

# World Energy Outlook

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# Tipping the energy world off its axis

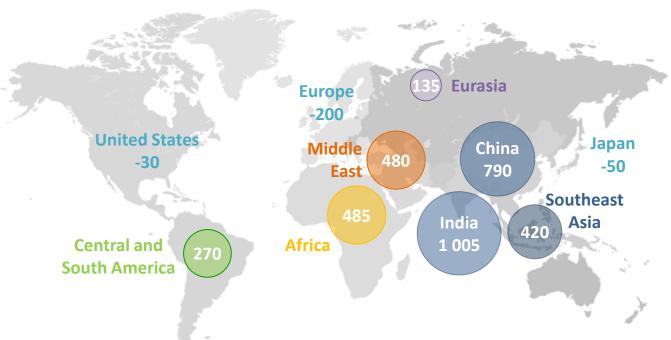


- Four large-scale upheavals in global energy set the scene for the new Outlook:
  - > The United States is turning into the undisputed global leader for oil & gas production
  - > Solar PV is on track to be the cheapest source of new electricity in many countries
  - China's new economic model & cleaner power mix is recasting its role in energy
  - > The future is electrifying, spurred by cooling, electric vehicles & digitalisation
- These shifts brighten the prospects for affordable, sustainable energy at a time when a new group of countries, led by India, is moving to centre stage
- There are many possible pathways ahead & many potential pitfalls if governments or industry misread the signs of change

#### India takes the lead, as China energy growth slows





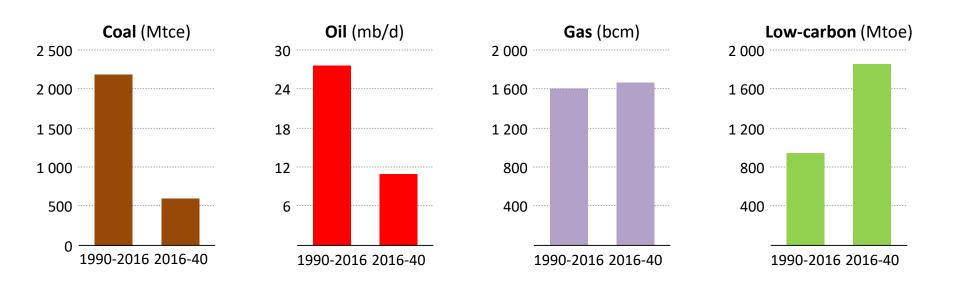


Old ways of understanding the world of energy are losing value as countries change roles: the Middle East is fast becoming a major energy consumer & the United States a major exporter

#### A world in motion...



#### Change in world energy demand by fuel

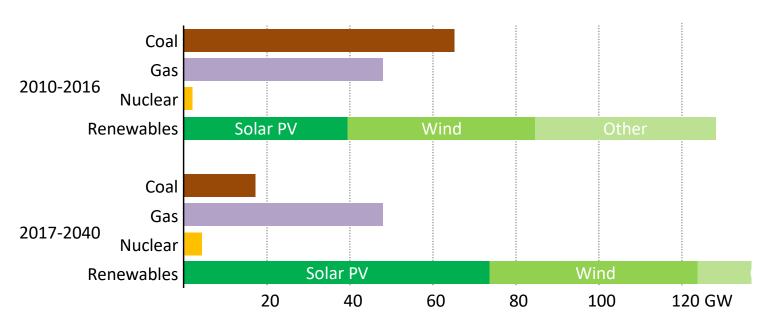


Low-carbon sources & natural gas meet 85% of the increase in worldwide demand: India plays an increasingly influential role in determining a range of global trends

### Solar PV forges ahead in the global power mix



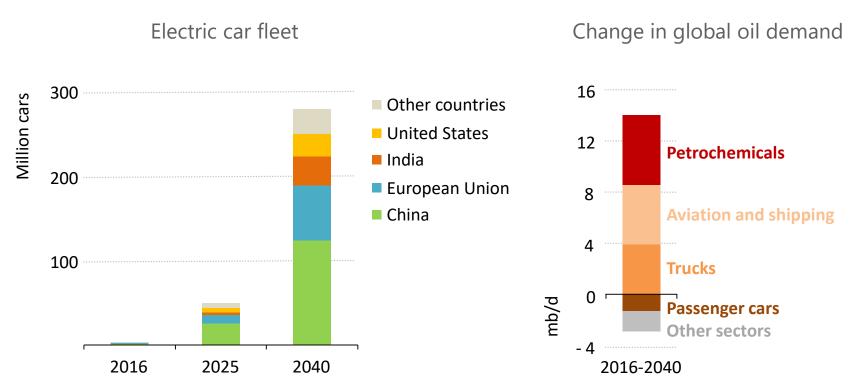




China, India & the US lead the charge for solar PV, while Europe is a frontrunner for onshore & offshore wind: rising shares of solar & wind require more flexibility to match power demand & supply

### EVs are on the way, but oil demand still keeps rising



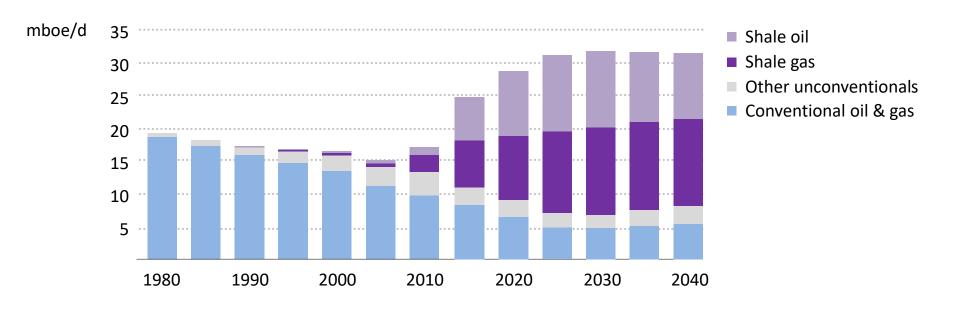


Electric cars are helping to transform energy use for passenger cars, slowing the pace of growth in global oil demand: however, trucks, aviation, shipping & petrochemicals keep oil on a rising trend

### US becomes undisputed leader of oil & gas production



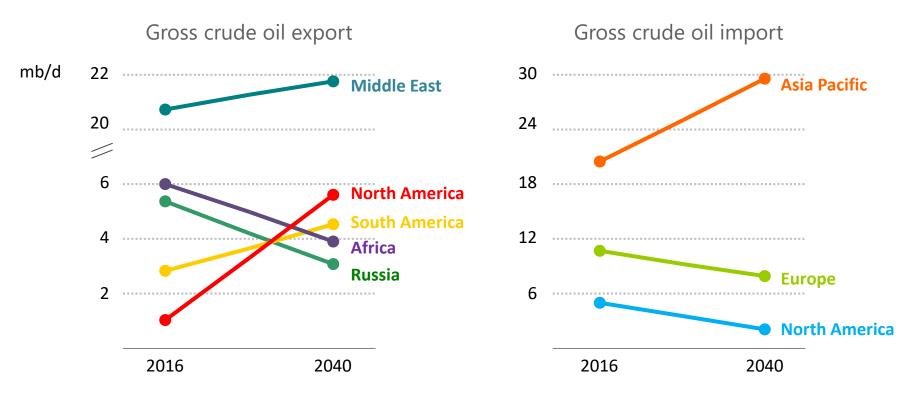
Oil and gas production in the United States



The US is already switching to become a net exporter of gas & becomes a net exporter of oil in the 2020s, helped also by the demand-side impact of fuel efficiency & fuel switching

#### Traditional patterns of oil trade undergoing a major upheaval



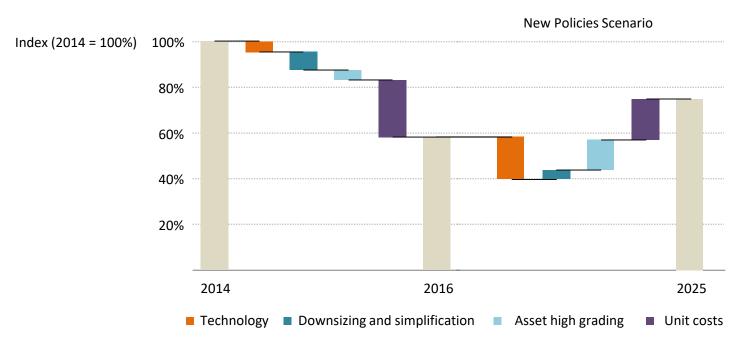


North America becomes the second-largest gross crude oil exporter by 2040, while Asia Pacific's need for crude oil imports intensifies

#### Cost reductions: structural or cyclical?



Changes in capital costs per barrel for developing conventional oil projects



Costs have fallen by just over 40% since 2014, with unit costs accounting for nearly 60% of the reduction. How this evolves in the future will vary according to scenario

## Could prices stay lower for longer?

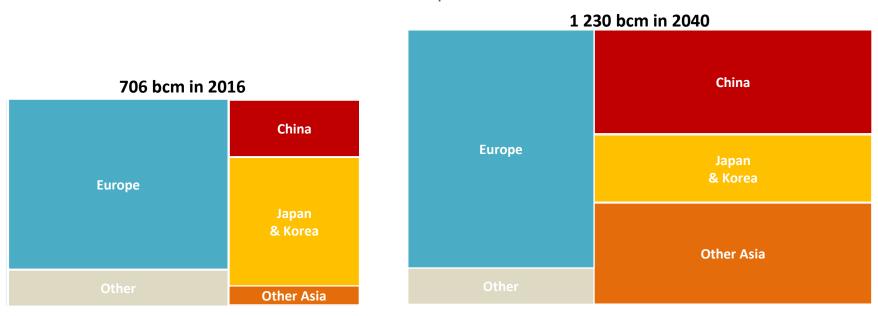


- The New Policies Scenario is characterised by steady upward pressure on the oil price (\$83/barrel by 2025), but there is uncertainty about underlying assumptions
- A case with prices between \$50–70/bbl to 2040 is based on larger US tight oil resources, faster upstream cost reductions through digitalisation & greater uptake of electric cars
- Story to mid-2020s is supply-driven with US tight oil surging into the market in the event of any upswing in prices; but demand grows more quickly as a result
- Thereafter, the growth in electric cars makes a significant dent in the trajectory for oil demand, even though these declines are partially offset by rises elsewhere
- These supply and demand revolutions cannot be excluded, but the lower prices they engender make each revolution more difficult.

### LNG ushers in a new global gas order





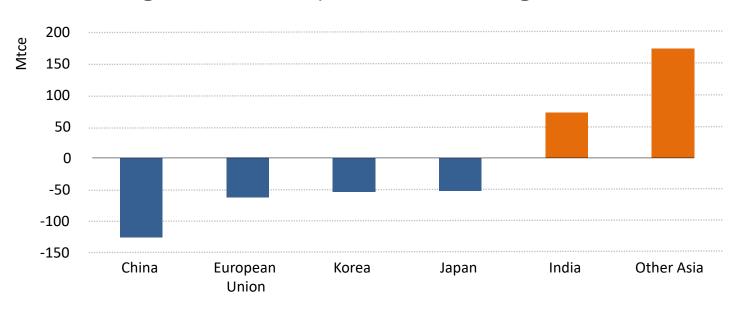


Asia's growing gas import requirements are largely met by LNG, with exports from the US accelerating a shift towards a more flexible, liquid global market

#### Coal trade: an Asian seesaw



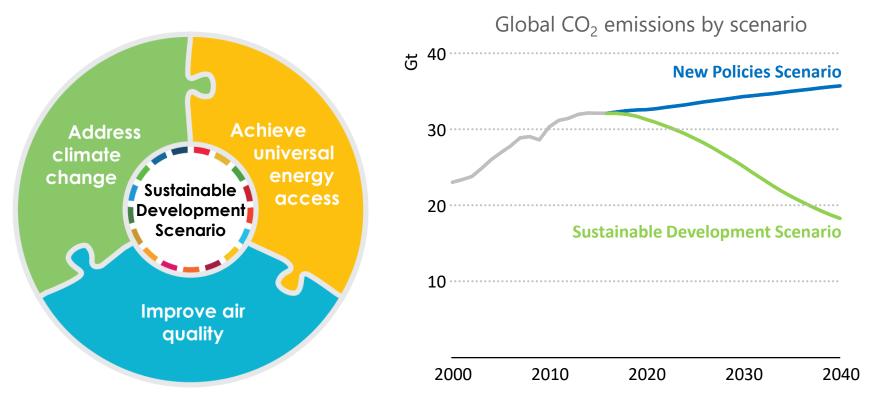
#### Change in net coal imports in selected regions, 2016-2040



While LNG trade expands & diversifies, the range of international buyers for coal is narrowing & the falling cost of solar could squeeze coal trade even more

#### A new strategy for energy & sustainable development



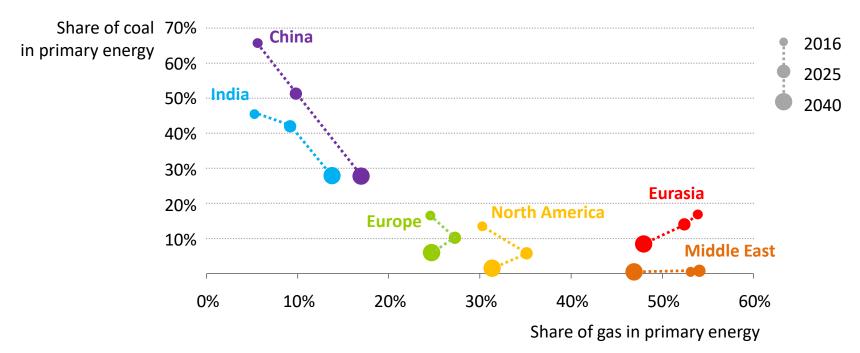


The Sustainable Development Scenario reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, while also tackling air pollution and achieving universal energy access

# A complex picture for gas, a clear downward path for coal



Share of coal & gas in energy demand in selected regions in the Sustainable Development Scenario



The share of coal in total primary energy demand falls across all regions in the Sustainable Development Scenario, but opportunities for gas vary by country, by sector and over time



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