

Workshop on GHG Stabilization Scenarios Tsukuba, Japan on January 22-23, 2004

### Introduction and Objectives

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# What IPCC SRES and Post SRES have done.

## IPCC Scenario Development Long-term Development Scenarios

**GHG emission scenarios (SRES)** 

**Climate change scenarios** 

Climate Impacts scenarios Stabilization scenarios (Post-SRES)

#### **Long-term mitigation scenarios**

CO2Emissions



SO2Emissions



#### Lesson 1

Appropriate technology/policy options are different among the development paths and stabilization levels.

However, robust technology/policy options can be found across the different paths as well as stabilization levels. Appropriate Policy/Technology Options are different among the Development Paths and Stabilization levels. However, Robust Technology Options can be found across them

- Large and continuous energy efficiency improvements and afforestation are common features.
- Introduction of low-carbon energy is also common, especially biomass energy introduction over the next one hundred years as well as natural gas introduction in the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Several robust technologies have to be considered for future innovations: including gas combined-cycle technology, hydrogen fuel cells, solar photovoltaics, biomass integrated gasification power plants, high temperature fuel cells (mainly using gas) in combination with carbon removal and storage, steam reforming of energy gases into hydrogen and carbon dioxide

#### Lesson 2

The timing of reductions is dependent on future development paths and stabilization levels.

 High emission path as well as low stabilization level require early reduction.
 Most scenarios for a stabilization level of 550ppmv or lower need a 20% reduction from the global baseline by 2030.



Timing when the stabilization scenarios achieve a reduction of 20% of global energy-related  $CO_2$  baseline emissions, compared across stabilization targets as well as baselines. Slanted lines join scenarios quantified by the same model.

#### Lesson 3

Most mitigation scenarios show the necessity for developing regions to start GHG reductions before 2040 in order to reach 550ppmv or lower stabilization levels.

Otherwise, developed regions would be required to stop all the GHG emissions, and in turn, the world economy would collapse. When would per capita CO2 emissions in Annex I countries fall below per capita CO2 emissions in non-Annex I countries, assuming that all CO2 emission reductions necessary for 550 ppmv stabilization would occur in Annex I countries and that non-Annex I countries would emit CO2 without any controls?

Emission (tonC/person)

Per Capita CO2



#### Discussions of this workshop

- IPCC Post-SRES: CO<sub>2</sub> only stabilization cases by 2150
  - $\rightarrow$  multigas stabilization
    - additional gases and particles
      - (e.g. carbon black)
- What should be the stabilization levels?
  - Regional impacts across different time periods for alternate stabilization paths.
  - Cost of mitigation/adaptation for different time horizons for alternate paths to be considered.
  - Uncertainties and risks
- Downscaling of scenarios
  - Building region specific scenarios
  - Essential for better comprehension of future local/regional emission patterns
  - Important inputs for building regional/local climate models
  - inputs for regional/local impact analysis
- Fully integrated scenarios
  - Feedback/collaboration among different groups essential for achieving integrated scenarios

#### Special Remarks

- Update of IPCC scenario database
- Call for papers of the special issue of Environmental Economics and Policy Studies
  - Morita's memorial issue
    'Stabilization scenarios'
  - deadline of submission: January 2005

