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# The Circular Carbon Economy Technology Roadmaps: A Methodology for Net-Zero

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# Outline

- **Literature Review on Technological Innovation**
- **Understanding Technology Roadmaps**
- **Technology Roadmaps Development Process**
- **The Circular Carbon Economy**
- **The Circular Carbon Economy Technology Roadmaps**

# Literature Review on Sustainability Transition

- **Technological Innovation Literature**
  - Innovation and Economic Development
  - Sustainability Transition
  - Evolutionary Economics
  - Technological Innovation
  - Technology Readiness

# Evolutionary Economics

- **Behavioral and experimental economics, view economic agents as diverse, boundedly rational, and socially interactive. They depart from the traditional neoclassical assumption of perfectly rational agents and emphasize the importance of considering cognitive limitations, social interactions, and individual heterogeneity in understanding real-world economic phenomena. These perspectives have led to innovative theories and empirical research, enriching the economic discipline and influencing policymaking.**
- **Joseph Schumpeter in the first half of the 20th century**
- **Nelson and Winter in 1982**

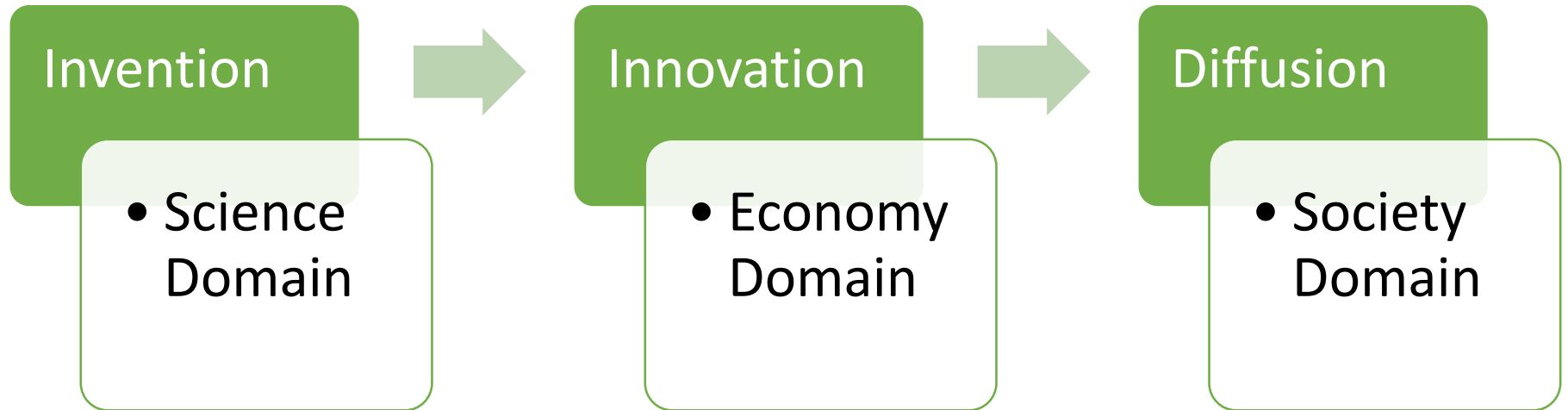
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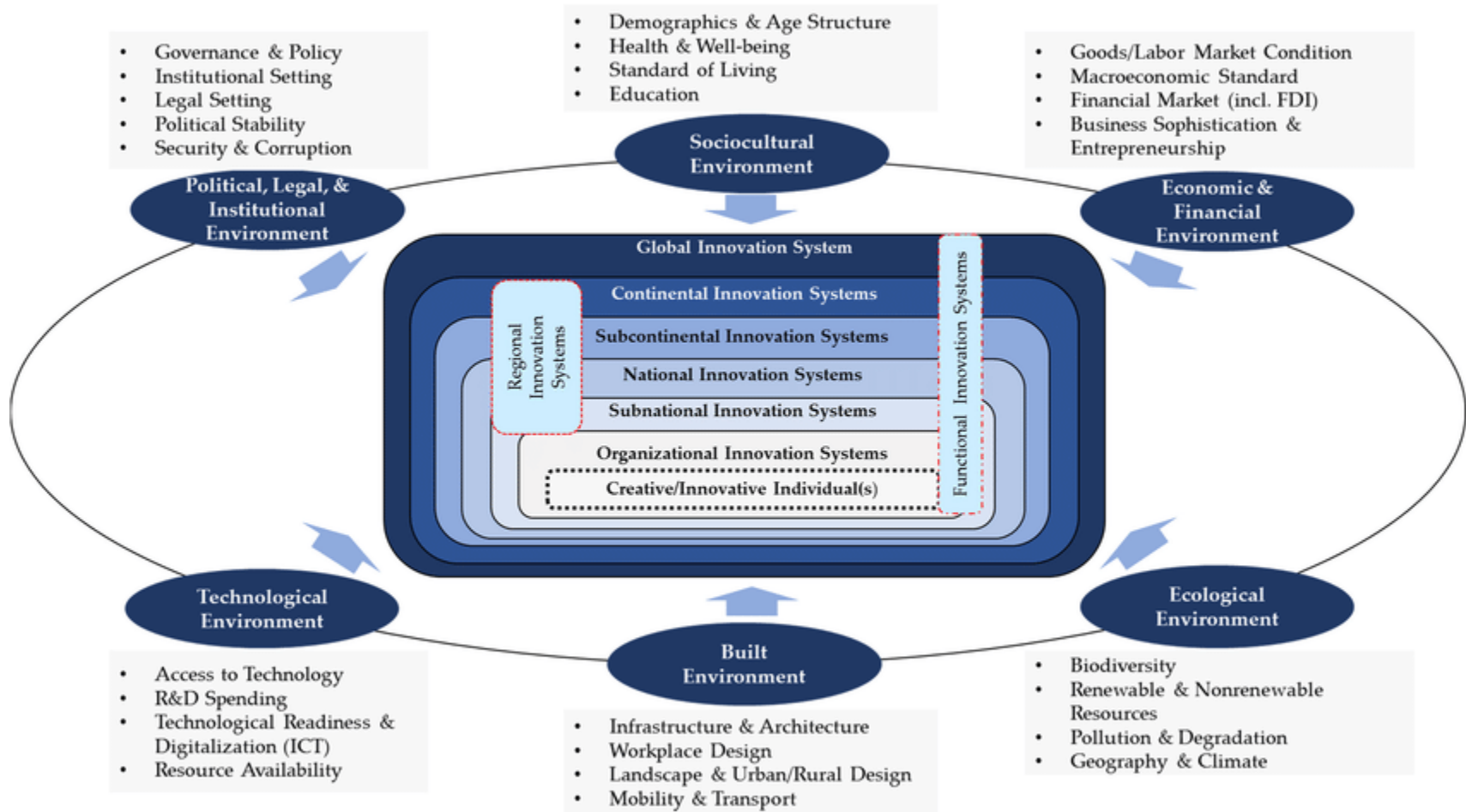
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# Schumpeterian Innovation

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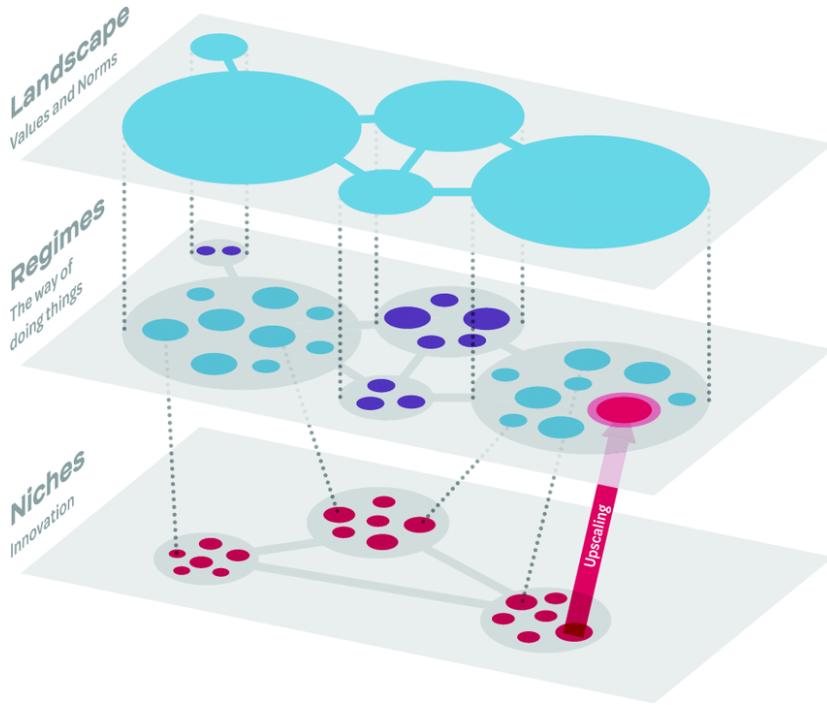


# Innovation Systems View

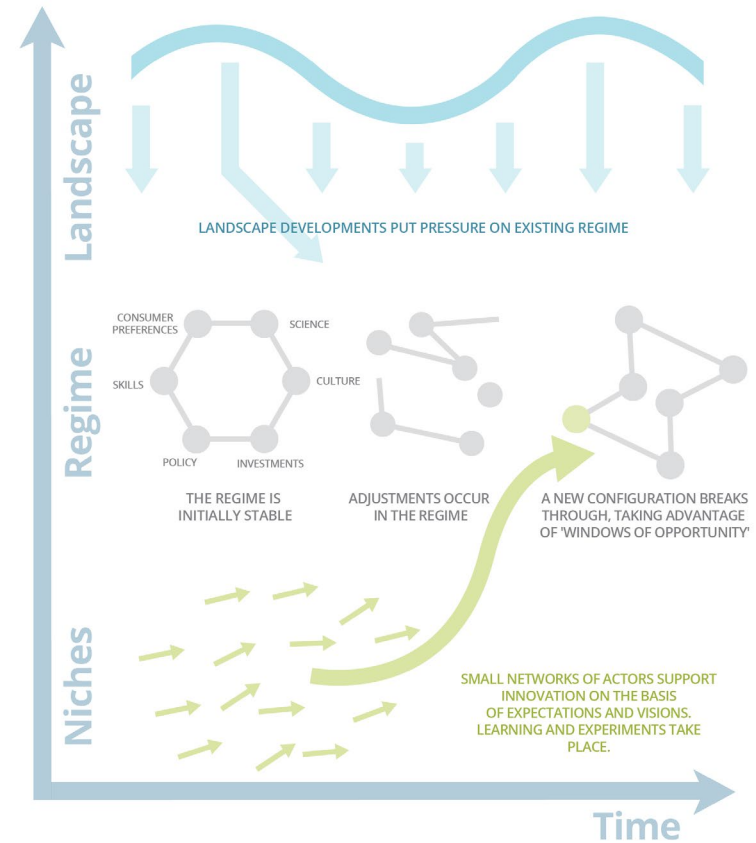


Source: Satalkina and Steiner, 2020.

# Literature Review



The multi-level perspective (MLP) has emerged as a fruitful middle-range framework for analyzing socio-technical transitions to sustainability.



Source: Based on Geels (2002)

# The multi-level perspective (MLP)

A central tenet in MLP is the stabilizing influence of a socio-technical regime, defined as *“the coherent complex of scientific knowledge, engineering practices, production process technologies, product characteristics, skills and procedures, established user needs, regulatory requirements, institutions and infrastructures”*  
(Rip and Kemp, 1998, p. 338)



# Technological Regime

TABLE 1: DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO THE CONCEPT OF TECHNOLOGICAL REGIME

Scholar	Notion	Dimensions	Major Focus
Dosi, [6]	Technological paradigm/ Technological Regimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accumulativeness</li> <li>• Uncertainty</li> </ul>	The focus is on explaining “continuity” and “discontinuity”
Nelson and Winter [17, 32]	Technological regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technological <b>opportunity</b></li> <li>• Technological <b>appropriability</b></li> </ul>	Concentration on the role of technological environment in determining the intensity of innovation, the degree of industrial concentration and the rate of entry. By Technological regime, the main focus is on the cognitive aspects of dynamics of natural technological trajectories [16, p. 50].
Sahal [25]	Typology of innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the frequency of technological progress</li> </ul>	
Acs, and Audretsch, [33, 2]	Nature of relevant technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of being routine or entrepreneurial (the innovative activities)</li> <li>• The information asymmetry between entrepreneurs and incumbents (due to the nature of knowledge base)</li> </ul>	Focus on the differences between industries in terms of patterns of entry and exit due to the fact that how routine is the innovative activities in that industry.
Rip and Kemp [24]	Technological regimes <sup>1</sup>	Noting special	The focus is on rules that are specific for a particular technology
Malerba and et al [28, 13, 14]	Technological regimes / Learning Regimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technological <b>opportunity</b></li> <li>• <b>Appropriability</b> of innovation</li> <li>• <b>Cummulativeness</b> of technological advances</li> <li>• <b>Properties</b> of the knowledge base</li> </ul>	The main focus is on attributing differences between sectors to the specifications of knowledge base of each sector.
Godoe, [8].	Innovation regimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of cooperation between actors in the process of innovation</li> <li>• Standardization of technologies</li> </ul>	To explain the innovations in the telecommunication industry
Poel [22]	Technological regime <sup>2</sup> / innovation patterns <sup>3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the function of that technology (artifact)</li> <li>• The configurations, design concepts, technical features and parts of that technology (physical properties of artifacts)</li> </ul>	“how these innovation patterns enable and constrain the emergence of radical innovations that transform technological Regimes”. Among them, he focuses on rules that govern design and development of technology

<sup>1</sup> By Technological Regime he refers to “rule-set or grammar that is characteristic for the development of a technology and that guides not only the search activities of engineers, but also the actions and interactions of the other actors involved in technical development.” [24]

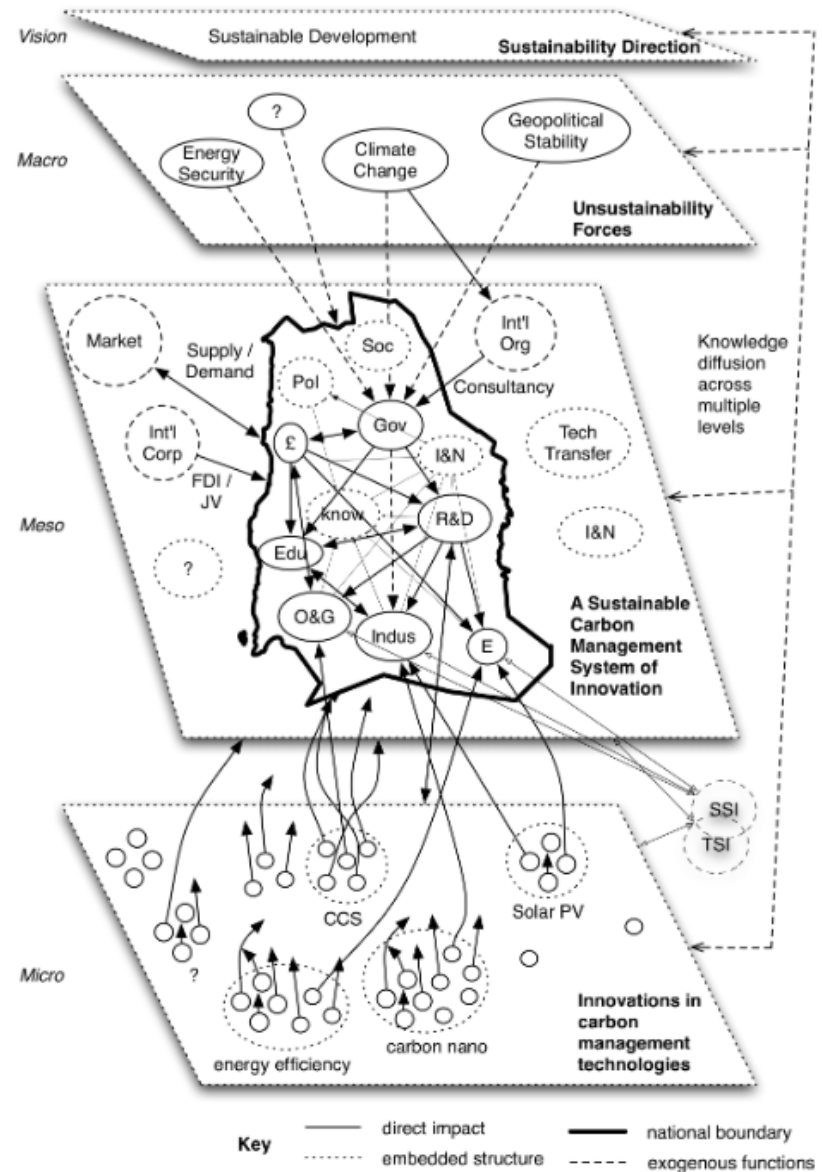
<sup>2</sup> By Technological Regime, Poel “refers to the rules that guide the design and further development of a particular technology. Such rules result in incremental and cumulative patterns of technical development.” [22, p. 49]

<sup>3</sup> “The term ‘innovation pattern’ refers to the constellation of roles and the division of labor among actors with respect to the initiation and the development of

Source: Mehrizi, 2008

# Example: A Saudi sustainable carbon management system of innovation

- A schematic proposed framework for a sustainable carbon management system of innovation using MLP, transition theories and innovation system approach



Source: Mansouri, 2013

# Understanding Technology Roadmaps

- ***“A Technology Roadmap (TRM) serves as a coherent basis for specific technology development and transfer activities, providing a common (preferably quantifiable) objective, time-specific milestones and a consistent set of concrete actions; developed jointly with relevant stakeholders, who commit to their roles in the TRM implementation.”***
- Background paper on technology roadmaps, UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee, TEC/2013/5/5.
- ***“Is a dynamic set of technical, policy, legal, financial, market and organizational requirements identified by all stakeholders involved in its development. The effort shall lead to improved and enhanced sharing of and collaboration on all related technology-specific RDD&D information among participants. The goal is to accelerate the overall RDD&D process in order to deliver an earlier update of the specific energy technology into the marketplace.”***
- The IEA definition of a technology roadmap

# Understanding Technology Roadmaps

- TRMs are technology-specific roadmaps intended to support the development of a specific type of technology.
- Literature review on past and existing roadmaps would be summarized and would inform the roadmapping process
- Tracking of milestones and goals of technologies would inform the global TRM
- Rigorous empirical analysis of existing, relevant, empirical data for TRMs
- Increased communication with stakeholders, and consensus-building through surveys, interviews and workshops would inform local and global roadmaps
- Identifying best practices to be incorporated by stakeholders
- Proposing specific, time-related and action-oriented policy recommendations
- Individuals involved typically include technical experts, policy makers, energy analysts and university researchers, who come together to outline performance targets, pathways, priorities and time frames for the research, development, demonstration and deployment (RDD&D) of a technology.
- It engages and aligns diverse stakeholders in a common course of action
- Manage and implement an effective energy technology roadmap process relevant to their own local circumstances and objectives.
- Help national and local policymakers and industry to develop strategies that accelerate the deployment of low-carbon energy technologies worldwide.
- Creating conditions for deployment

# Typical Roadmap Audiences

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- **national government decision makers in ministries of energy, environment, industry, natural resources and infrastructure**
- **national government decision makers in ministries of finance or economics**
- **state/provincial and local policy makers and national regulators**
- **energy sector decision makers, particularly from industries that produce or consume large amounts of energy (e.g. electricity, natural resources, agriculture and energy-intensive industry)**
- **leading scientific, engineering, policy, social science and business experts involved in researching specific energy technologies and the supporting policies and financing mechanisms needed to accelerate commercialization**
- **NGOs engaged in research and advocacy in low-carbon energy**

# Circular Carbon Economy Technologies across the 4 R's

## Reduce

### Energy Efficiency

- Combined Cycle
- EE Standards
- HVAC

### Alternative Energy

- Non-biomass Renewables
- Nuclear power
- Fuel switching
- Synthetic fuels

## Reuse

Synthetic fuels

Fertilizers and urea

Methanol and chemicals

Polymers

Concrete (CO<sub>2</sub> chemically reacted)

## Recycle

CO<sub>2</sub>-Enhanced oil recovery

Super-critical CO<sub>2</sub> applications (power)

Concrete (CO<sub>2</sub> physical storage)

CO<sub>2</sub>-Enhanced water recovery

## Remove

Natural sinks (e.g., afforestation, soil and oceans)

Bio-energy CCS (BECCS)

Direct Air Capture with Storage

CO<sub>2</sub> capture (mobile)

CO<sub>2</sub> Transport

Geological Sequestration



- ✓ This project provides a techno-economic analysis of energy innovations and technology roadmaps that span across the 4 R's to assess its technical feasibility and economic viability to contribute to meeting climate targets in a cost-effective and timely manner.
- ✓ The project offers in-depth understanding of the CCE framework and its 4 R's pathways and their challenges and opportunities.

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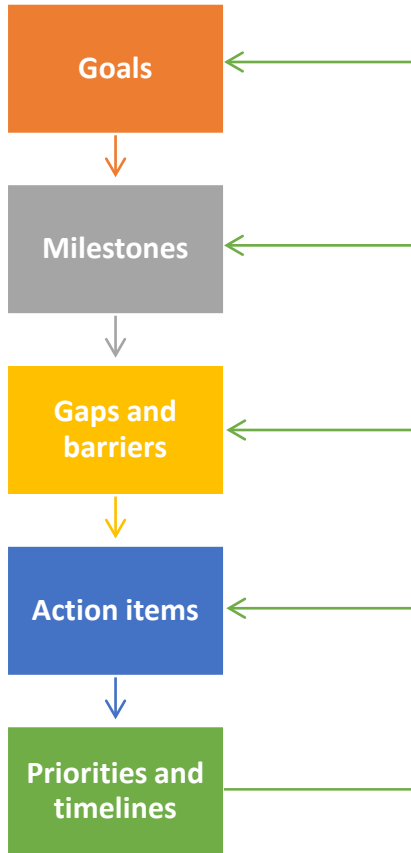
The background paper (2013) reported on the use of technology roadmaps (TRMs) related to climate change mitigation and adaptation technologies. The study of TRMs is motivated by the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (CoP) request to the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) to catalyse the development and use of TRMs as facilitative tools for action on mitigation and adaptation

## Recommendations

The following key recommendations, based on the analysis conducted for the background paper, are:

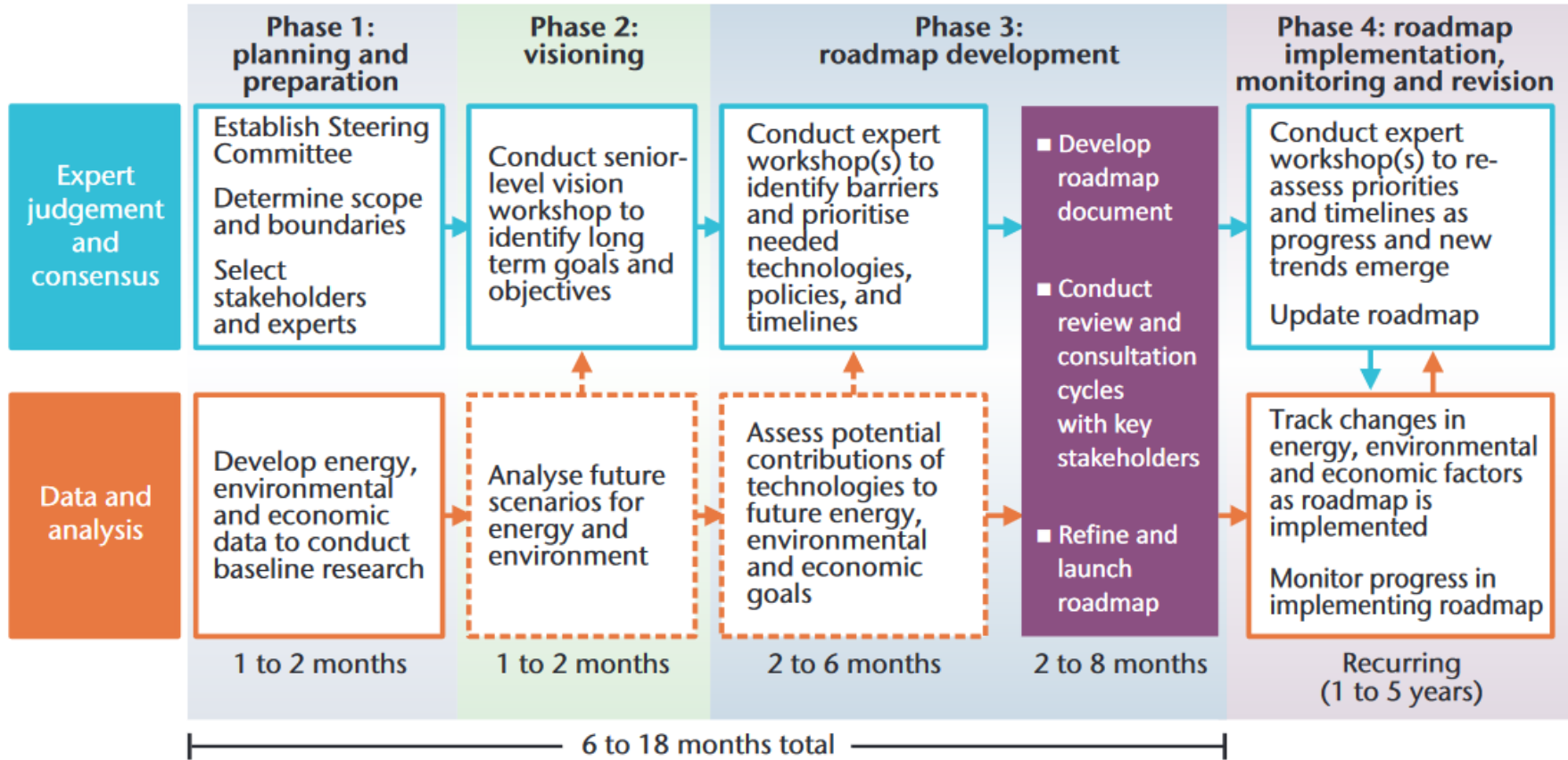
- Guidance and good practice should be disseminated in order to improve the quality and consequent contribution of TRMs to climate change mitigation and adaptation technology development and transfer.
- The TEC should further explore the perspectives for promoting TRMs for adaptation technologies.
- The TEC should promote the use of TRMs in developing countries; to this end, it could work towards developing cost effective TRM methods and guidance to improve the use of TRMs in and for Non-Annex I countries and provide training or capacity building on TRMs.
- The role of TRMs in integrating with other existing technology transfer efforts should be further explored by the TEC. This includes Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs) and Technology Action Plans (TAPs), and National adaptation Plans of Action (NAPAs) and Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs).

# Key elements of a successful roadmap





# Roadmap process outline



Note: dotted lines indicate optional steps, based on analysis capabilities and resources.

# The roadmap development process

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Phase I

Planning and preparation

Phase II

Visioning

Phase III

Roadmap development

Phase IV

Roadmap implementation and adjustment

- **Ensure leadership commitment**
  - Leadership commitment will ensure
    - Stakeholder participation and commitment
    - Hold accountable stakeholders on the progress of the roadmap
    - Guiding the update and review of the roadmapping process
- **Appoint Steering Committee**
  - Steer the direction toward what is deemed important globally and locally
- **Develop a Statement of Purpose and Scope**
- **Conduct Baseline Research**

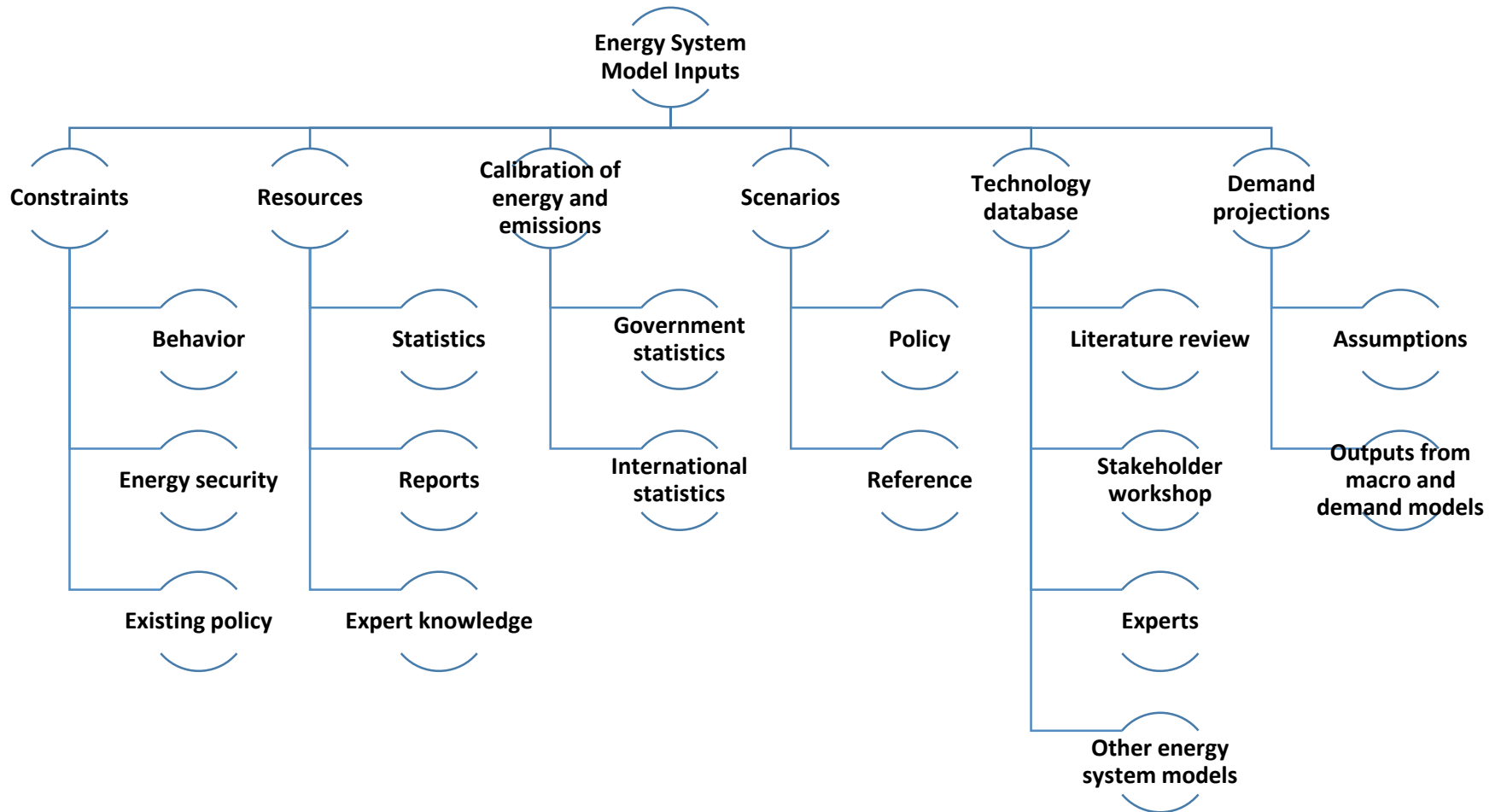
## Phase II

# Visioning

- **Setting a vision is the process of defining the desired pathway for a technology's deployment.**
- **Modelling and Scenario Analysis to define possible future states.**
- **Modelling assesses fundamental data on national population growth, shifting projections on natural resources and economic growth to suggest different energy futures and environmental consequences of those futures.**
- **Hold a Vision Workshop(s)**

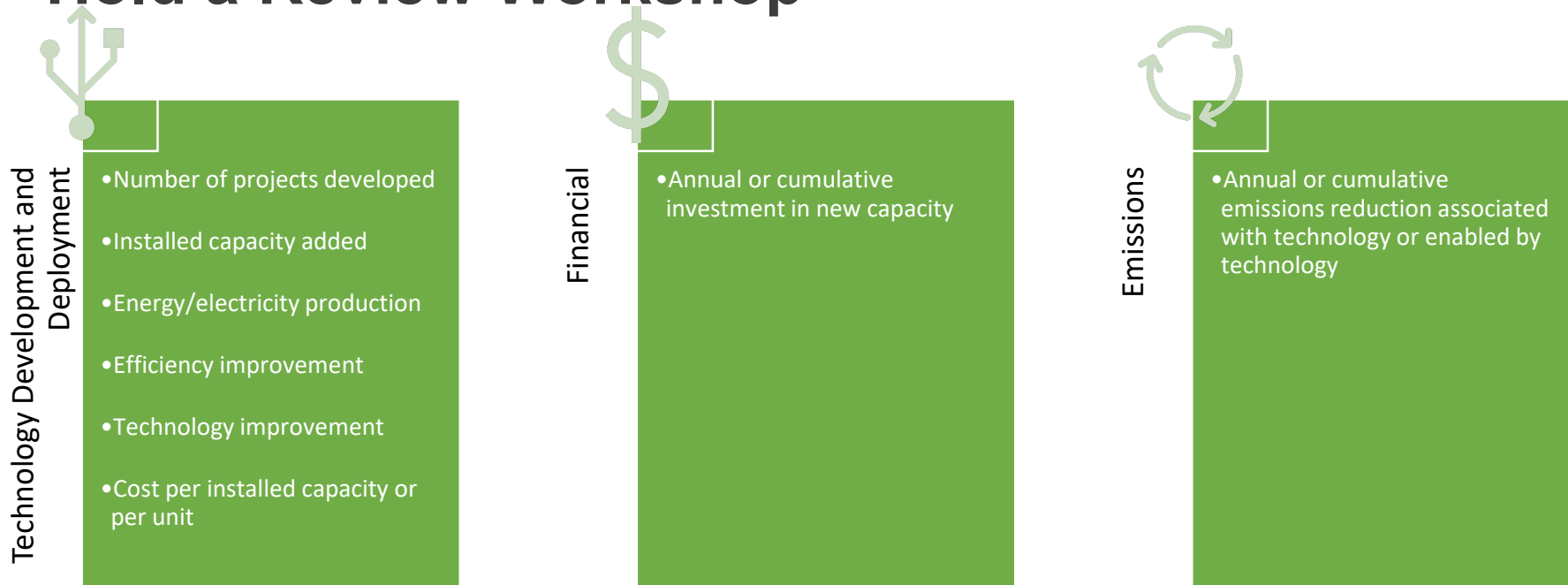
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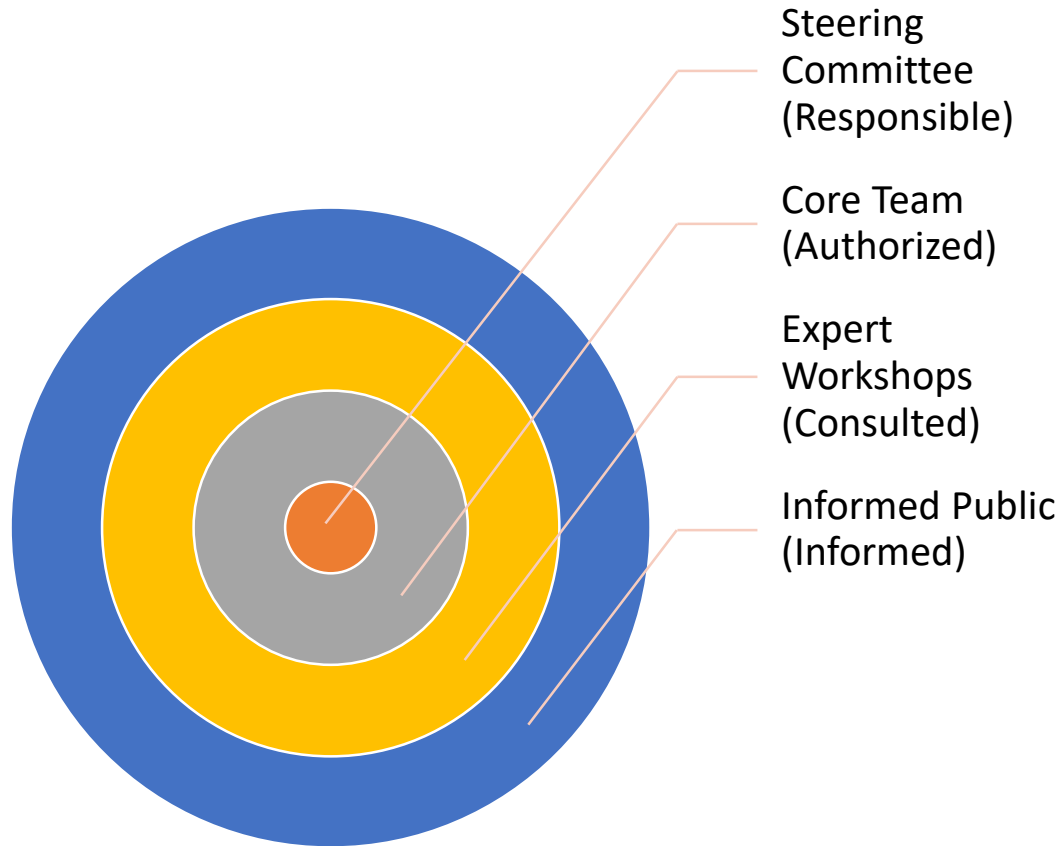


- **Hold a Roadmap Workshop(s)**
- **Prepare the draft roadmap document**
- **Conduct a roadmap review**
  - First Review
  - External Review

- **Launch the roadmap**
  - Begin implementation
  - Monitor progress and adjust the roadmap
- **Hold a Review Workshop**



# Stakeholders Involvement





## Lessons learned: Roadmap implementation and revision

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- Approach roadmapping as a “living process” that continues past the roadmap’s initial publication.
- Plan a successful roadmap launch to build awareness and create momentum needed to stimulate action.
- Designate the roadmap implementation body early in the process.
- Monitor key energy, environmental and economic indicators to track progress.
- Conduct regular roadmap revision workshops to adapt roadmap goals and priorities to changing circumstances.

## Key Factors for Roadmapping

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stakeholder  
participation

resource  
constraints

critical inputs

roadmap  
design

buy-in and  
dissemination

monitoring  
and tracking

## Technology Roadmaps for Advancing the Global Circular Carbon Economy



### This project aims to develop The Circular Carbon Economy (CCE) Technology Roadmaps (TRMs) – through:

- ✓ Identifying performance targets, pathways, priorities and timeframes for the research, development, demonstration and deployment of a particular CCE technology
- ✓ Creating a *first-of-a-kind* real-time dashboard showcasing the global and local technology roadmap of each of the CCE technologies that's updated and *revised* continuously
- ✓ Creating an account of existing projects of each CCE technology
- ✓ Assessing the investment requirements for the deployment of technologies
- ✓ Identifying *technical, policy, legal, financial, market and organizational* requirements for each CCE technology as identified by stakeholders

**Technology Development and Deployment**

- Number of projects developed
- Installed capacity added
- Energy/electricity production
- Efficiency improvement
- Technology improvement
- Cost per installed capacity or per unit

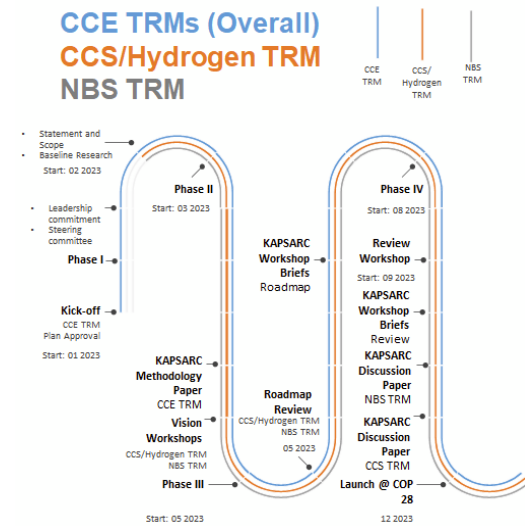
**Financial**

- Annual or cumulative investment in new capacity

**Emissions**

- Annual or cumulative emissions reduction associated with technology or enabled by technology

### CCE TRMs (Overall) CCS/Hydrogen TRM NBS TRM



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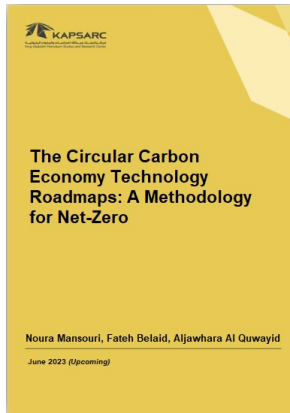


### Expected Methodological Contribution:

- Technology Roadmaps are rooted in the sustainability transition literature, here, we propose the CCE-TRM as a net-zero methodology that builds on the CCE framework and contributes to the TRM through a stakeholder-informed process. The outcome could inform Saudi policymaking, namely, providing a technology deployment strategy for a transition towards carbon circularity and neutrality.

### Driving Questions for each CCE-TRM:

- How can we create a technology momentum?
- What is the potential of CCE-TRM technologies for carbon circularity and neutrality?
- What are the associated costs, risks, and benefits?
- What are the barriers to deployment?



# The CCE-TRM Dashboard (*Sample*)

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Sum of Announced capacity (high) (Mt CO2/yr)

Sum of Announced capacity (high) (Mt CO2/yr) by Country



## Project Status

- Decommissioned
- Operational
- Planned
- Suspended
- Under construction

## Project type

- Capture
- CCU
- Full chain
- Storage
- T&S
- Transport

## Sector

- Biofuels
- Cement
- CO2 storage
- CO2 T&S
- CO2 transport
- Direct Air Capture
- Hydrogen/ammonia
- Iron and steel
- Natural gas processing
- Other fuel transformation
- Other industry
- Power and heat

# CCE TRM Project: The Carbon Removal TRMs

- Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS) has a negative connotation given its association with hydrocarbons, therefore, ‘packaging’ the first set of TRMs as ‘carbon removal’ including CCS, (blue) hydrogen and NBS would be perceived in a more positive light, particularly in COP 28.
- The Carbon Removal TRMs include:
  - Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) TRM
  - Direct Air Capture (DAC) TRM
  - Nature-based Solutions (NBS) TRM
  - Hydrogen TRM
- Carbon Removal Technology Roadmaps (TRM) identifies, in a first-of-a-kind live *roadmapping* online platform, a detailed scenario for the technology’s development, demonstration and deployment by 2050.
- It builds on existing efforts globally and capitalize on open-source databases
- Through engaging with key stakeholders from the government, industry and research community to demonstrate CCS at scale and pace around the world in a variety of settings.
- To describe and analyze actions needed to accelerate CCS deployment to levels that would allow it to fulfil its CO2 emissions reduction potential.

## Major Research Questions

- **Where are we in the technology?**
- **What are the current projects?**
- **What are the current applications?**
- **What's the potential for carbon circularity and neutrality?**
- **What are the associated costs?**
- **What are the associated risks and benefits?**
- **How can we accelerate the technology's deployment?**
- **What is the technology prospects in the near future?**
- **What are global goals or milestones for the technology?**

# Expected Contributions

- The roadmap concludes with a set of near-term decisive actions that stakeholders will need to take to achieve the roadmap's vision.
- Tracking the development of the technology globally.
  - Technology Activity and Live Project Interactive Map
- *A first-of-its kind* live platform
- Independent and scientific assessment
- Sample Action List:
  - reach a broadly supported international agreement on a global response to climate change
  - build capacity that will enable the delivery of CCS at the scale, time and magnitude necessary
  - construct a number of large-scale demonstration facilities
  - ensure an active sharing of knowledge on the experience gained



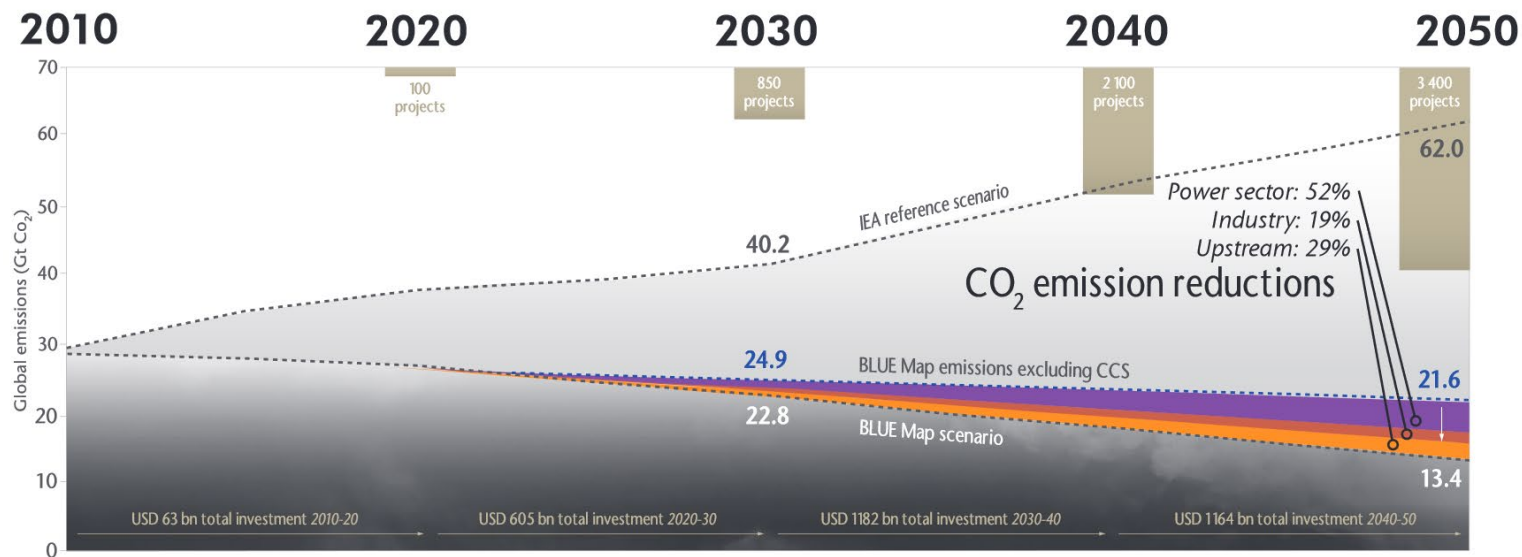
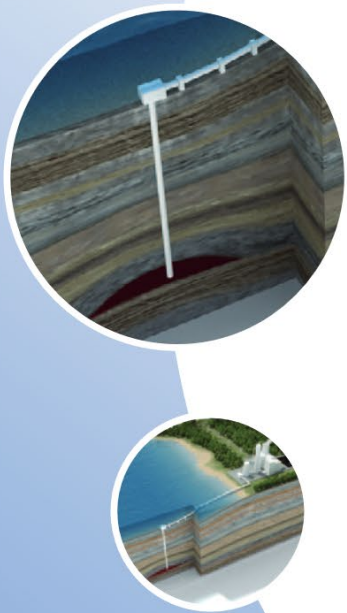
## Example of CCS Roadmap, IEA (2009)

# CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE ROADMAP

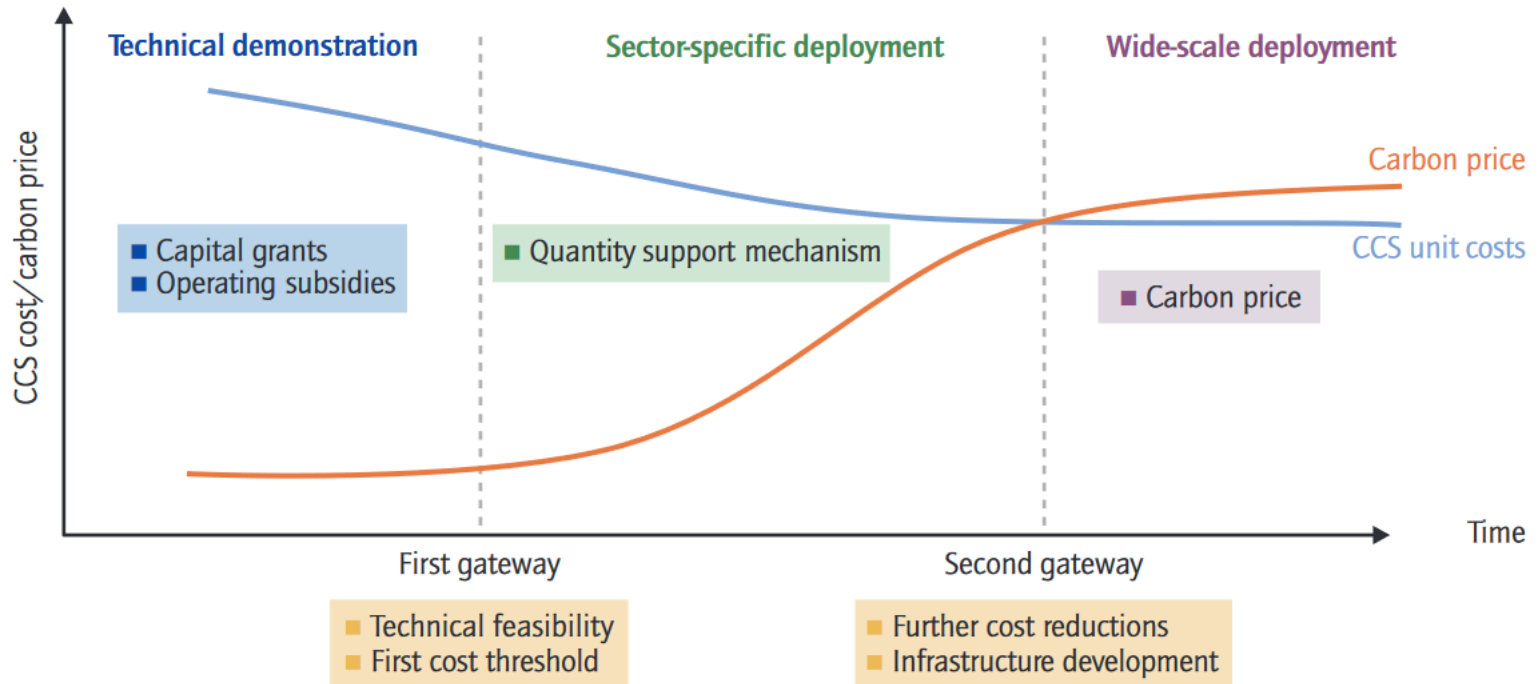


### CCS contribution in BLUE Map by sector 2010-50

Total CCS contribution to the BLUE Map scenario is 8.2 GtCO<sub>2</sub> avoided in 2050.  
This is 19% of the total mitigation effort needed.



## Example of CCS Roadmap, IEA (2012)



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