Green Economies: The Global Context



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What is a Green Economy?

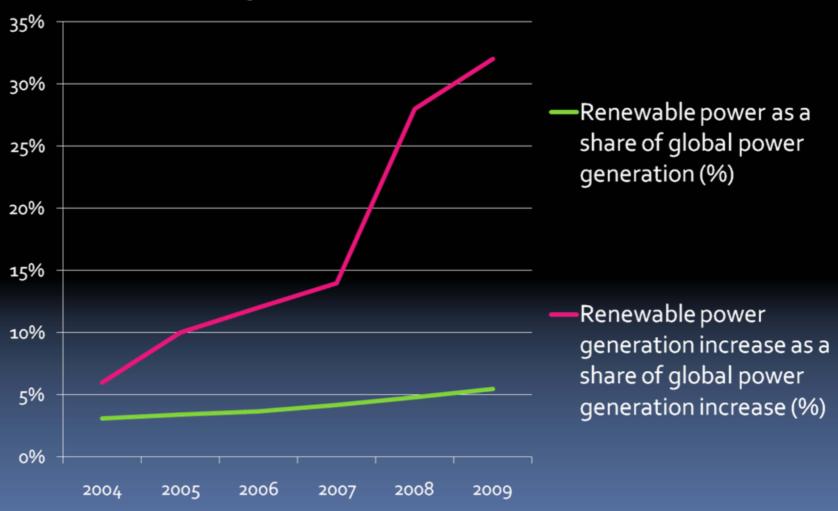
- No established definition
- Often covers
 - clean energy
 - clean transportation
 - reduced waste and pollution
 - conservation of natural resources
- Some definitions add a social dimension

Four Points for Today

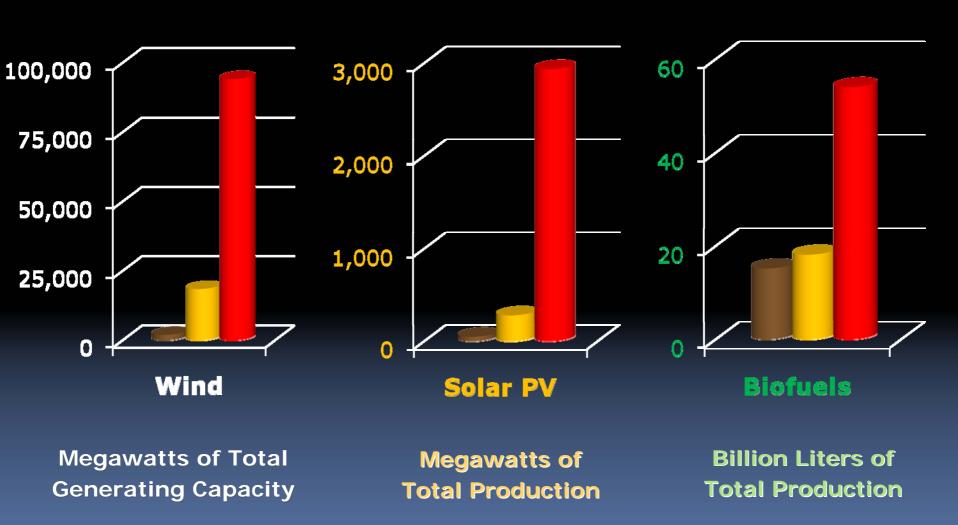
- Green Tech = Green Jobs
- Innovations in Resource Management
- Governments Stepping Up
- Toward the Future

Green Tech = Green Jobs

Renewable power generation as a share of global power, 2004-2009

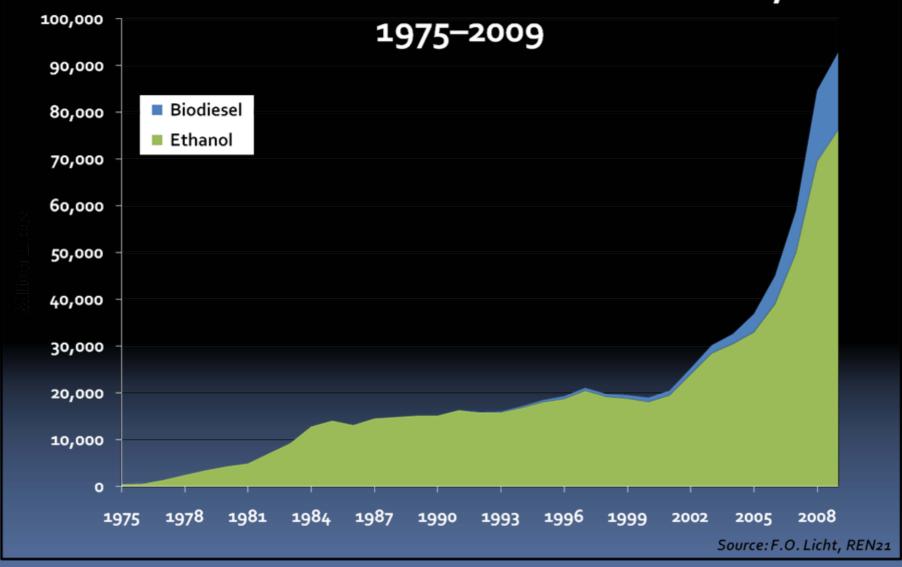


Global Growth of Renewables: 1990, 2000, 2007

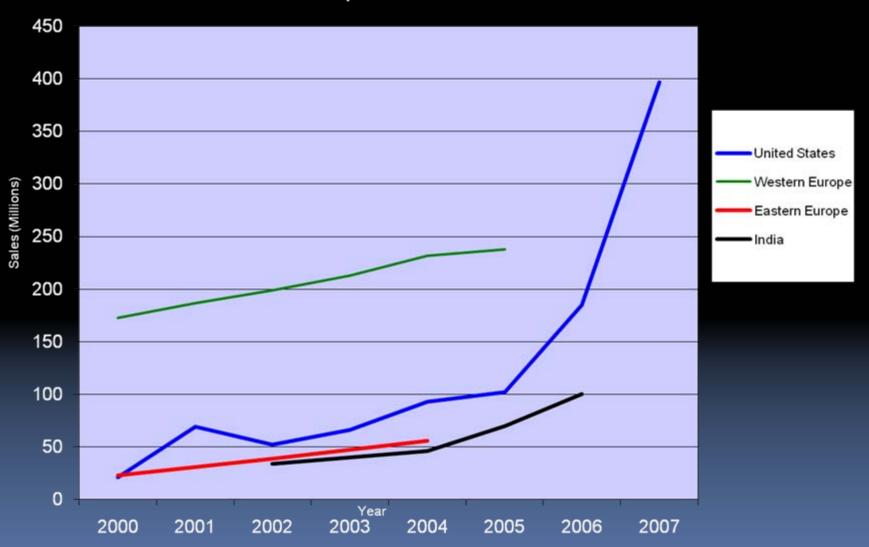


Source: Vital Signs Online, Worldwatch Institute

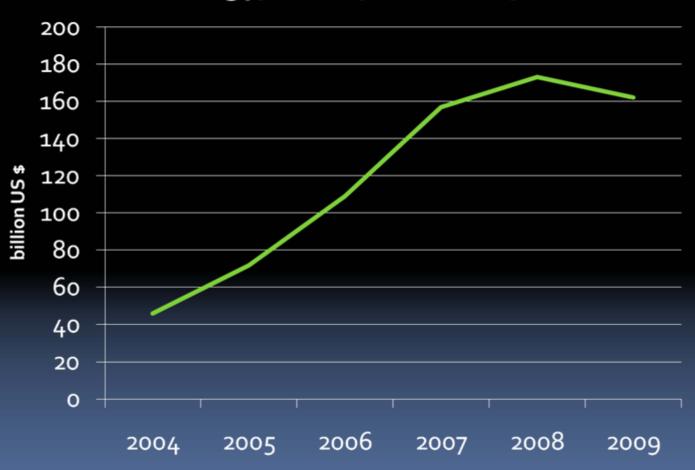
World Ethanol and Biodiesel Production,



CFL Sales, Selected Countries



New investment in sustainable energy, World, 2004-2009



Green Jobs Transformations - A Typology

Job Creation	Jobs gained in renewable energy; energy performance services; fuel efficient cars; public transportation
Job Elimination	Jobs lost in mining, logging, oil extraction, etc. Net employment effects?
Substitution	 Shifting from fossil fuels to renewables, from automobiles to mass transit, from waste disposal to recycling, from primary metals to scrap production, etc.
Transformation	Existing jobs are greened as: • workplace practices and methods change
Supply Chains	Traditional industries become suppliers for green industries (steel for wind turbines)

Green Jobs? A Schematic Overview

Green, but not decent

Examples:

- Electronics recycling lacking occupational safety
- Low-wage installers of solar panels
- Exploited biofuels plantation laborers

Green and decent

Examples:

- Unionized wind and solar power jobs
- Green architects
- Well-paid public transit workers

Neither green nor decent

Examples:

- Coal mining with inadequate safety
- Workers in cut flower industry
- Hog slaughterhouse workers

Decent, but not green

Examples:

- Unionized car manufacturing workers
- Chemical engineers
- Airline pilots

Decent Jobs

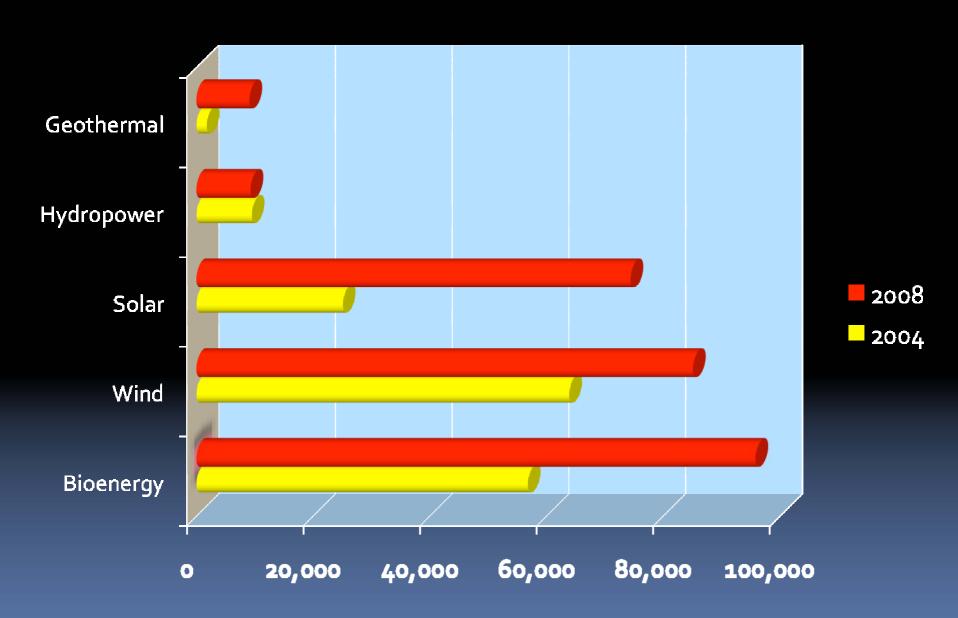
Jobs in a Green Economy

Sector	Selected Job Types
Building Retrofitting	Electricians, HVAC Installers, Carpenters, Roofers, Insulation Workers, Construction Managers, Building Inspectors
MassTransit	Civil Engineers, Rail Track Layers, Electricians, Welders, Metal Fabricators, Engine Assemblers, Locomotive Engineers, Conductors, Dispatchers
Wind Power	Anemometrists, Steel Workers, Millwrights, Sheet Metal Workers, Machinists, Electrical Equipment Assemblers, Structural Engineers, Industrial Production Managers
Source: A	Electrical Engineers, Electricians, Industrial Machinery Mechanics, Welders, Metal Fabricators, Electrical Equipment Assemblers dapted from Political Economy Research Institute

Renewable Energy Jobs Today

	World / Europe	Selected Countries		
Wind Power	400,000 + 160,000 +	Germany U.S. Spain China Denmark Italy	85,100 85,000 40,000+ 22,200 23,500 15,000	
Solar PV	250,000 120,000	China Germany Spain Italy	82,800 57,000 26,800 1,700	
Solar Thermal	624,000 + 30,000 +	China Germany Spain Italy	600,000 17,400 9,100 3,000	
Biofuels / Biomass	1,200,000 +	Brazil US China Germany	500,000 312,200 266,000 95,800	

Job Growth in Renewable Energy: Germany



A Shade of Green in the Auto Industry

	European Union	Japan	United States
Passenger Car Manufacturing Workforce	2,000,000	952,000	1,095,000
Vehicles meeting ≤ 120 gram / CO ₂ standard	7.5 %	6.3 %	n.a.
Vehicles achieving 40 mpg or more	n.a.	n.a.	1.2 %
Est. Jobs in Manufacturing Efficient Cars	150,000	62,000	13,000

Source: Green Jobs: Towards Decent Work in a Sustainable, Low Carbon World

Recycling / Scrap-based Production

	Employment Estimates			
All Recycling	China United States Brazil	10,000,000 1,100,000 500,000		
Aluminum Can Collecting	Brazil	170,000		
Electronics Recycling	China	700,000		
Steel Scrap Production	United States World	30,000 [225,000]		
Aluminum Scrap Production	Japan Western Europe United States	12,700 >10,000 6,100		

A Darker Shade of Green -- Public Transport

	Employment Estimates		
Railways (Operations)	China India European Union	1,800,000 1,500,000 900,000	
Railways (Manufacturing)	European Union	140,000	
Urban Mass Transit	European Union United States	900,000 367,000	

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Innovations in natural resource management

Environmental Markets, 2008

Market	Value in 2008
Regulated Carbon	\$117.6 billion
Water Quality	\$9. 25 billion
Biodiversity	\$2.9 billion
Voluntary Carbon	\$0.7 billion
Forest Carbon	\$.04 billion

Growth in Carbon Markets

	Volume (M	tCO2e)	Value (US\$ million)		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
Total Voluntary Markets	127	94	728	387	
Total Regulated Markets	4713	8625	134,415	143,897	

Watershed Protection,

-288 programs globally, up from 51 in 2000

- Payments for Watershed Services (PWS) incentives to adopt practices that improve watershed services (Lat Am is a leader)
- Water Quality Trading (WQT)—standards set by government; water quality goals met by trading pollutant reduction credits.

Value of Transactions: \$9.256 billion

Source: Ecosystem Marketplace

Governments Stepping Up?

How Green a Stimulus?

	Total	Green Stimulus		RE	CCS	Bldg.	Vehicles	Rail	Grid
	€Billion	€Billion	%			€B	illion		
EU	30	18	59	0.5	9.7	2.2	1.5		3.8

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Total	Stimulus		RE	CCS	Bldg.
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Germany

France

UK

Italy

Spain

Other EU

Total EU

World

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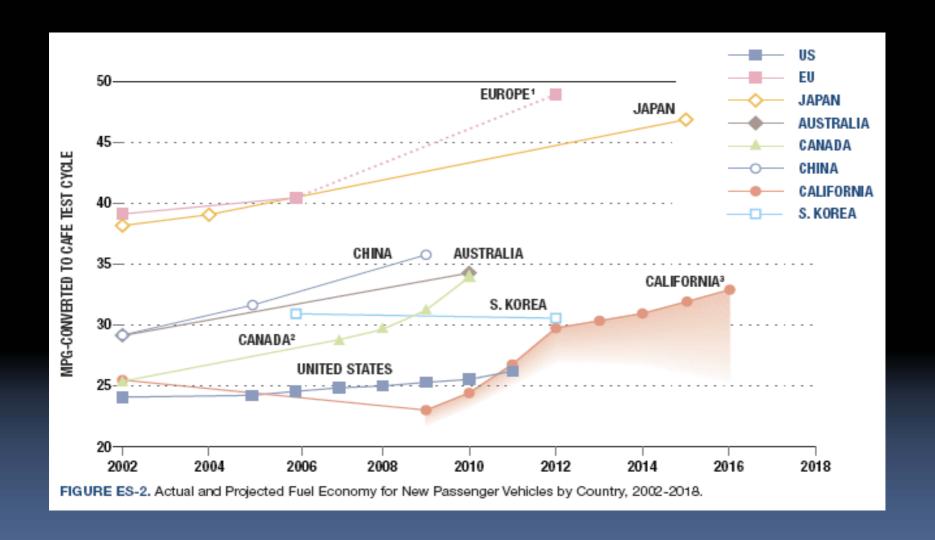
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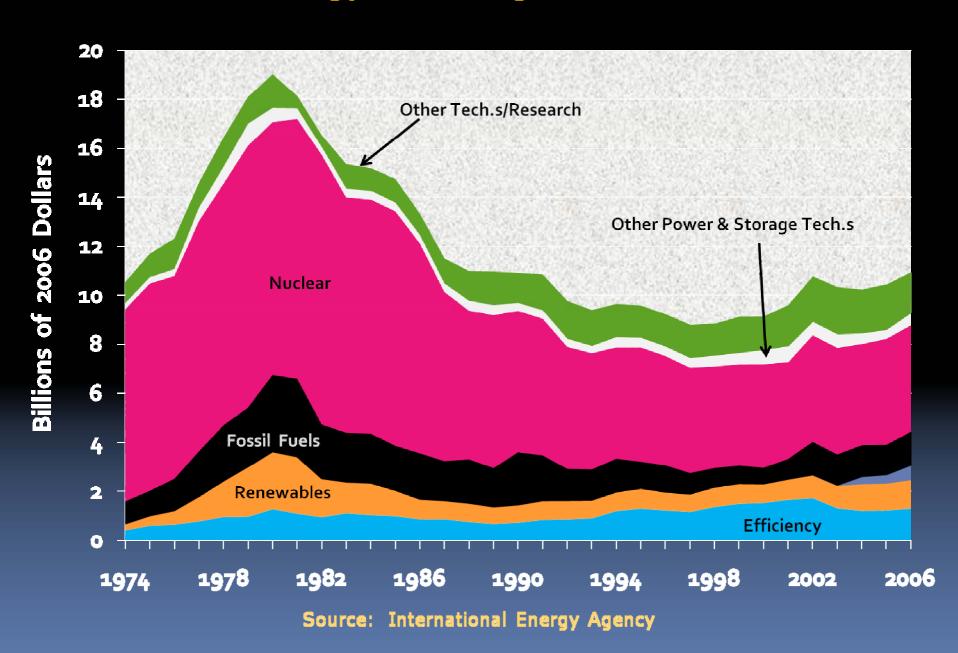
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Fuel Economy, New Passenger Vehicles

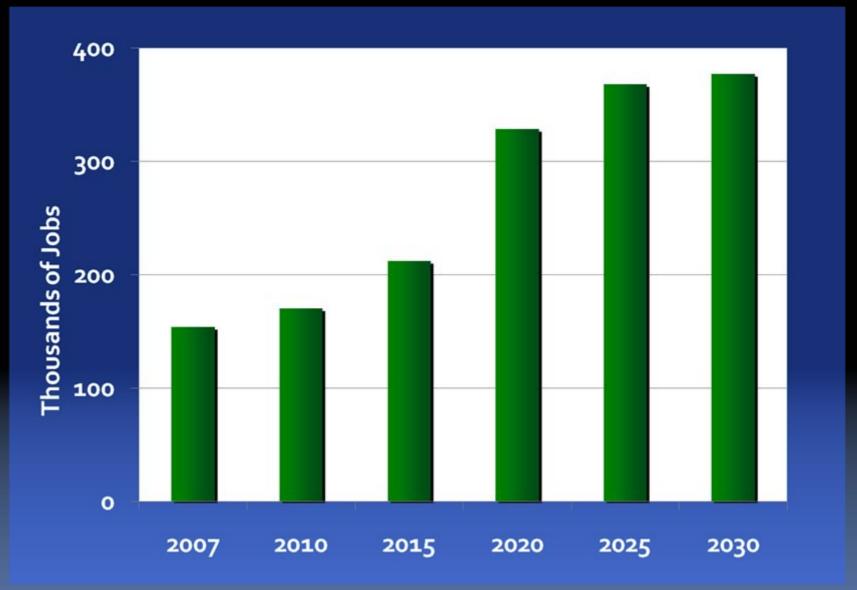


IEA Energy R&D Budgets, 1974-2006



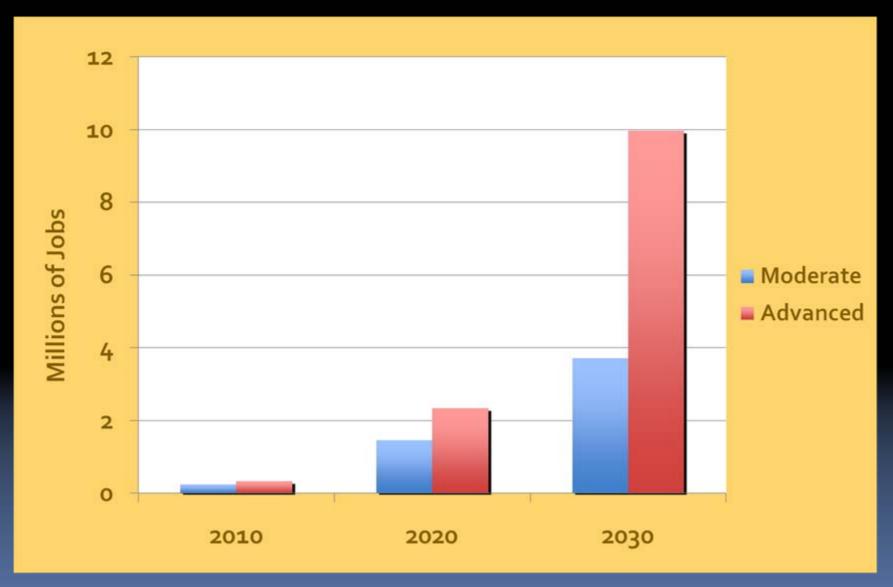
Toward the Future

Wind Power Employment Projections – Europe



Source: EWEA, Wind at Work (2009)

Solar PV Employment Projections - World



Source: Solar Generation V (2008)