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Challenges and Opportunities of Promoting Low Carbon Energy in Asia Dolf Gielen Director Innovation and Technology

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- The Paris climate agreement 1.5C objective requires decarbonisation of energy supply and demand by 2050
- Phasing out coal power is a priority
- Renewables need to replace fossil fuel power generation
- There is now an economic case for such a transition
- Also end-use sectors need to decarbonise
- The transition in ASEAN has started and it is accelerating







The global w. avg LCOE of utility-scale PV has declined 13% YoY in 2018-2019 to USD 0.068/kWh



- Total installed costs w. avg. declined 13% from 2018 and 79% from 2010.
- ASEAN PV cost are in line with global cost
- Rapid deployment is possible: e.g. Vietnam from 1% to 25% PV generation capacity in only 3 years (20 GW)
- Enabling frameworks needed
- Power systems flexibility needed

Source: IRENA Renewable Cost Database



Six components of the energy transition strategy

90% of all decarbonisation in 2050 will involve renewable energy through direct supply of low-cost power, efficiency, electrification, bioenergy with CCS and green hydrogen.



Fossil fuels primary supply (EJ)



Fossil fuel use could decline by more than 75% by 2050, based on the rapid transition measures starting now.



Growing bioenergy, hydrogen and direct electrification in 2050

378ej Renewable share 9% **Total Final Energy Consumption** TFEC (%) 3% District heat 3% Modern biomass 0.5% 11% 16% 8% other renewables Coal Natural gas Traditional biomass 21% 37% Electricity Oil (direct) Renewable share in electricity: 25%

2018

348_{EJ} Renewable share Renewable share **Total Final** in hydrogen: in district heat: **Energy Consumption** 90% 66% 5% Coal 2% 12% District heat Natural gas Hydrogen 18% (direct use other 4% renewables Modern biomass and e-fuels)* 4% Electricity (Nuclear) 51% Electricity Electricity

Oil

4%

(Natural gas)

2050 - Where we need to be (1.5-S)

Renewable share in electricity: 90%

Power generation grows 3.5-fold. Electromobility, green hydrogen production etc.



(direct)

Total primary energy supply (EJ/yr)





EJ

Upcoming report

Role of

Sustainable Bioenergy in the Energy Transition for SE Asia



Energy transformation scenarios in SE Asia (TPES)

In SE Asia, bioenergy reaches over 40% of TPES in 2050 under TES (2°C scenario)





Energy transformation scenarios in SE Asia (TFEC)

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Thank you!