbon by 2050."

> World Green Building Council (WorldGBC), 2017, From Thousands To Billions: Coordinated Action towards 100% Net Zero Carbon Buildings By 2050



A net zero carbon building is "a **highly energy-efficient** building with all remaining operational energy use from **renewable energy**, preferably **on-site** but also off-site production, to achieve **net zero carbon emissions annually in operation**."



#### **BUILDING EFFICIENCY AS A SOLUTION**





#### WORKER PRODUCTIVITY INCREASES FROM GREEN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Lighting





Better ventilation	Better mental function and memory from outside views			
	10-25%			

Source: The Business Case for Green Building, World Green Building Council 2013

#### **EFFICIENCY IS BIG BUSINESS AND A GOOD INVESTMENT**

SHADES OF GREEN: INVESTMENT POTENTIAL BY REGION AND SECTOR (\$ BILLION) potential for sustainable k										nable buildings		
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Latin America and Caribbean	118	44	45	11	14	232	o	21	901	1,461	26	>500<1000
South Asia	111	211	16	o	o	337	o	85		255	13	>250<500
Eastern and Central Asia	51	39	6	7	6	110	o	57	410	78	11	>100<250
Sub-Saharan Africa	27	63	4	3	27	123	o	o	153	499	8	>50<100
Middle East and North Africa	50	45	o	1	o	97	21	1	92	50	4	>25<50
Total Climate- Smart Investment Potential by Sector (\$ billion)	589	939	118	56	63	1,765	413	308	16,332	3,659	115	<25



**USD16 trillion investment** 

#### **BUILDING BLOCKS OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS**







#### **UN Sustainable Energy for All**





## Achieving Sustainable Energy for All by 2030

#### **Three Objectives:**







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