

# Addressing global energy and climate change challenges

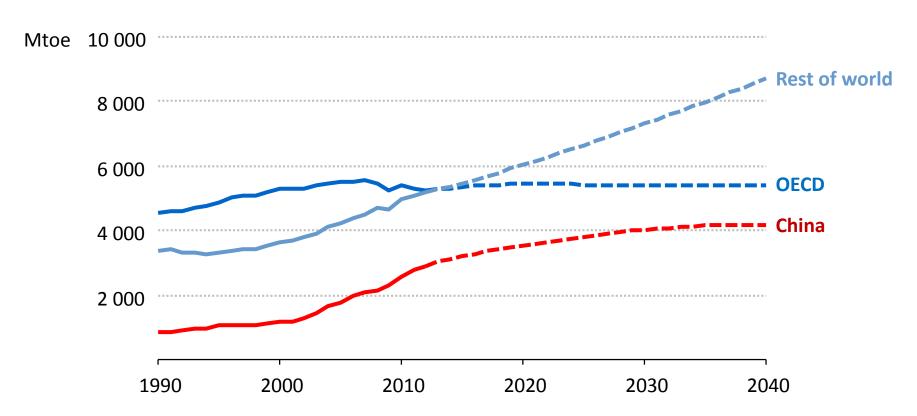
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## Signs of stress in the energy system

- Today's market conditions a welcome boost to consumers, but should not disguise difficult road ahead
  - Cutbacks & cost-efficiency the new watchwords for the upstream
  - > Turmoil in the Middle East raises doubts over future oil balance
- Mixed signals in run-up to crucial climate summit in Paris in 2015
  - > Flattening in global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions a turning point, or a pause?
  - > Increased emphasis on energy efficiency starting to bring results
- Will change in global energy be led by policies, or driven by events?

### Changing dynamics of global demand

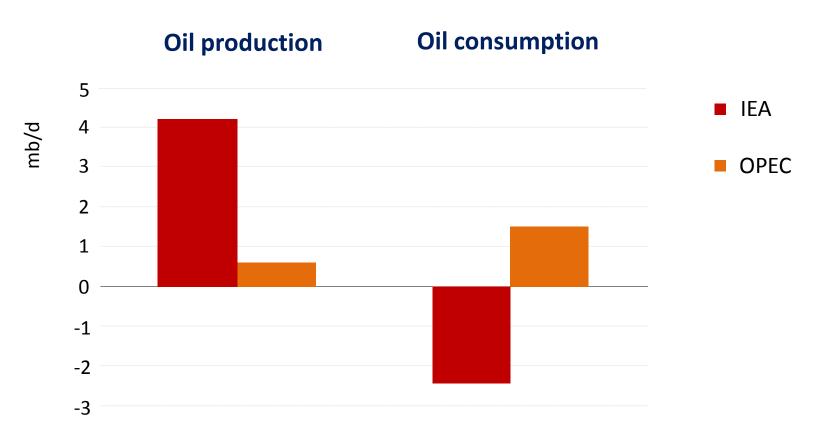




As China slows, then India, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and parts of Africa & Latin America take over as the engines of global energy demand growth.

### Who is driving change in oil markets?

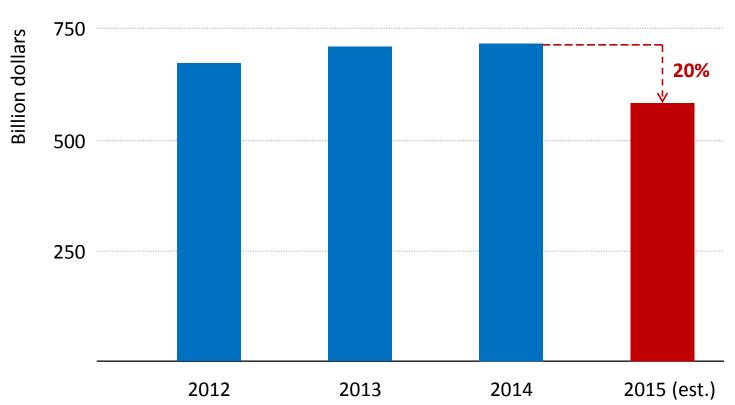
#### Net oil production and consumption changes, 2008-2014



OPEC remains central to the global oil outlook, but over the past 6 years it is the IEA that has freed up more than 6 mb/d to fuel rising consumption in other markets

### The price is hitting upstream spending

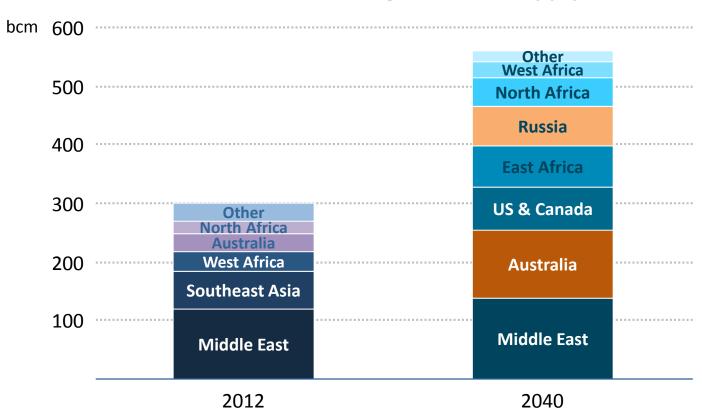




Announced capex cuts for 2015 are highest (at up to 40%) in North America & Brazil; for tight oil, a decision to stop drilling feeds through more quickly to production levels

### Gas on the way to become first fuel, with role of LNG on the rise

#### Main sources of regional LNG supply

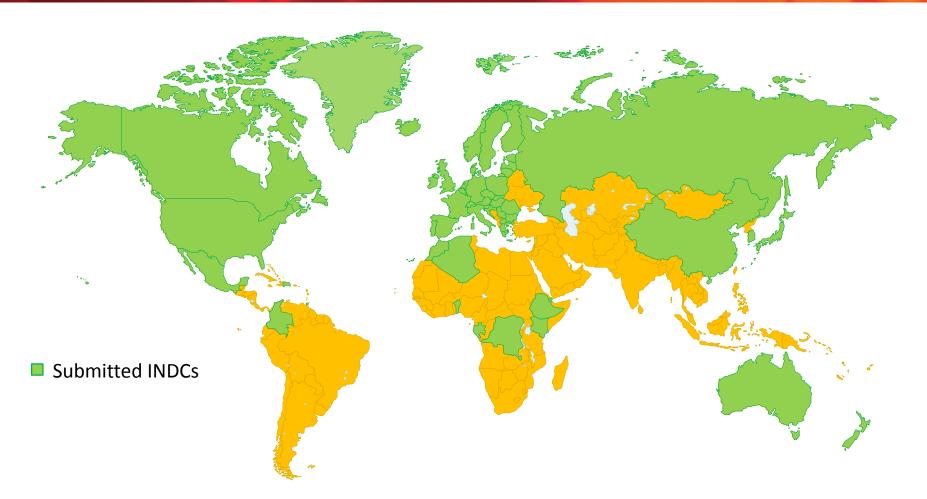


Share of LNG rises in global gas trade, pushed by a near-tripling in liquefaction sites: LNG brings more integrated & secure gas markets, but only limited relief on prices

### **Energy & climate change today**

- A major milestone in efforts to combat climate change is fast approaching – COP21 in Paris in December 2015
- Momentum is building:
  - Historic US-China joint announcement; EU 2030 targets agreed
  - Developed & developing countries are putting forward new pledges
  - Many energy companies & investors are starting to engage
- Energy production & use accounts for two-thirds of global greenhouse-gas emissions
- Energy sector must cut emissions, while powering economic growth, boosting energy security & increasing energy access

# National pledges build towards a global agreement



Submitted INDCs cover 70% of energy-related GHG emissions, with implications for future energy & emissions trends

#### **Conclusions**

- Geopolitical & market uncertainties are set to propel energy security high up the global energy agenda
- The rise in LNG notably from the US is set to have a positive impact on international gas market efficiency & security
- For COP21, the IEA proposes four key energy sector outcomes:
  - Target a near-term <u>peak in emissions</u>
  - 2. Five-year revision, to test the scope for raising ambition
  - 3. Lock in the vision by setting a long-term emissions goal
  - **4. Track the transition** in the energy sector
- Key priority as the new IEA Executive Director is to modernise the Agency