

DDP Workshop: Short term priorities and Critical international enablers towards Net Zero

Lessons learnt from large emerging economies and Latin America on national long-term decarbonization assessments and strategies

The Deep Decarbonization Pathways (DDP) Initiative is a collaboration of leading research teams currently covering 36 countries led by IDDRI. Its aim is to harness foresight and dialogue capacity based on scientific assessments to support short-term strategic policy action that puts economies and societies on track to reach a carbon-neutral world by the second half of the century. It was created in the lead-up to COP21 to support the idea that Long-Term Strategies (LTS) can be a core instrument to support the adoption of ambitious targets and actions on climate change, as finally acknowledged in Article 4.19 of the Paris Climate Agreement. Since then, the DDP Initiative has sought to support the translation of this principle in the real world through capacity-building and mobilising around LTS in several countries, namely through the elaboration and analysis with stakeholders of country-driven long-term scenarios to derive policy recommendations for an action agenda.

Over the last three years, thanks to the financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Environment (BMU) International Climate Initiative (IKI), the DDP Initiative has been developing model-based decarbonization pathways and stimulating public debate on underlying transformations and short-term policy priorities in Brazil, India, Indonesia and South Africa. More recently, thanks to the continuous support of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), LTS development in Latin America and The Caribbean (LAC) countries has been investigated in detail to further learn about effectiveness of this instrument in both policy planning and governance.

The work and experience accumulated in these projects are extremely important to investigate the effectiveness of LTS development as a tool to inform priority short-term actions in countries committed to meeting the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and national development priorities. The DDP community hypothesis is that developing these strategies allows actors to be engaged in a comprehensive dialogue about the required transformations and their implications, directly increasing the mitigation capacity at national level. If they are connected to international processes—such as global stocktakes and revision cycles—and assessments of international enablers, they can also boost international mitigation capacity.

The purpose of this event is to take stock of the DDP Initiative Phase 2 (2015-2021) main outcomes and lessons learned. It will showcase the results of the latest research and policy analysis in emerging economies and the reflection on how the approach to this work has evolved over the years. Panellists will contribute to the appraisal of the relevance and effectiveness of different approaches based on their own experience as promoters and users of LTS. Researchers, practitioners, think tanks and policymakers are invited to join the DDP community to learn, discuss and help create the next steps forward for LTS development.

Date: 6 and 7th October

Time: 2-4:30pm, Paris time (GMT+2)

Structure of the event:

6th October

- 2:00 – 2:10
(10min) Welcome by Michel Colombier, IDDRI
- 2:10 – 2:40
(30min) DDP initiative six years after: lessons and impact on LTS development: why it has been important and how much it can contribute the future discussions on climate change
- Introduction by Henri Waisman, IDDRI (10min)
- Panel inputs: (5min each)
- Wei-Jen Leow, Senior Financial Specialist, World Bank Climate Change Group, World Bank
 - Aniket Shah, Global Head of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainable Finance Research, Jefferies
 - Luisa Rölke, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)
- 2:40 – 3:00
(20min) Lessons for deep decarbonization in India, by Amit Garg (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)
- 3:00 – 3:20
(20min) Discussion with Subhash Dhar (Senior Economist, UNEP DTU) and Charlene Watson (ODI)
- 3:20 – 3:40
(20min) Lessons for deep decarbonization in Brazil, by Emilio La Rovere (CentroClima/COPPE Brazil, UFRJ)
- 3:40 – 4:00
(20min) Discussion with Philipp D. Hauser (Agora Energiewende)
- 4:00 – 4:25
(30min) Discussion: From pathways to action at scale
Sebastián Treyer, Executive Director, IDDRI
Discussion (all): How does the DDP approach particularly help in the identification of short-term priorities and enablers that may help ramp up pathways towards net zero and development objectives?
- 4:25 – 4:30
(5min) Closing by IDDRI

7th October

- 2:00 – 2:10 (10min)** Welcome by Henri Waisman, IDDRI
- 2:10 – 2:30 (20min)** Lessons for deep decarbonization in Indonesia, by Uco Siagian (Center for Research on Energy Policy of The Institut Teknologi Bandung - CREP-ITB) & Rizaldi Boer (Bogor Agricultural University - CCROM – IPB)
- 2:30 – 2:50 (20min)** Discussion with Purwadi Soeprihanto, S.Hut. M.E. (Indonesian Forest Entrepreneurs Association) and Joko Tri Haryanto (Ministry of Finance)
- 2:50 – 3:10 (20min)** Lessons for deep decarbonization in South Africa, by Hilton Trollip (Honorary Associate at University of Cape Town) & Bryce McCall (Energy Systems Research Group, University of Cape Town)
- 3:10 – 3:30 (20min)** Discussion with Ariane Labat (EU Delegation to the Republic of South Africa at European Commission) & Emily Tyler (Meridian Economics)
- 3:30 – 4:20 (50min)** Lessons learned for LTS development and the way forward:
Moderator: Richard Baron (2050 Pathways Platform)
- Presentation (15min): What is a good LTS, and perspectives from actors engaged in LTS development in LAC (Paulina Calfuco & Marta Torres Gunfaus, IDDRI)
- Responding Panel (35min):
The future of LTS development, what is needed to deliver short-term priority action? What is missing, and what are the main difficulties to deliver?
- Multilateral Development Agencies: Agence Française de Développement, with Serge Perrin & Inter-American Development Bank with Adrien Vogt-Schilb (TBC)
 - Country perspectives: Vaibhav Chaturvedi (CEEW) & Christophe de Gouvello (WB)
- 4:20 – 4:30 (10min)** Closing by IDDRI

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