# ICT as a winner in the low carbon economy

- enabling energy services for 9 billion people

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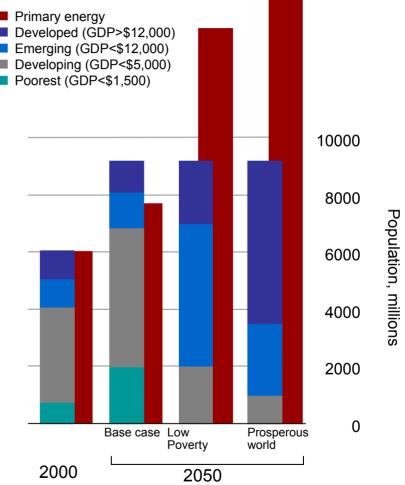


# Primary energy and climate challenge

Population expected to rise to 9 billion by 2050, mainly in poorest and developing countries.

Shifting the development profile to a "low poverty" world means energy needs double by 2050

Shifting the development profile further to a "developed" world means energy needs triple by 2050











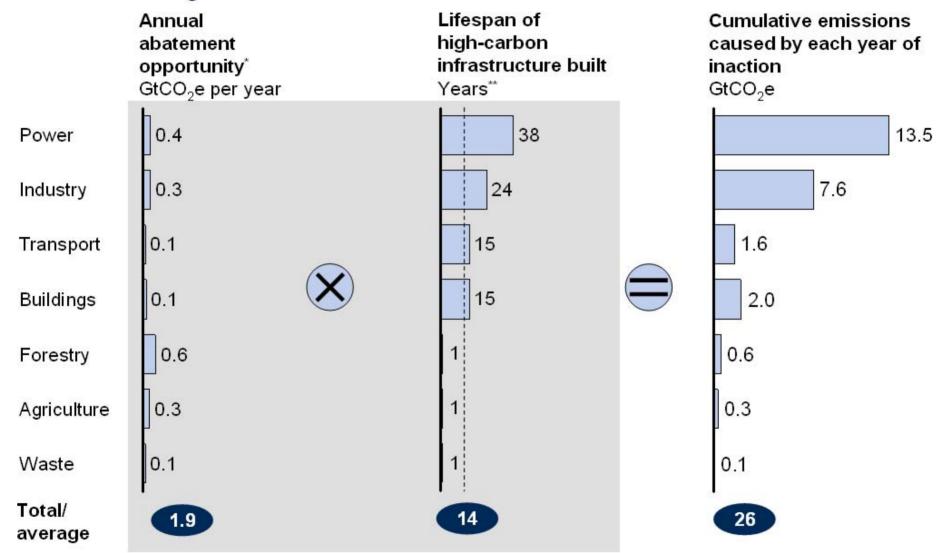






Source: WBCSD adaptation of IEA 2003

### Lock-in into high-carbon infrastructure

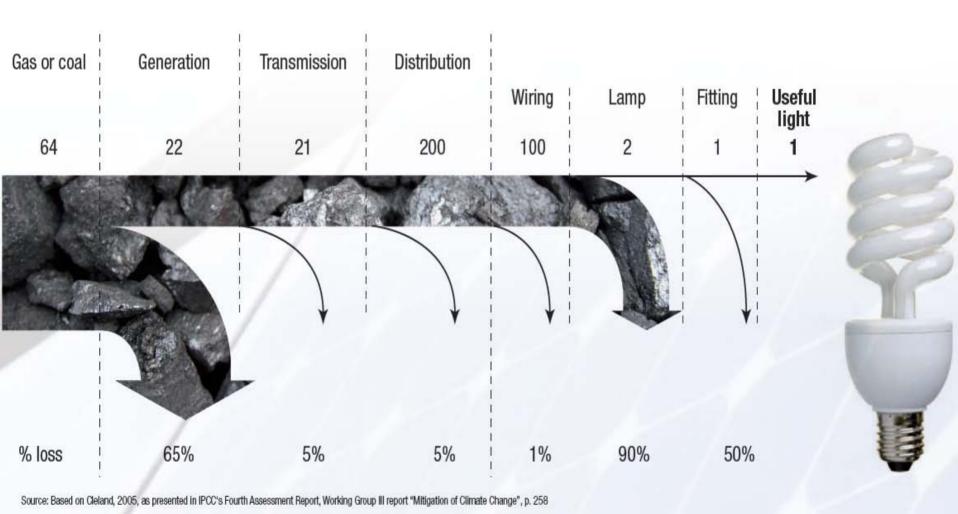


<sup>\*</sup> Annual between 2010-15; calculated as emission difference between BAU and emissions after abatement.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Weighted average of lifespan of carbon-intensive assets or infrastructures in each sector.



# Unmodern energy service a la 2009 One service – two approaches Approach 1: More power





# Modern energy service a la 2009 One service – two approaches Approach 2: More brain





# ICT enabling an attractive low carbon economy





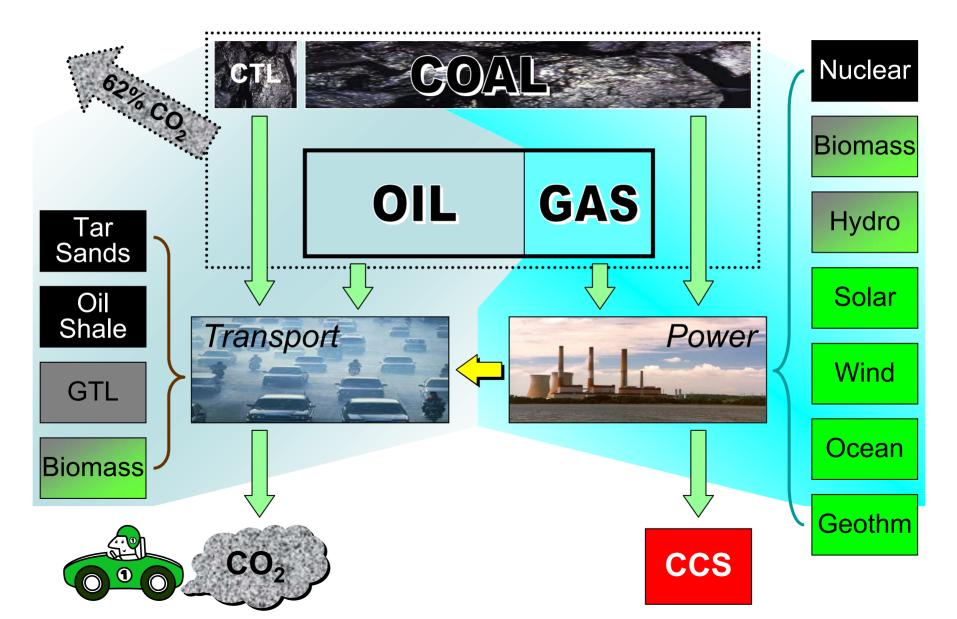


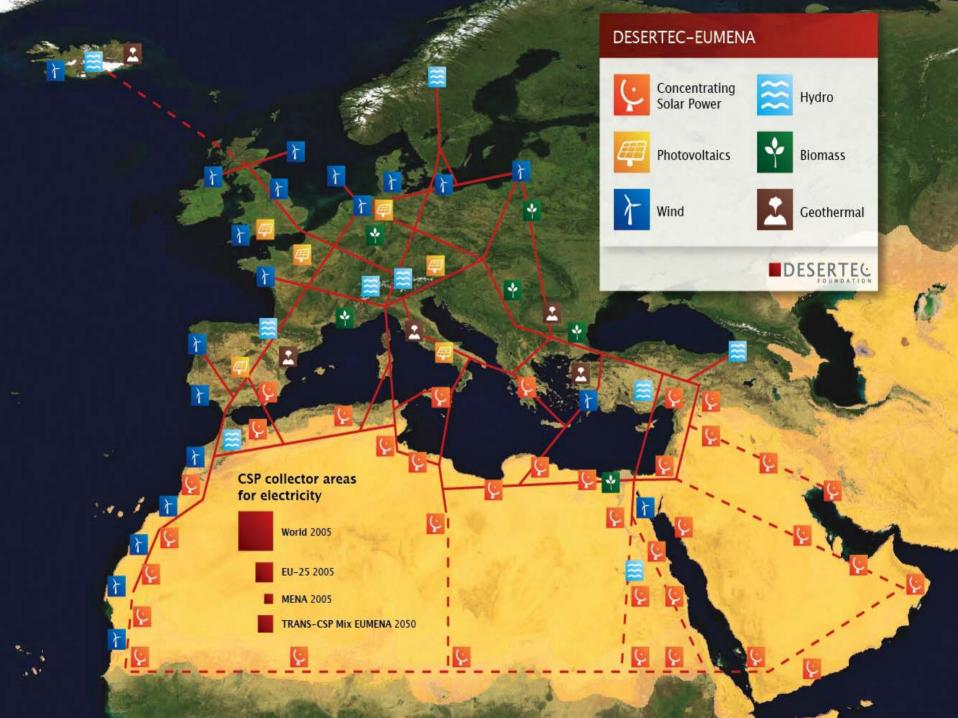






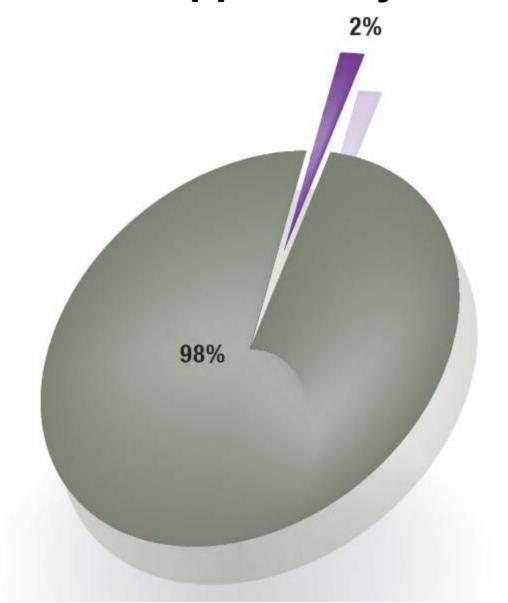
## **Ending the age of stupid**







# The 98% opportunity for ICT





## 16 Telecom winners and 6 IT services

#### Flexi-work

If 10% (19.3024 million) of EU-25 countries' employees became flexi-workers, then 22.17 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> can be saved per year.

#### Audio-conference

If 50% (96.512 million) of EU-25 countries' employees replaced one meeting with one audio-conference call per year, then 2.128 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> can be saved per year.

## Business travel replacement (video-conference)

If 20% of business travel in EU-25 Countries is replaced by a non-travel solution (e.g. video-conference), around 22.35 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> can be saved per year.

Source: Saving the Climate @ the speed of light, WWF and ETNO

#### Online phone-bills

If all households, with Internet access, in EU-15 countries, and all mobile customers in EU-25 countries would get an online phone-bill, then 491.57 thousand tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> can be saved per year.

#### Virtual answering machine

If 20% of households in EU-15 countries (31 million) use virtual answering machines instead of physical answering machines, then 1.03 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> can be saved per year.

#### Web-based tax return

If all employees in EU-25 countries (193 million) deliver their tax return via the Internet, then 195.78 thousand tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> can be saved per year.

Together this would mean saving approximately 50 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year.









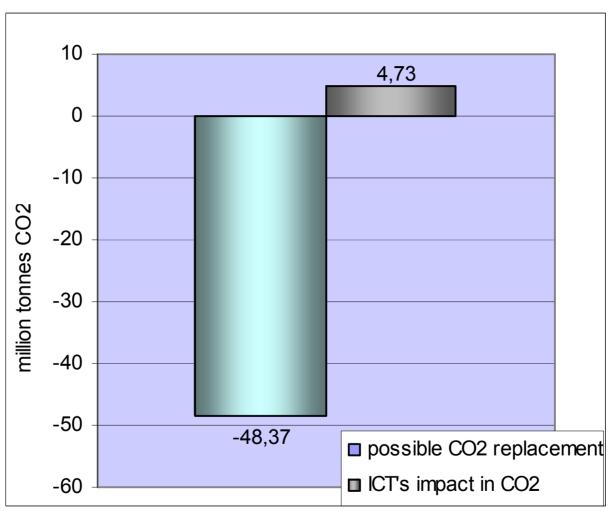








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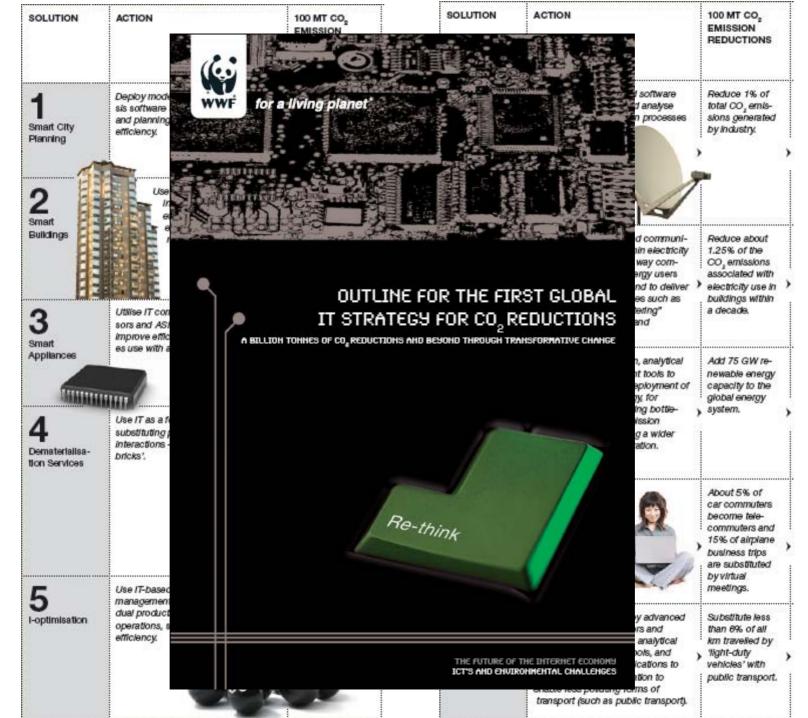














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#### **Technology Objectives in Shared Vision - will require more ICT**

- a) RD&D double by 2012 four times by 2020
- b) at least two thirds of world's primary energy demand from renewable energy by 2050, and 20% by 2020;
- c) Improving energy intensity of the global economy by 2.5 % per year until 2050;
- d) Securing access to modern energy services for all people by 2025, avoid high-carbon lock-in
- e) adaptation technologies, e.g. targets for establishing a world-wide early warning system and development support for poor countries to get access to drought resistant crops.



## **ICT** in negotiation text

#### In Shared Vision

Suggestions for New Text by and in Copenhagen. In Shared Vision para 22 in present Non-paper No 43 that is currently reading

"In order to enable the fulfilment of the long-term global goal of on emissions reductions, Parties agree on"

#### add

"the unique opportunity that the use of modern ICT solutions play as an enabler for reaching many of the technology objectives through: smart grid that is needed for the high levels of renewable energy needed; energy efficiency in buildings, industry and transport; providing joint access to information and energy for the poor and; in building adaptive capacity for ex through establishment of a worldwide early warning system for natural catastrophies."



## ICT in negotiation text

#### In Technology Section

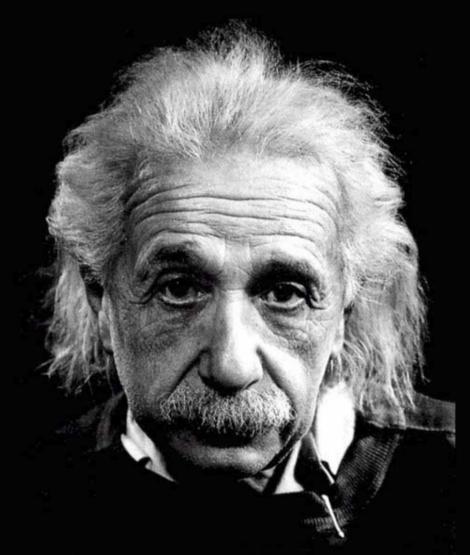
Non-paper 47 from the contact group on enhanced action on development and transfer of technology that came out of Barcelona the following addition is suggested under paragraph 2 that fits as a bullet point under all existing 5 options in text:

It is of crucial importance to "avoid the lock-in effects of technologies that are not environmentally sound" (option 1, para 4, bullet a)

#### add

and enable a new low carbon development path in which modern, global ICT infrastructures can be used to un-lock barriers for an efficient, low carbon, climate resilient and decentralised energy economy.





'It takes a new way of thinking to solve the problems that we created by the old way of thinking'



# Materials at:

# www.panda.org/ICT

# Thank you