

# Cooperation on Key Sustainable Energy Issues

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# Overview

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# 1. SED: PESS mandate and implementation

*Capacity building* for sustainable energy development –  
SED:

comprehensive energy system, economic, environmental  
analyses to assist Member States (MSs) in:

- decision making for SED by considering *all* aspects and criteria
- understanding environmental and climate change issues related to energy production and use
- assessing the role of nuclear power in SED

*Implementation* tools and mechanisms:

models, training and technical advice, networks and  
partnerships, data banks, 3E analyses, global analyses  
and UN activities



# 1. SED: Energy-economy-environment (3E)

Sustainable energy development: Key component of SD

Multi-agency report on *Indicators for SED*

with UN DESA: MS applications; *country initiatives*

Main *criteria* of SED – 3 dimensions:

*Social*: accessibility, affordability, equity, safety

*Economic*: overall productivity, energy system efficiency, end-use efficiency, reserve and resource availability, supply security, energy system diversity, end-use pricing

*Environmental*: atmospheric emission ratios (GHGs, ADSs, CxHx), water pollution ratios (power plant heat, oil, mines), solid waste ratios (ash, radioactive waste)



## 2. IAEA assistance to interested MSs

- Energy system planning for a national energy strategy includes and IAEA tools cover:
  - Energy *demand* by economic sector and fuel
  - Demand side management
  - Energy *supply* by fuel, source of fuel, production and conversion technology
  - Economics, including finance
  - *Environmental* impact analyses & externalities
  - Social acceptance
  - Life cycle analysis (CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Infrastructure analysis

## 2. IAEA assistance to interested MSs

- Transfer planning models tailored to developing & ET countries
- Transfer data on technologies, resources and economics
- Train local experts
- Jointly analyze national options
- Help establish lasting local expertise



## 2. IAEA assistance to interested MSs

➤ **Model for the Analysis of Energy Demand**



➤ **Model for Energy Supply System Alternatives and their General Environmental impacts**



➤ **Financial Analysis of Electric Sector Expansion Plans**



➤ **Simplified Approach for Estimating Impacts of Electricity Generation**



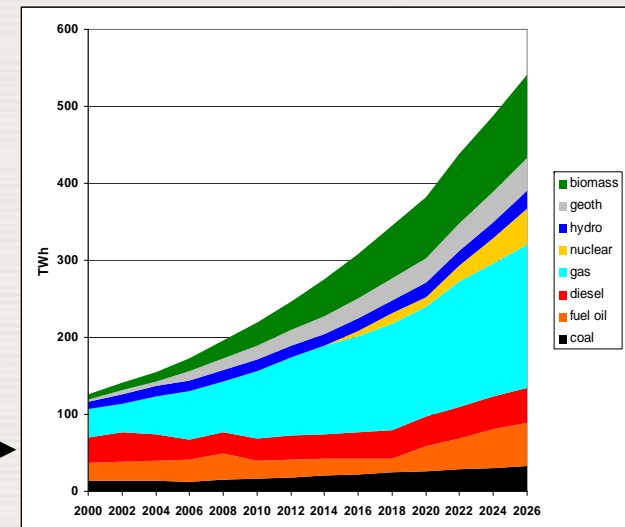
# MESSAGE: Model for Energy Supply System Alternatives and their General Environmental Impacts

## INPUT

- Energy system structure (including vintage of plant and equipment)
- Base year energy flows and prices
- Energy demand projections (MAED)
- Technology and resource options & techno-economic performance profiles
- Technical & policy constraints

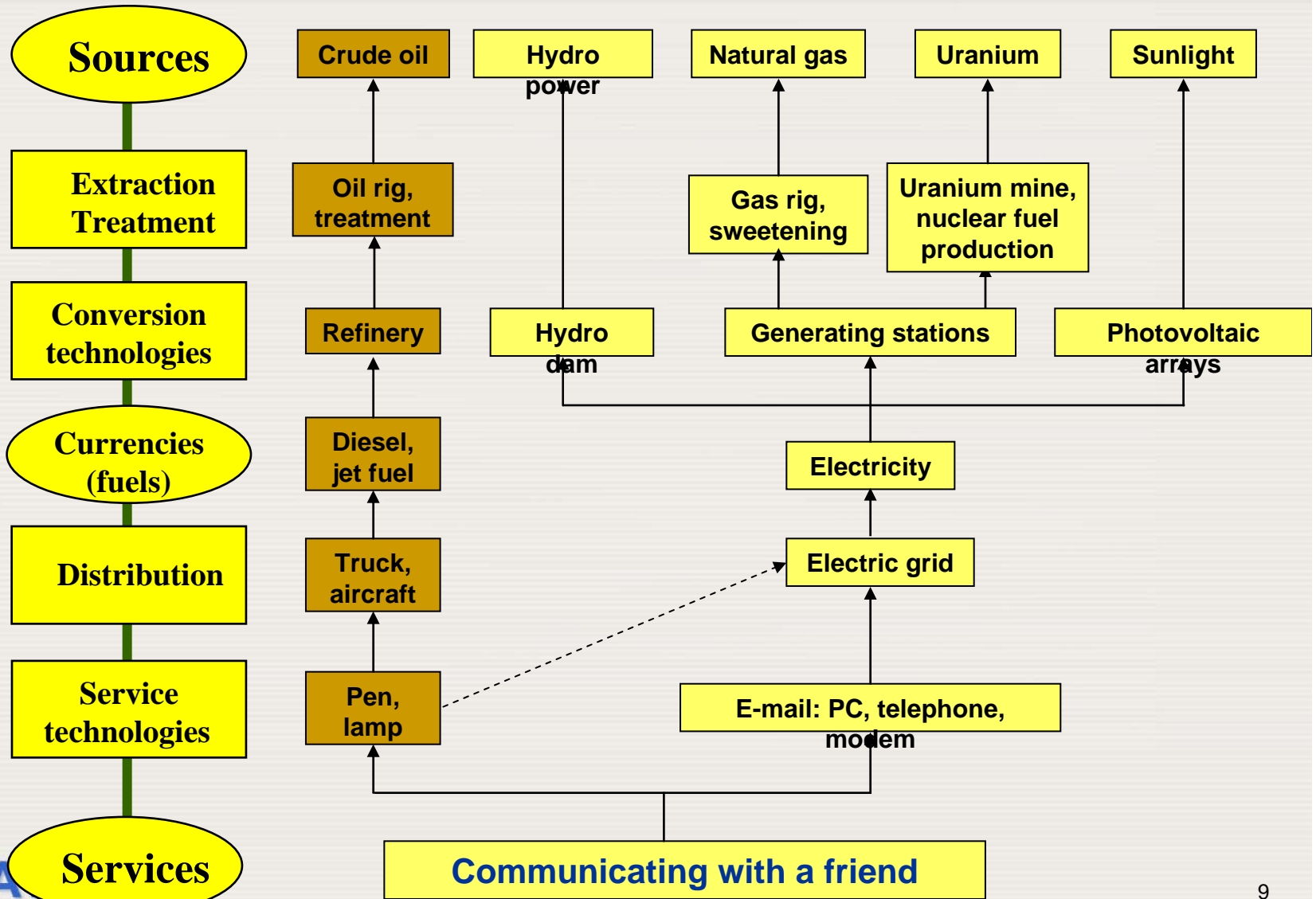


## OUTPUT



- Primary and final energy mix
- Emissions and waste streams
- Health and environmental impacts (externalities)
- Resource use
- Land use
- Import dependence
- Investment requirements

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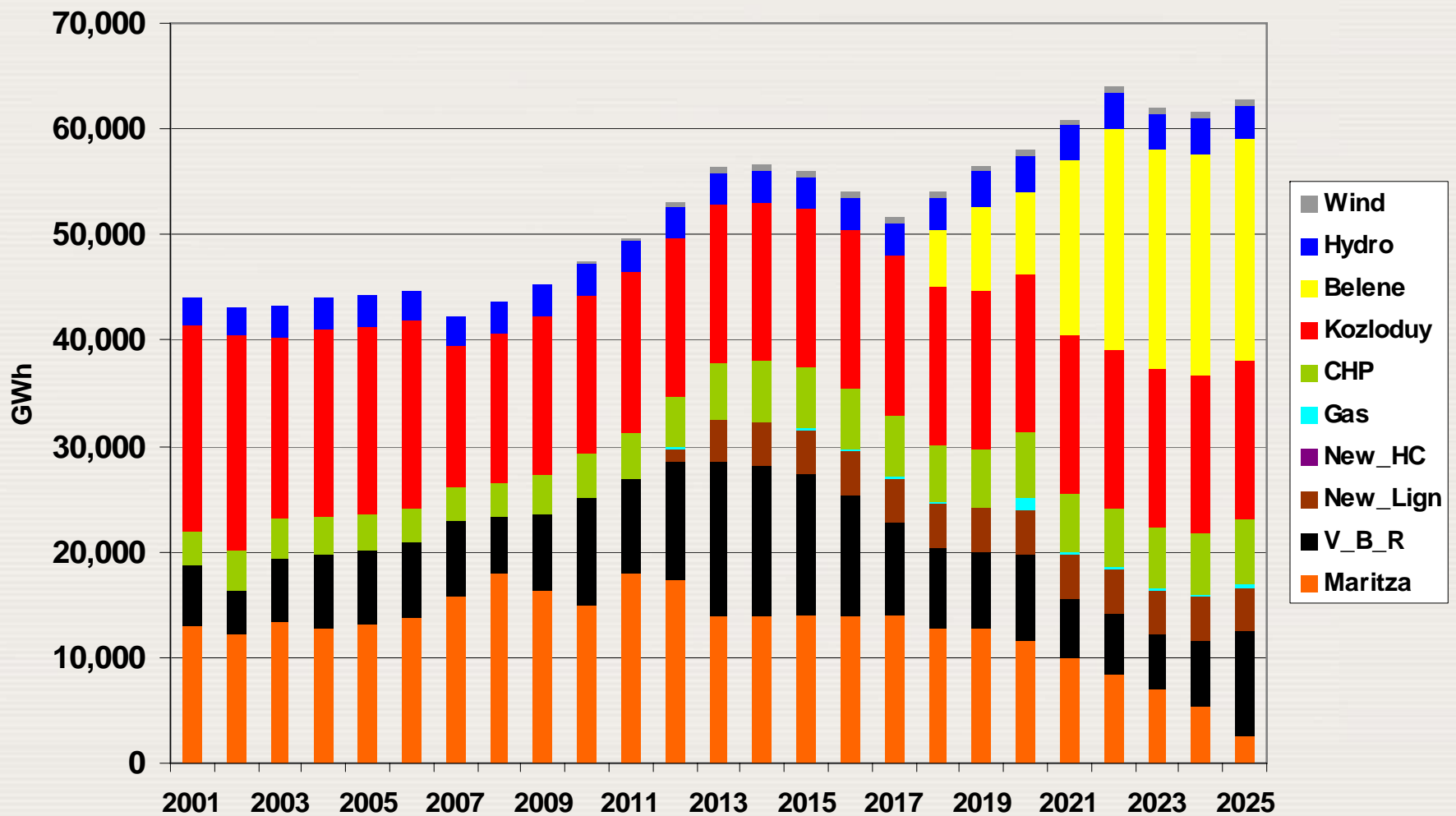


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## 2. MESSAGE:

# Electricity supply expansion



## 2. MESSAGE results: scenario comparison

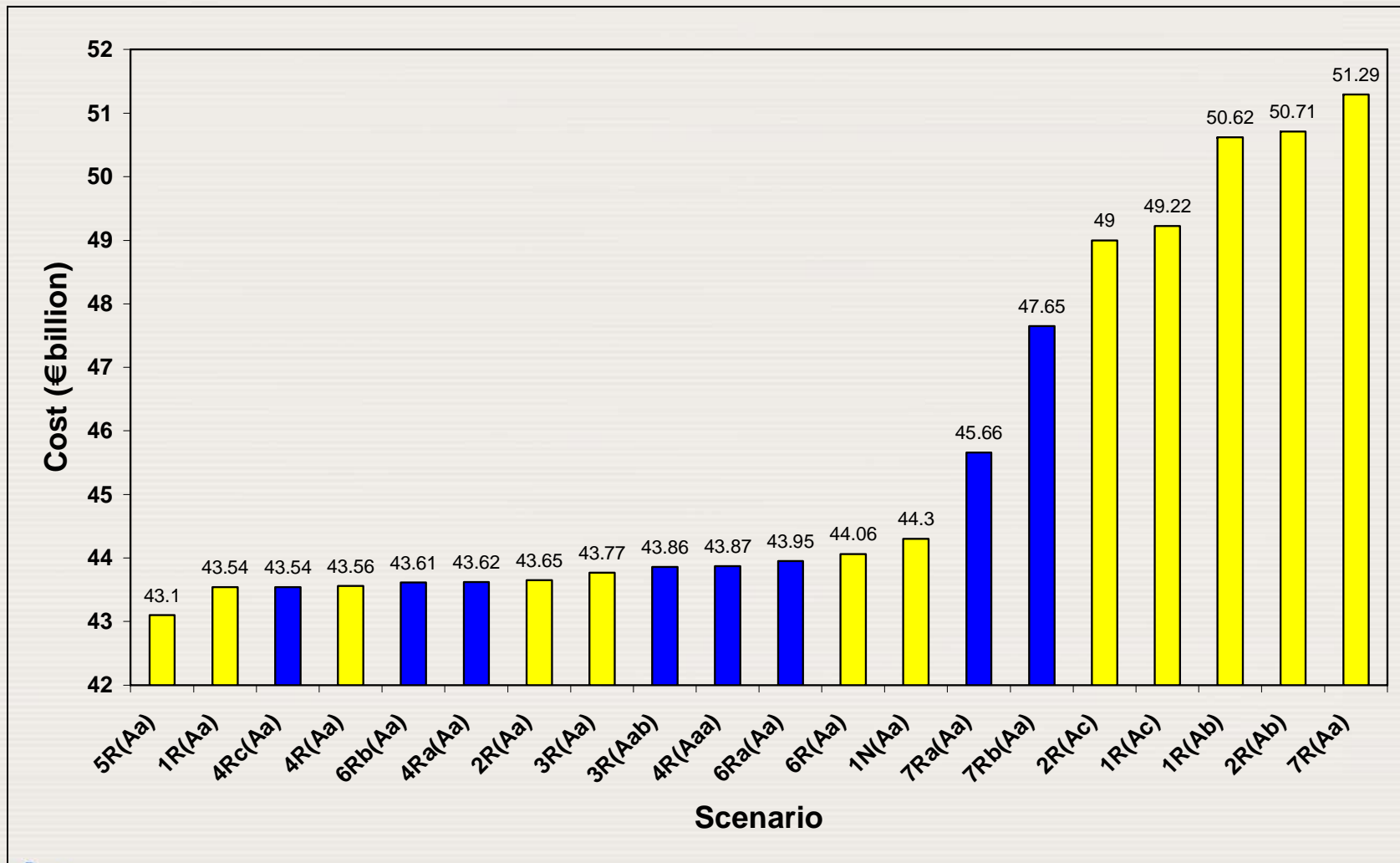


Figure 8.1. Cost comparison of the main scenarios and the sensitivity cases.

## 3. International cooperation: UN Energy

About 15 UN organizations:

- joint programme
- subsets working on projects
- presentations and side events at UN CSD, UN FCCC, ...

Here an example: Ghana

**Assessing Policy Options for Increasing  
the Use of Renewable Energy for  
Sustainable Development:  
Modelling Energy Scenarios for Ghana**



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**UN-Energy**

**A UN-ENERGY Demonstration  
Study**

**conducted by**

- **Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)**
- **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**
- **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**
- **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**
- **United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)**

**with assistance from the  
Ghana Energy Commission**

### 3. Ghana: Objectives of the study

- Implement a case study on the implementation of the WSSD JPOI recommendation
  - **Increasing the share of renewables in the energy mix**
- Test the effectiveness of different policy options
- Advance thinking in energy systems
- Build capacity
- Foster UN-Energy cooperation

## 3. Ghana: Key energy issues

Three key issues will shape the future of Ghana's energy sector:

- 1.unavailability or inaccessibility of modern energy sources to a large fraction of the population,
- 2.non-affordability of commercial fuels, and
- 3.high energy import dependence

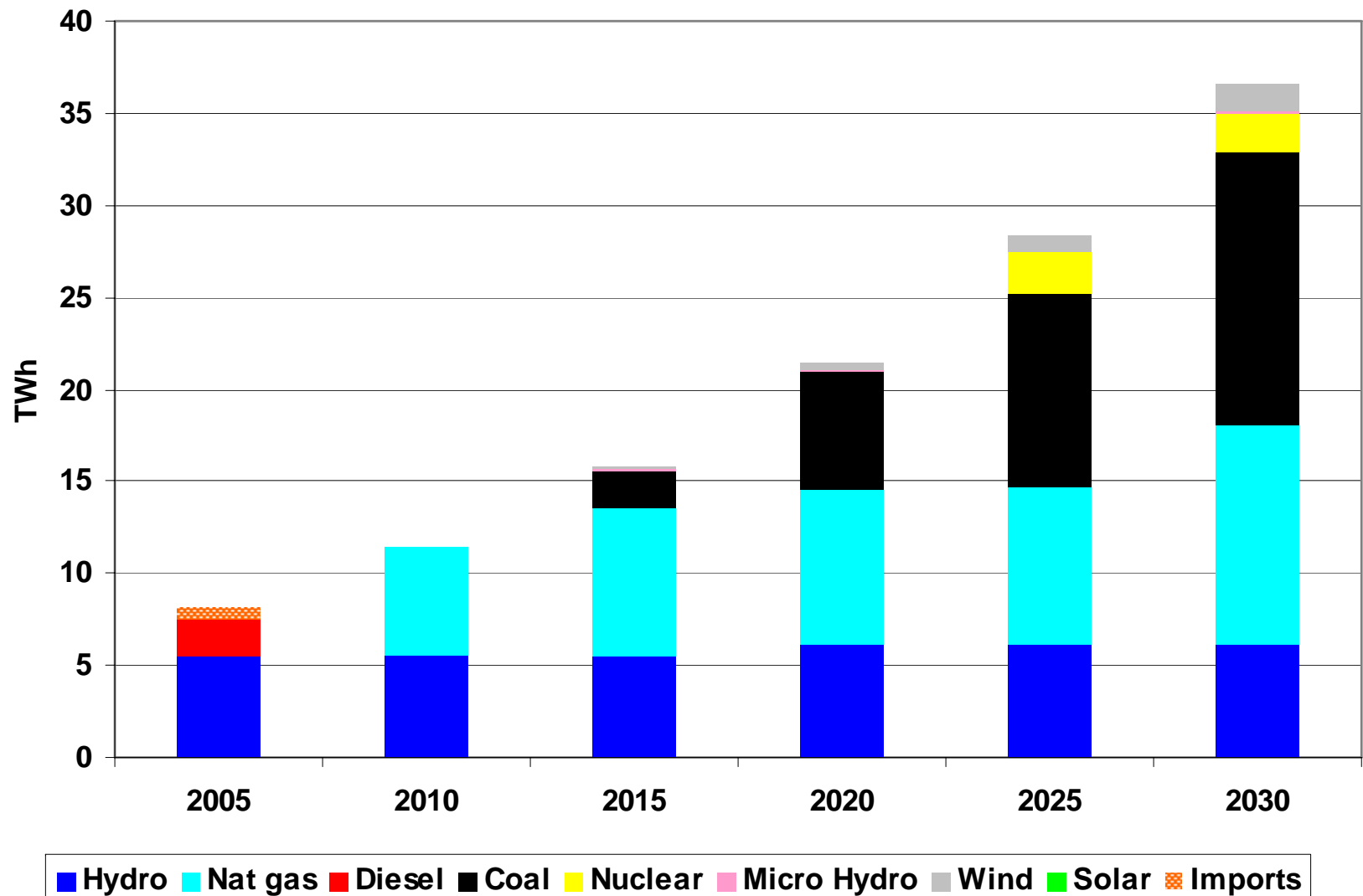
## 3. Ghana: Approach

- Energy system analysis
  - Detailed demand analysis distinguishing rural and urban areas (MAED)
  - **Detailed energy supply analysis (MESSAGE)**
  - **Assessment of policy options**
- Data input provided by Ghana Energy Commission, DESA, FAO, IAEA, UNEP and UNIDO



Modeling and analysis support by IAEA

# 3. Ghana: Electricity generation: Base case – least-cost supply



### 3. Ghana: Policies and measures to promote renewable energy sources

- **Portfolio Standard/Renewable Energy Quota (REQ) Scenario**

A minimum share of renewable energy is imposed on electric utilities, rising from 2% in 2010 to 20% in 2030

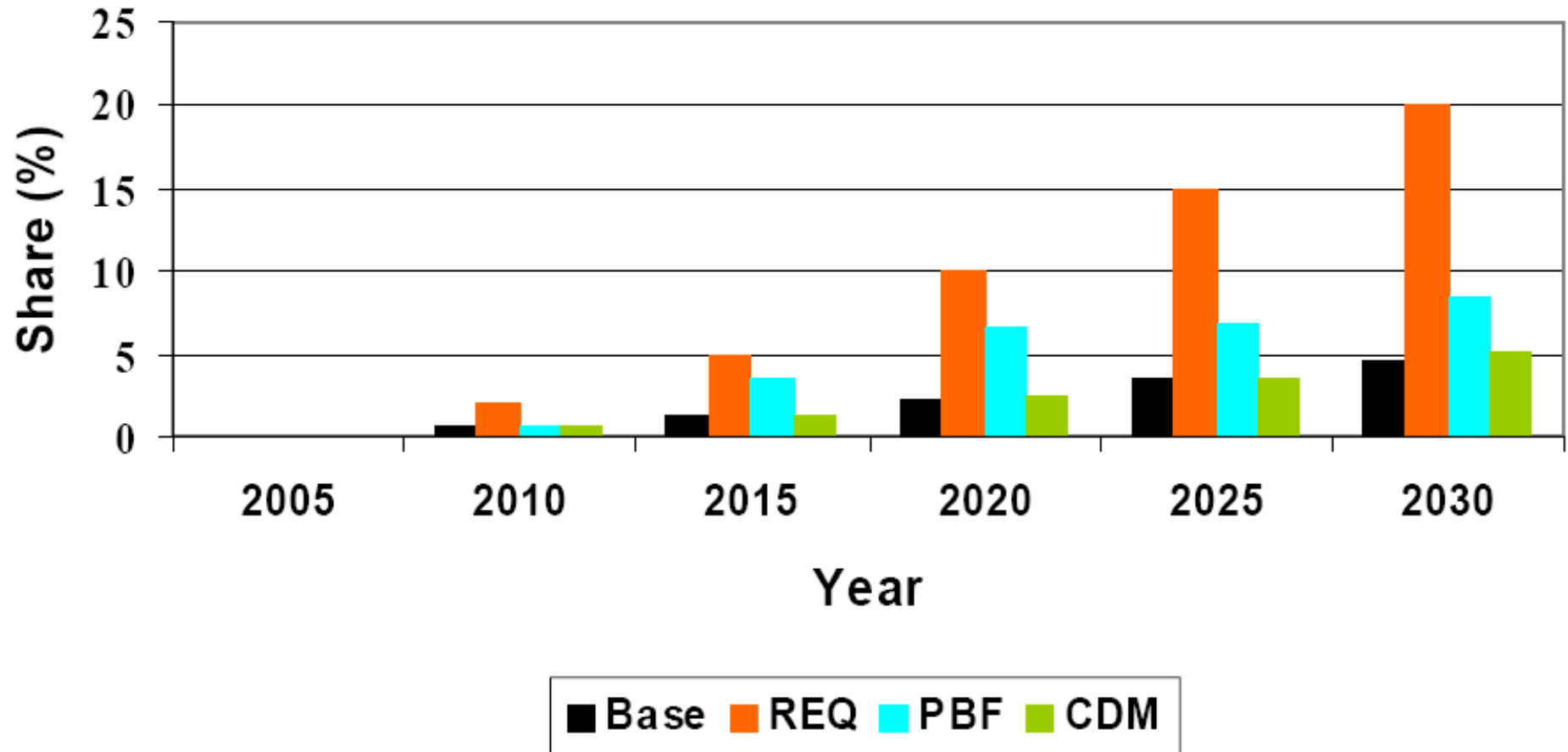
- **Public Benefit Fund (PBF) Scenarios**

Fund is created through levy on electricity transmission: US\$1 per MWh to cover up to one-third of investments in renewable energy technologies

- **Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Scenario**

A price of US\$15/tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided assumed

### 3. Ghana: Impacts of different policies



*Figure 11: Share of renewable energy sources in electricity generation under different scenarios*

### 3. Ghana: Investment & Operating costs – alternative policies

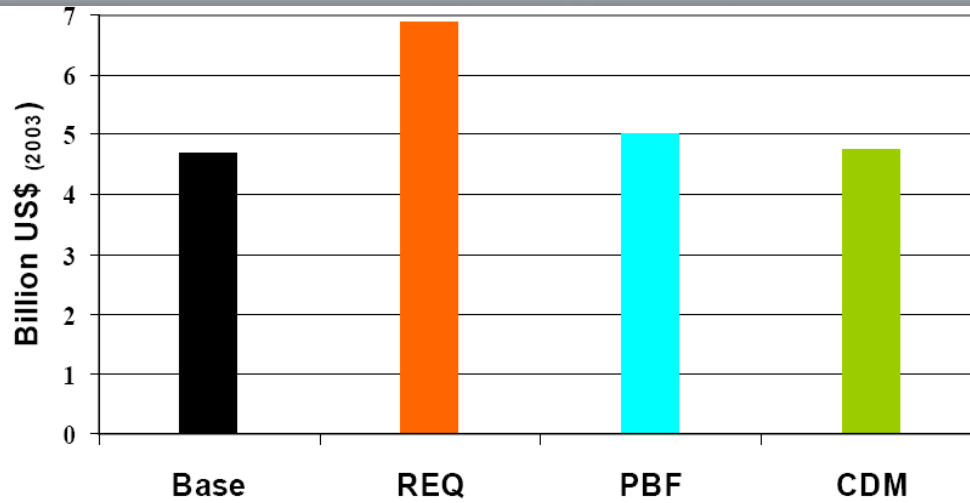


Figure 12: Total investments required for electricity generating capacity (2005-2030)

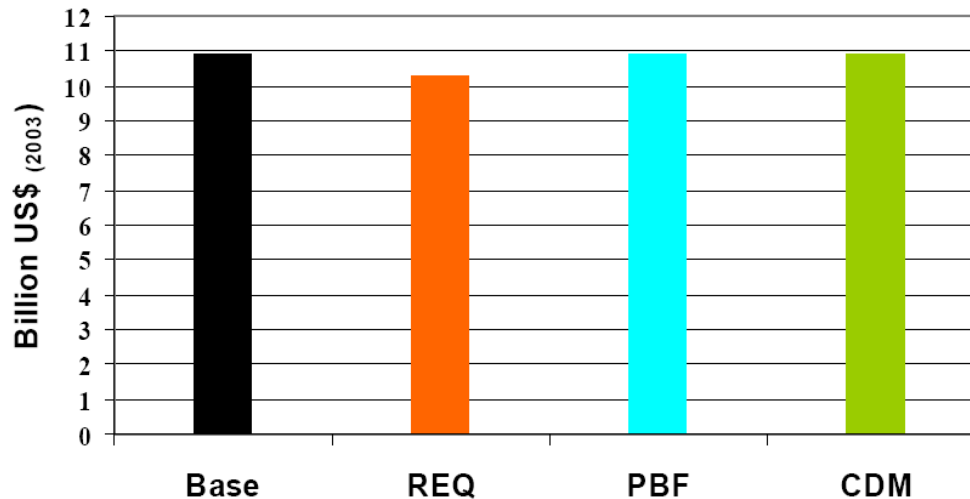


Figure 13: Total O&M costs (including fuel costs) for electricity generation (2005-2030)



### 3. Ghana: Main insights

*Current* econ conditions (BL): role for renewables limited →  
Supporting *policies needed* to promote market penetration;  
Ghana's energy policy *already* includes diversification  
based on renewables: micro hydro, wind, and solar PV;  
*Additional* policy measures can help increase contribution  
of renewables *but* effectiveness and economic costs differ;  
*Soft-measures* (Public Benefit Fund and CDM):  
economic advantages: investments partly financed by  
internally generated funds or earnings from CO2 credits;  
*Hard measures* (Portfolio Standard/Renewable Energy  
Quota): more effective, but involve inefficiencies and higher  
costs;  
*Demonstrated*: suitability of IAEA's energy models for  
analyzing the role of various energy technologies and for  
evaluating various policy measures



## 4. Main messages

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- *atomic*: SED, 3E analysis, national energy planning – full set of resources and technologies
- *energy*: nuclear applications in many areas – medicine, agriculture, water mgmt, ...

*Capacity building*: energy planning, 3E analysis – models, methods, indicators, data + training

*UN Energy*: joint projects; case studies: thematic (energy efficiency w/ UNIDO), national (Ghana): to demonstrate SED concepts, applicability,

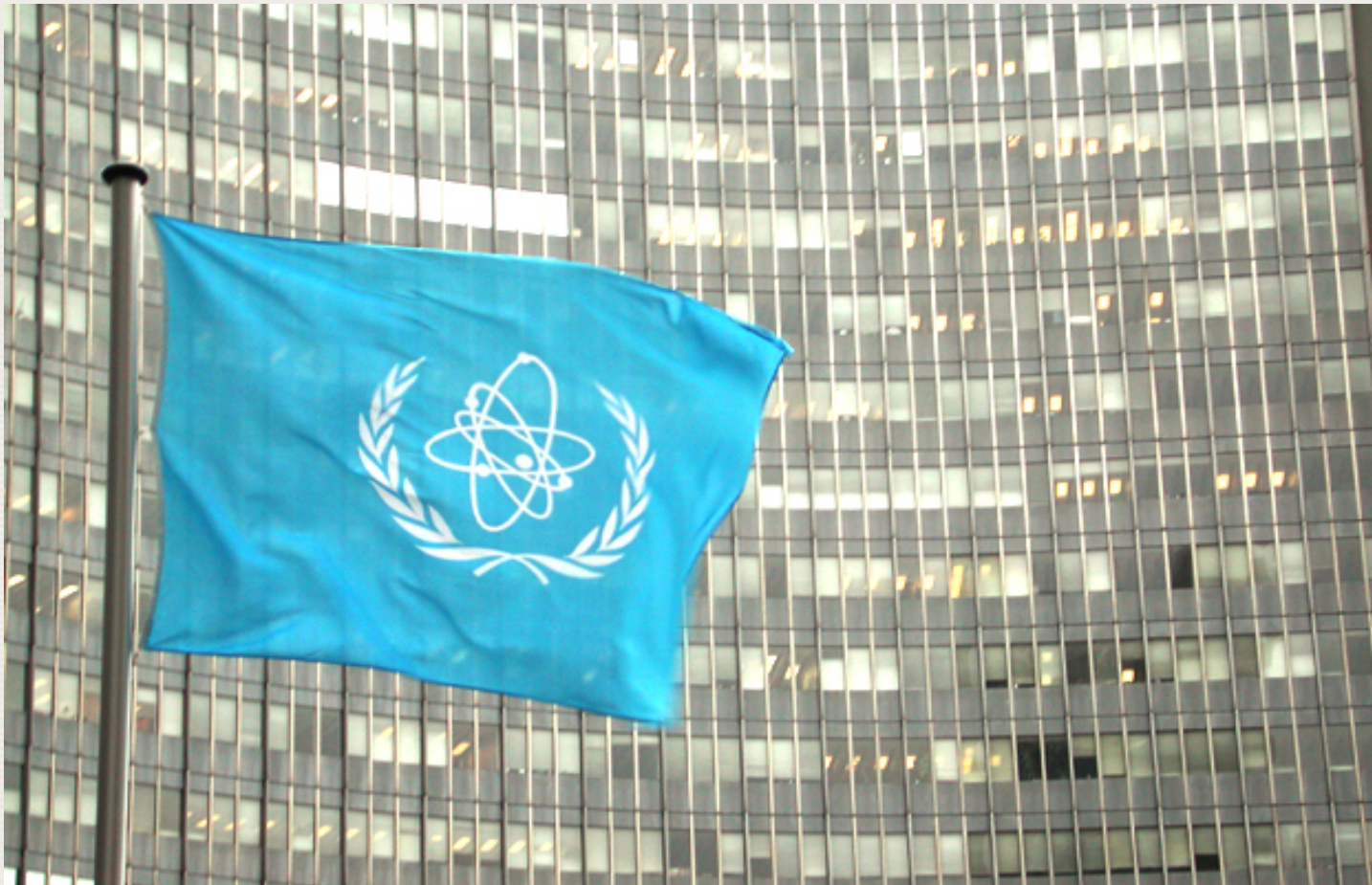


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