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Technology Options and Trends in Decarbonizing Industries, drawing on national and regional experience

Enabling mitigation ambition and implementation in industries, drawing on national and regional experience

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Industrial sector is a major contributor to energy demand and emissions today

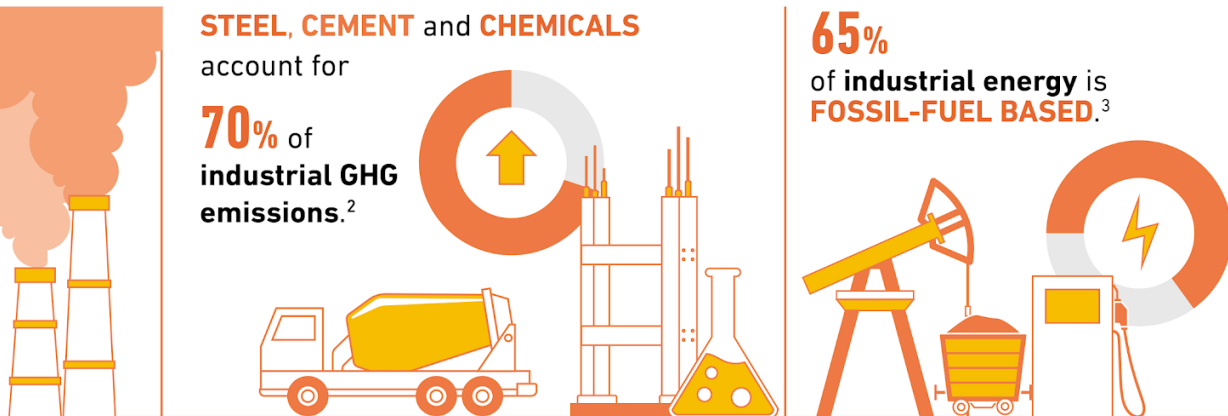
37% of global final energy consumption
22% of global energy-related CO₂ emissions
nearly 31% (15.9 Gt CO₂e) when factoring in indirect emissions from electricity use
Industrial emissions **have nearly doubled since 1990**
Fossil fuel combustion – 56.5% emissions, while **Process emissions** - 43.5%

Industrial emissions are rising fast, particularly for heavy industries

Since 2020, **INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS** have grown faster than in any other sector and **continue to rise every year.**¹

STEEL, CEMENT and **CHEMICALS** account for **70%** of industrial GHG emissions.²

65% of industrial energy is **FOSSIL-FUEL BASED.**³



Countries are beginning to give significant attention to industrial decarbonization within climate strategies

FIGURE 1: NDC INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

Data as of October 30th, 2025

Mention industry as a mitigation area in the NDC



Include quantitative industry measures



Mention hard-to-abate industries (e.g., steel, cement, petro-chemicals)

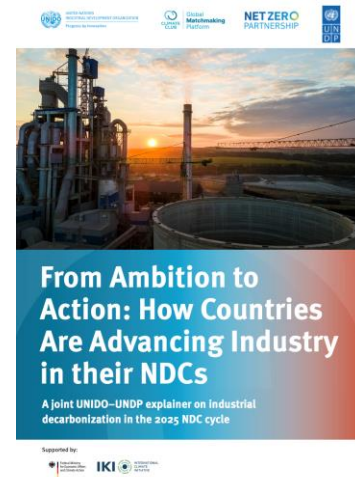


Include quantitative measures for hard-to-abate industries



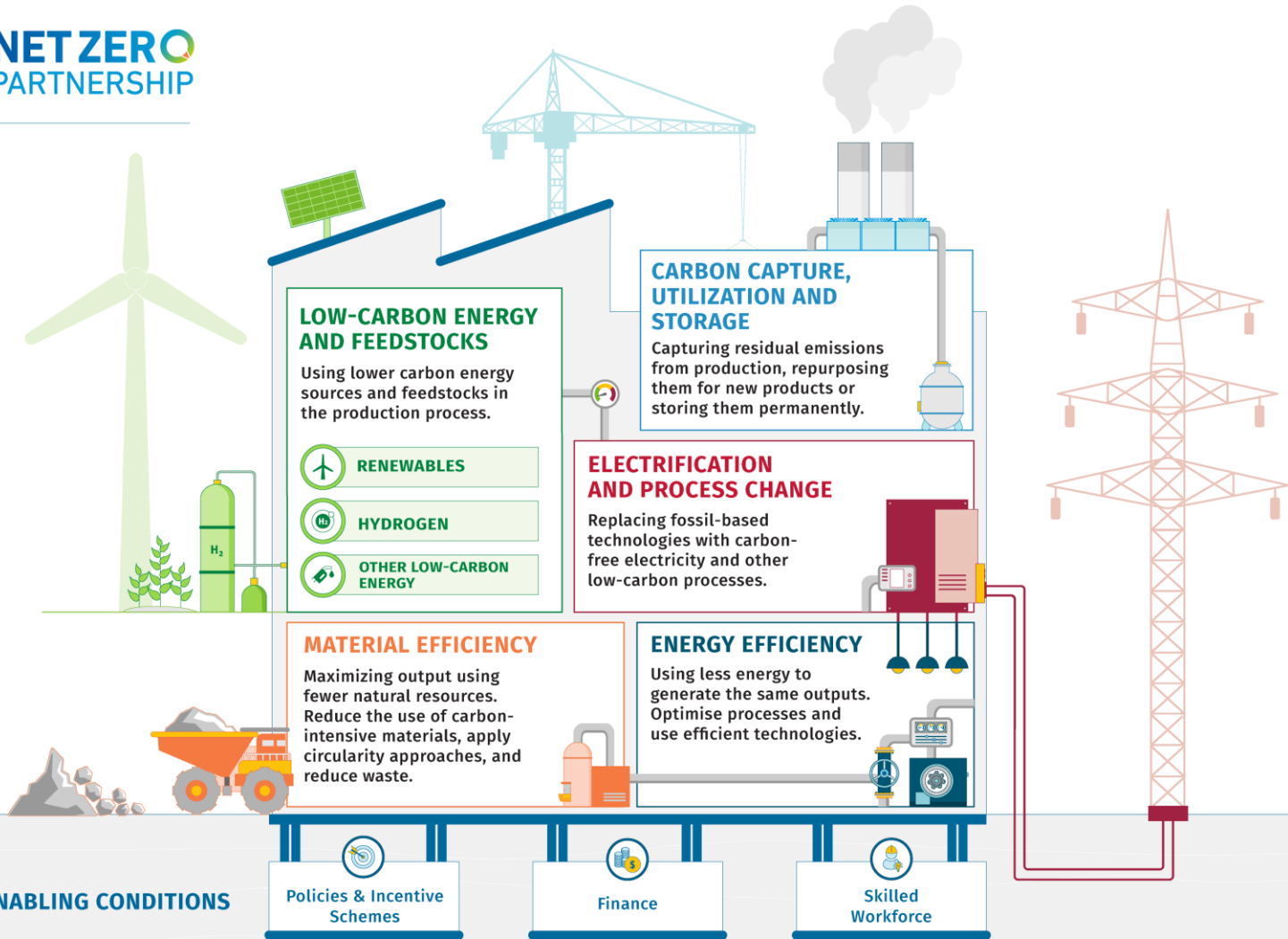
■ YES ■ NO

Source: UNDP analysis as of October 30th 2025



INDUSTRIAL DECARBONIZATION: 5 BUILDING BLOCKS

These five building blocks represent essential levers for industry to achieve net-zero. They should be pursued in ways that reflect each country's industrial landscape, workforce capacity and policy context, while also leveraging opportunities for optimisation through digitalisation and AI.



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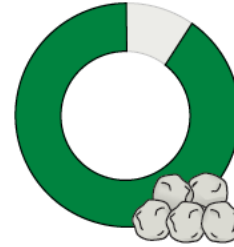
on the basis of a decision by the German Bundestag



SCALABLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL DECARBONIZATION

Material efficiency:

LC3 – low carbon cement: reducing 95% clinker in OPC → 35% clinker in LC3 resulting in 40 – 50% CO₂ emission reduction, with reduced OPEX. Applicable globally, with greatest relevance for Africa. Potential to scale up cement production while reducing emissions.



Up to **90%**
of Ordinary Portland
Cement (OPC) emissions
come from clinker

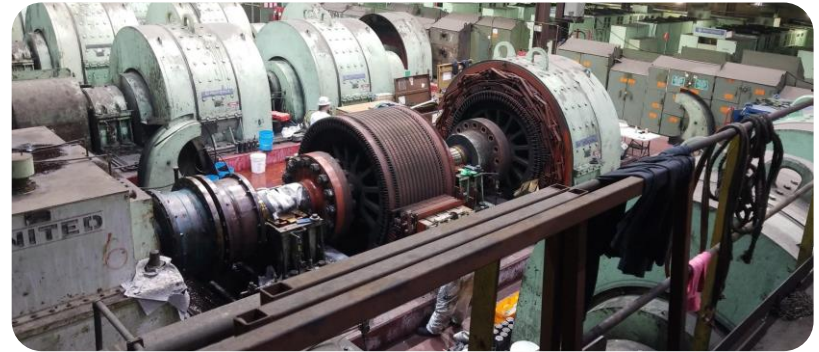
LC3 emits **40%** less CO₂ than OPC



Industrial Energy Efficiency:

Motor-driven systems efficiency: Electric motor systems account for about 60% of global industrial electricity consumption. Motor-system optimization can reduce an individual plant's energy consumption by up to 30%.

Efficient motor systems are applicable, with greatest potential in EMDEs. Easily scalable and low-cost solution, reducing OPEX.





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Renewables coupled and hydrogen (green H₂) used as heat source and feedstock in industry (steel, chemicals, cement) can significantly reduce GHG emissions (e.g. H-DRI process). The solution is capital intensive and is suitable for regions with abundant water and renewable energy resources. Feasibility highly dependent on H₂ production cost.



Electrification - mature technologies available for low to medium heat (electric boilers, industrial heat pumps). Applicable globally in wide range of industries. For high-temperature processes technologies are in development/demonstration stage.



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Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage for residual emissions. Requires significant investment on site and external infrastructure and significantly impacts OPEX. Innovations like the new Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) offering improved selectivity and energy efficiency can improve CCUS feasibility. Applicable in regions with high concentration of cement industry.



Thank you!

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