Making the Case for Integrated Climate and SDGs Action

Illustrating the Potential of SDGs and Climate Co-Benefits

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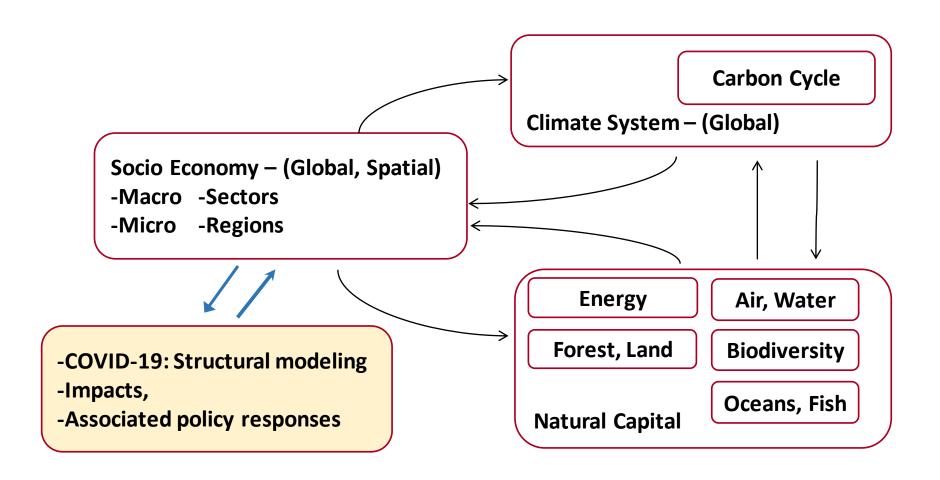
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Core Ideas regarding Climate, SDG action

- Core hypothesis: Low carbon, environmentally sustainable policies are capable to deliver <u>better</u>¹, <u>more robust</u>², <u>inclusive</u>³ social and economic outcomes <u>at all times</u>⁴, while delivering on global, common goals;
- Empirically supported: (NCE various products, including 2018 Report; National level work)
- Co-dependence of climate and SDG action: Can't successfully achieve one without the other
- 1: Better → Higher value addition, income generation, employment
- 2: More robust → Developing resilience to shocks
- 3: Inclusive → Larger fraction of population benefitting from growth process, especially the poor and most vulnerable
- 4: At all times → No trade-offs, on the aggregate

Conceptual Framework



Sources of Co-Benefits

Value addition, Income, driven by:

Higher efficiency in the use of resources; technological progress associated to low carbon technologies;

Higher, better quality, better paid employment:

Associated to low carbon technologies and more, better quality environmental goods and services

Augmented gross national savings:

Which can pay for (at least a fraction of) required Investments; Operation and Maintenance costs

Value of externalities:

Including a reduction in the Social Cost of Carbon, all feeding back in the socio economy through human capital and productivity

Opening up opportunities for vulnerable populations / cohorts Dependent upon availability / quality of primary resources

Increased resilience to shocks

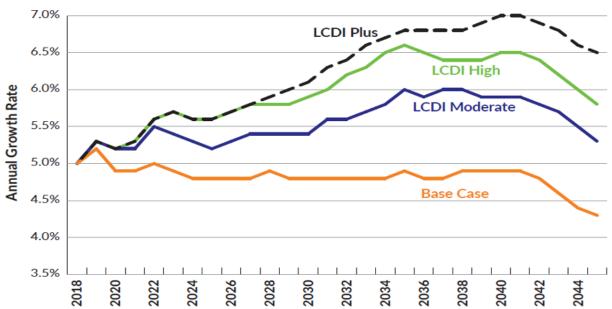
Also affecting disadvantaged groups disproportionately

Technical Work In Country: Focus Areas

Country : ↓	Macro	Spatial	Micro	Covid-19
Advanced				
Ethiopia	X	X	X	Х
Indonesia (LCDI)	X	X		Х
China (WRI-China)	X (Provincial)	X		
St Lucia	X		X	X
Colombia	X	X		X
Brazil (NEB, WRI Brasil)	X			Х
Early stages				
Viet Nam	X (Provincial)	X		X
India	X		X	х
Focus : →	Providing an adequate representation of the climate – environment – socio economic nexus for appraisal of cobenefits from climate, green policies	Understanding opportunities and constraints from availability of environmental goods and services	Understanding welfare, distributional implications, including equity across cohorts, job transitions and job quality from green policy	Modeling impacts of COVID-19 and associated policy responses

Example: Low Carbon Development Initiative in Indonesia

GDP Growth Trajectories for Scenarios Modeled for This Report (2018–2045)

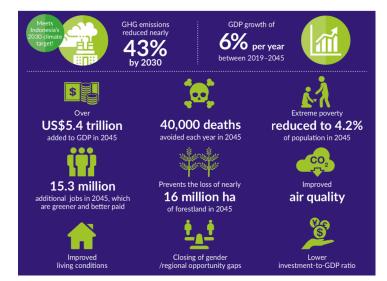


LCDI Plus: Reflects LCDI High for 2020–24 and additional, more ambitious policy measures thereafter

LCDI High: Includes more ambitious policy measures than LCDI Moderate for 2020–45; achieves the conditional NDC target

LCDI Moderate: Includes new low carbon policy measures for 2020–45; achieves the unconditional NDC target

Base Case: no new policies but reflects environmental degradation



Final Remarks

- Climate + SDGs: Do not settle for a model. Seek for a framework that can adequately capture climate, environment, social economic dynamics
- ➤ Key word: "Participatory". Built with strong support and close consultations with local stakeholders
- >Embeddedness: Strive to feed into policy processes
- >Strong emphasis on capacity building
- > Research plus communication and engagement (NCE Model)