#### Power Sector Vision in the Greater Mekong

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## Average real GDP growth 2000 - 2014



# Electricity demand and growth

#### rates

Country	Electricity Consumption		Peak Demand	
	TWh	CAGR <sup>3</sup> , %	MW	CAGR⁴, %
Cambodia	4.2	19.4%	687	16.0%
Lao PDR	3.4	14.5%	748	12.5%
Myanmar	9.6	15.7%	2,235	16.2%
Thailand	168.2	4.4%	26,942	2.9%
Viet Nam	142.3	12.7%	22,100	10.2%

- CAGR for electricity consumption is for the last ten years for Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam, last five years for Myanmar and twelve years for Thailand.
- CAGR for peak demand is for last five years for Cambodia, Myanmar, and Thailand, ten years for Lao PDR and Viet Nam.



## Electrification rates (2014)

Country	Population without Access to Electricity (millions)	Electrification Rate⁵ (%)	Urban Electrification Rate (%)	Rural Electrification Rate (%)
Cambodia	9.2	39%	90%	24%
Lao PDR	0.8	89%	98%	83%
Myanmar	38.1	26%	40%	20%
Thailand	0.2	100%	100%	99%
Viet Nam	1.9	98%	100%	97%



# Installed capacity by technology/fuel (2014)



# The future for the power sector in the Greater Mekong

- Huge electricity consumption growth
- Hydro not much potential left in Thailand and Viet Nam but large potential in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar – high environmental and social impacts
- Coal available but poor quality and difficult locations. Imports planned.
- Gas over 1000 Bcm in region.
- Great wind, solar and biomass potential

# Greater Mekong future generation mix (BAU)



### Is that a good future?

• Health Impacts - \$0.014 - \$0.17/kWh (Buonocore et al., 2015)

• Over 780 million tonnes of CO2eq emissions per year in 2050

• 50% of electricity produced with imported fuel (outside of Mekong region) by 2050



## Alternative for the region?





Analyse technically and economically whether the power sector can shift to a power mix largely based on renewables and efficiency. Multi-stakeholder project with consultations. Contribute to debate on power development plan and future of power sector.

# Project Stages & Current Status





# Modelling

- On an hourly basis to balance supply and demand
- Optimisation based on least cost
- Transparent assumptions on fixed and variable costs of various technologies







## Assumptions for Scenarios

- Use of official GDP and population growth forecasts
- Conservative assumptions on technology and fuel costs for fossil fuels and renewable energy
- Energy efficiency assumptions based on other Asian countries huge potential!
- Sustainable Energy Scenario gives preference to solar, wind and biomass technologies



# Our Partners for the Power Sector Vision project

- IES for technical modelling
- Vietnamese Sustainable Energy Alliance
- Renewable Energy Association Myanmar
- Spectrum Myanmar
- Healthy Public Policy Foundation Thailand
- Mekong Strategic Partners in Cambodia
- Laos consultants

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### Greater Mekong future generation mix (BAU)



#### Resource

Coal, Diesel, Fuel Oil, Nuclear	
Gas	
Large Hydro	
Wind	
Solar, Battery, CSP	
Biomass and Biogas	
Other Renewables	

#### Flows



# Sustainable Energy Scenarios Electricity Demand





### Greater Mekong future capacity mix (Sustainable Energy Scenario)



### Greater Mekong future generation mix (Sustainable Energy Scenario)



### Greater Mekong future generation mix (Sustainable Energy Scenario)



Biomass and Biogas Other Renewables

# Supply security : % of electricity generated at home



# Net Present Cost of power sector OPEX & CAPEX until 2050



# Are the cost assumptions realistic?









## Avoided CO2eq emissions





### Job creation





## Scenario Conclusions

- RE range is between 86% and 100% by 2050
- Carbon emissions reduced by minimum 83%
- SES Hydro increase limited to plants under construction or last phases of planning
- Additional cost to society? Higher capital costs (50% higher) but lower fuel costs turn the energy transition into a win-win scenario
- This does <u>not</u> take into account social and environmental benefits – a just and sustainable energy transition has many more benefits





## Back up slides

# Greater Mekong future capacity mix (BAU)



# Advanced Sustainable Energy Scenario (ASES)



# Electricity demand by sector 2014



#### Global share of renewables in electricity generation



Source: Based on projections of IEA World Energy Outlooks in Reference Scenarios of WEO 2004, 2007 and 2008, and New Policies Scenarios in WEO 2013.

#### Greenpeace Forecasts vs. IEA's and Facts





## **Cumulative investments**





### **Carbon Emissions**





### Job creation





Hydro

"The fact that current hydro power projects are included in the SES does not mean that WWF or its partners condone any specific existing dam. But since they have been built, they are part of the suggested power mix in the SES. It may well be that some of those dams will be decommissioned early to make way for more sustainable solutions."

# Technical potential: 60% of variable electricity



(WWF and Ecofys, 2011)



### Why batteries?

#### Total lithium-ion battery pack cost and traction battery production, 2010-30



Note: Some of the data points we have collected represent prices for contracts that might last 1-2 years, refer to Methodology for details. The battery pack price line in the chart is projected cost based on the learning curve of EV lithium-ion batteries.

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance



## Why batteries?

- UBS study recently showed that solar and batteries are already cost effective in Australia (Reneweconomy, 2014).
- Project in Hawai: "The combined solar and energy storage system is designed to give KIUC, the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative, dispatch-able electricity in the evening, and after the sun goes down. KIUC has a 20year contract with SolarCity to buy the solar-generated electricity at a competitive price of 14.5 cents per kilowatt hour."
- Estimate of amount of EV conservative (25% in Thailand by 2050 compared to expert projections of 50-60%)

# Efficiency – why this method?

- No bottom-up approach possible without data
- Simply assuming a percentage of EE is not satisfactory
- Assuming future energy intensity levels by comparing with other countries – ok, not perfect.
- Quite conservative: we compare energy intensity in 2050 with today's energy intensity in reference countries



## **Electricity tariffs**



#### (ASEAN Centre for Energy)



### Main assumptions Demand

- BAU: government plans, with extrapolation based on GDP growth per economic sector, population growth and electrification rates.
- SES: GDP growth, population growth, electrification rates (access to electricity + car electrification), energy intensity from other countries (Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore)
- Energy efficiency costs from McKinsey, Berkeley



### Main Assumptions Supply

- CAPEX and OPEX assumptions on RE and FF (incl. nuclear) for BAU and SES
- Cost assumptions on storage (batteries mainly)
- Reasonable speed of technology development



### Capital costs





#### Grids - Myanmar





### Cost of scenarios BAU





### Cost of scenarios SES





### Cost of scenarios Difference between BAU and SES





#### GDP – Same in All Scenarios



### Fuel Prices – Same in All Scenarios





Туре	FOM (\$/MW/yr)	VOM (\$/MWh)
Hydro	15,124	0.00
Wind	11,784	10.00
Coal	24,036	3.69
Gas	12,023	6.31
Diesel	29,870	15.20
Uranium	34,400	13.77
Fuel Oil	13,283	8.73
Bio	30,435	4.48
Solar	11,331	5.00
CSP	51,359	5.00
Battery	10,000	0.00
Hydro ROR	12,861	0.00
Geothermal	51,359	0.00
Pump Storage	6,216	0.00
CCS	48,724	8.29
Ocean	140,000	0.00