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### Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition in the New Normal

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### The transition needs to start with the power sector...



... which should drive decarbonization of other sectors with the view of achieving net-zero emission by mid-century



## Drivers of the Energy Transition

### **Countries are Committing to Long-term Decarbonization Targets**

#### The Paris Agreement (2015)



- Hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 degree Celsius above preindustrial levels
- Pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degree Celsius above preindustrial levels

Major Economies Adopt Net-Zero Targets (2019-2020)



#### Zero Targets (2021-2022) Net-Zero Net-Zero Emissions by Emissions by 2050 2050 Brunei Malaysia Darussalam Net-zero target Net-Zero by or around Emissions by mid-century 2050 (LTS) Cambodia Singapore Net-Zero Emissions by 2060 by or before 2065 Indonesia Thailand Net-Zero Net-Zero Emissions by Emissions by 2050 2050 (COP-26) Viet Nam Lao PDR

**ASEAN Economies Adopt Net-**

### **Declining Costs of Renewable Energy Technology and Storage**



**Onshore wind turbine price and** cumulative installed capacity

#### GW 750 600 53% reduction 450 0.74 300 150 0 16 18 12 20 14

#### Lithium-ion battery pack price and demand



Solar module price and

### The Energy Transition Supports Green Recovery Programs

Green recovery programs implemented by governments in response to the COVID-19 crisis could support accelerating the energy transition, leading to the creation of green jobs including for women



- Government spending on renewable energy and energy efficiency can create more jobs than spending on fossil fuels
- A study found that women represent 32% of the renewable energy workforce, compared with only 22% in the oil and gas industry (IRENA)

### The Corporate Sector is Demanding More Renewable Energy

#### **Projected Renewable Energy Shortfall for RE100 Members**



### **How Do We Enable the Energy Transition?**



**PLANS** 

Sound power development plans, long-term decarbonization strategies (NDCs and LTS) and resource assessments and road maps for renewable energy development



### POLICIES

Market liberalization policies, support for new business models, support competitive procurement, corporate PPAs, openness to easing local content rules, etc.



PROJECTS

Pioneering key-stone projects that set the standards, price benchmarks and create markets. Governments may need to lead the way initially with public funding and well-structured PPPs



Between ministries, local and central governments to ensure speedy project design and implementation; between governments and global sources of climate finance to access low-cost funding; and between corporations and governments



# **Cambodia Case-Study**

#### **Cambodia – Overview of the Power Sector in 2016**

- Electricity demand increasing almost 3-fold over the previous 6 years, from 2,515 GWh in 2010 to 7,175 GWh in 2016
- Major drivers of power demand: economic development, urbanization and the expansion of electrification
- Increasing electrification and quality of service as major priorities of the government: in 2016, only 58% of households were connected to the grid
- Power supply dominated by hydropower, coal and imports. No variable renewable energy sources (e.g. solar) had been deployed
- Electricity prices amongst the highest in the region
- Significant untapped potential for energy efficiency





### **Cambodia's Solar Opportunity**

- Solar PV is an important option for power generation in Cambodia:
  - Abundant solar resources well-matched with demand centers
  - Introduces flexibility in the energy mix by reducing dependency on other sources of power such as fossil fuels and it reduces greenhouse gas emissions
  - Helps cover peak demand at day-time as well as hybrid operation with other renewable sources (especially hydro)
  - Fast and modular implementation
- > However, as recently as 2016 no solar PV capacity had been developed





#### **Cambodia's National Solar Park Project**

Cambodia's first national solar park was developed with the technical and financial assistance of ADB and has the capacity to accommodate 100 MW of solar PV generation



#### The Catalytic Effect of the National Solar Park Project

The Solar PV Roadmap and the national solar park tender catalyzed the rollout of additional solar PV projects. At the end of 2021, solar PV accounted for 12% of the total capacity installed domestically (377 MW)



#### **Realizing the Potential for Energy Efficiency in Cambodia**

#### Summary of Findings from ADB Pre-Feasibility Study (2020-2021)



#### EE Potential (2021-2030)

- \* 12.50 TWh (1.07 Mtoe)
- ✤ 3.0 Bn USD of Investments
- 6.67 MtCO<sub>2</sub> in GHG Emission Reduction
- The study assessed the potential in Cambodia for demand-side energy efficiency
- Assessment based on primary and secondary sources, including data from field surveys
- Industry and building identified as the sectors with the largest potential for investments on energy efficiency

How to realize this energy efficiency potential?



#### Market Assessment Report for DSEE in Cambodia

TA-9003 REG: Integrated Resource Planning with Strategic Environmental Assessment for Sustainable Power Sector Development in the Greater Mekong Subregion

Asian Development Bank December 2021

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### A Programmatic Approach for Energy Efficiency in Cambodia



#### **Energy Transition Sector Development Program (SDP)**

To support the roll-out of energy efficiency opportunities, ADB and the Ministry of Mines and Energy are currently developing an Energy Transition Sector Development Program for approval in 2022

	Policy Component	Project Component	
	Policy Matrix	Energy Efficiency Revolving Fund	Output 2
Output 1	Policy Action 1 – National Energy Efficiency Policy		
	Policy Action 2 – Sub-decree on Standards & Labels	Invostments in Public Infrastructure	
	Policy Action 3 – Standards & Labels for ACs		
	<b>Policy Action 4</b> – Standards & Labels for Refrigerators ()	Green Healthcare Facilities for Improved Services	Output 3
	Policy Action n – Other policies	Streetlight and EV charging infrastructure	

#### Loans, grants, and TAs





#### **Effects of Energy Efficiency in the Power Sector**

Cambodia is in the final stages of approval of the National Energy Efficiency Policy (NEEP), with the target of reducing energy consumption by 19% through energy efficiency in 2030





# Phasing out Coal-fired Power with ADB's Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM)

#### ETM Southeast Asia Partnership Launch at COP26, Glasgow UK

- Joined by Indonesia and Philippines as key partners to launch the pilot study for ETM.
- \$25 million grant announcement by Japan's Ministry of Finance, the first seed financing for the mechanism.
- The partnership was endorsed by senior cabinet-level officials from Denmark, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as leading global financial institutions and philanthropies.
- MOU signed with Rockefeller Foundation, with a % of support towards the ETM



Philippine Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez, Indonesian Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati and ADB President Masatsugu Asakawa during the ETM Launch at COP26, Glasgow on 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 2021



"I am pleased by the Asian Development Bank's work to accelerate the decommissioning of coal facilities. The world needs forward-thinking creative approaches to financing, especially from the multilateral development banks. And we need to find creative solutions so that our public funds crowd in additional private investment, as the bank is aiming to do here."

- Janet Yellen, Secretary, US Department of the Treasury

"I want to thank the Asian Development Bank for its work, which will help bring many benefits. Cutting coal use doesn't just reduce the risks we face from climate change, it also reduces air pollution that kills so many people, including in Asia. Today's announcement will help to jumpstart more climate finance that helps to retire coal plants faster and improve many lives."



- Michael Bloomberg, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Climate Ambitions and Solutions

# The ETM will explore various funding/transaction models to achieve earlier retirement

01 Acquisition Model (SPV Level)	02 Synthetic Model (SPV Level)	03 Portfolio Model (Corporate Level)	
ETM acquires share capital in CFPP	ETM invests senior/junior debt and/or other mezzanine capital to the CFPP	ETM provides funding to the corporate sponsor with CFPPs and greenfield clean energy projects	
ETM to take role as owner and operator of the coal plant	Equity ownership and operational responsibility kept with the current asset owner	Sponsor guarantees greenfield clean energy projects will be built and coal plants retired ahead of schedule	
ETM agrees an early termination date with the utility and operates the plant until that date and then closes it or repurposes	Investment conditional on early termination being contractually agreed with owner and utility and appropriate security being provided	Incentives (such a penalty interest) can be used to ensure that the transition occurs	
Most suitable for IPP plants with international bankable PPA	Most suitable for IPP plants with international bankable PPA	Most suitable for <b>Utilities with a portfolio of </b> plants	

While multiple transaction options exist, ETM will seek commitments from current project investors to not develop any new coal and host country commitment to energy transition <u>as a pre-condition for any deal</u>

#### ETM Partnership: evolving and practical to accelerate coal retirement

**ETM Partnership Trust** Fund (ADB managed)

- Steering committee with donors and developing countries
- Oversight to ensure climate credentials
- Just Transition specific activities and coordinated with ADB Just Transition Facility



**Governments / Philanthropies** 

### **Concluding Remarks**

- The transition towards clean energy is underway in ASEAN, but it needs to be quicker and more ambitious
- The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a momentary slowdown in demand growth, but it is an opportunity for countries of the region to accelerate the energy transition
- Governments play a key role in creating the enabling conditions to support this transition while reducing risks to investors
  - > by setting ambitious but realistic targets,
  - through the enactment of supportive policies and regulations
  - Supporting keystone projects and increasing access to financing



Just transition impacts need to be carefully assessed and managed so as to ensure that the most vulnerable are not left behind



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