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## DEEP DIVE WORKSHOP

# Towards a Cleaner Future: Accelerating Global Cooperation and Innovation for Sustainable Energy

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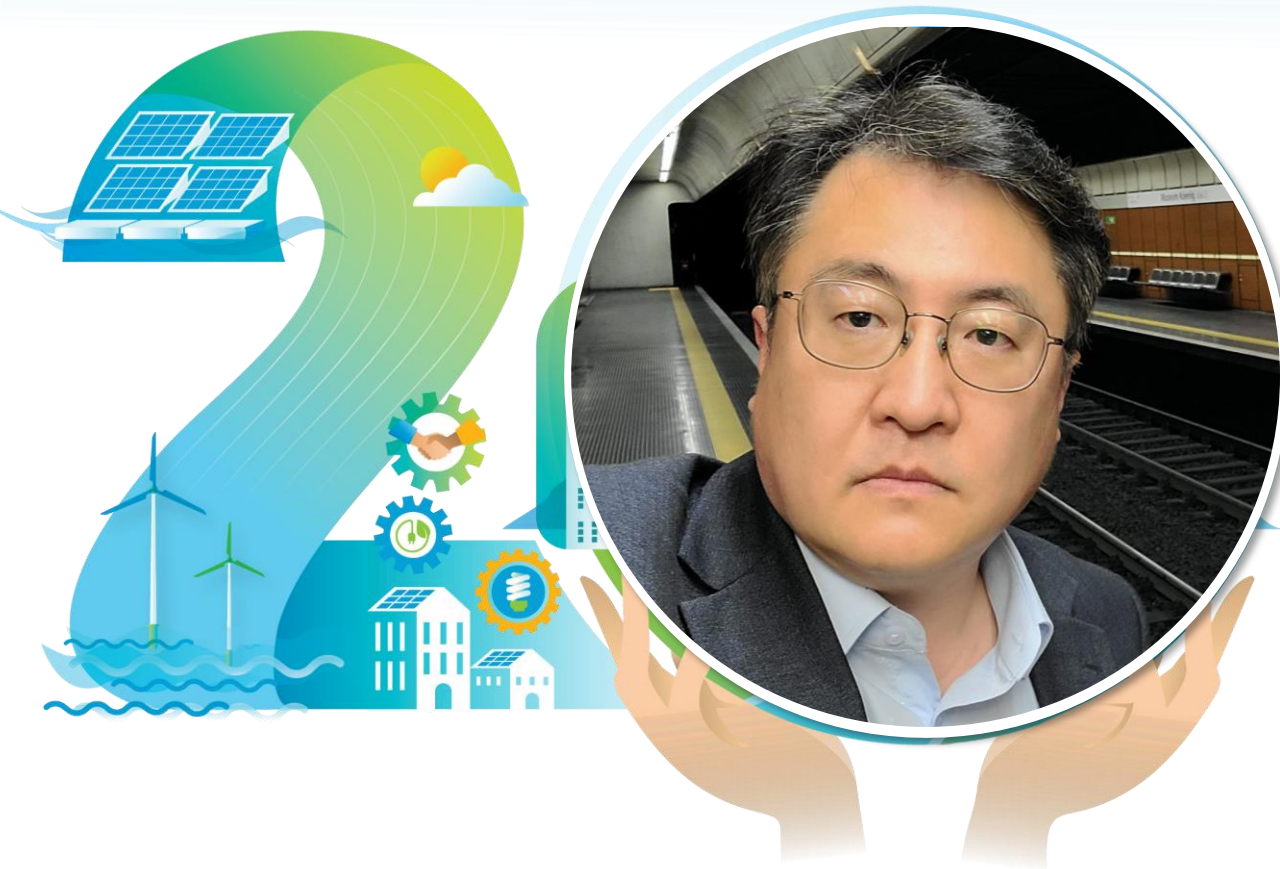
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# ENERGY AUDIT

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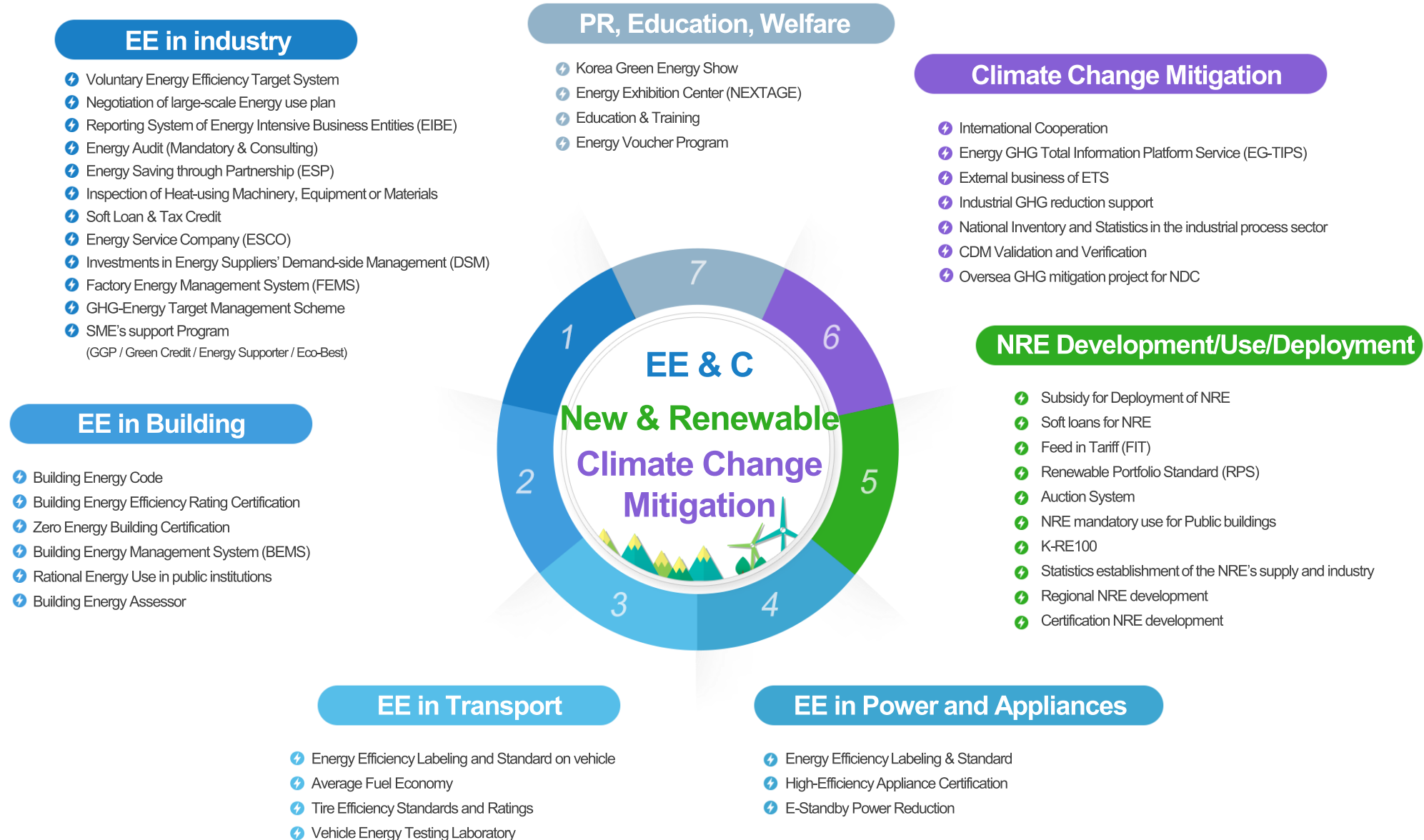
The Korea Energy Agency is a public entity under the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy aims for reducing GHG emissions and improving quality of life by promoting rational energy use and dissemination of new and renewable energy of Republic of Korea.

Name	KEA (Korea Energy Agency)
President	Lee Sang-hoon
Staff	758
Organization	20 Divisions, 1 Affiliated(5 Divisions), 12 Regional HQ

Main Role			
<u>01</u> Improve energy efficiency	<u>02</u> Disseminate new and renewable energy	<u>03</u> Respond to climate change	<u>04</u> Energy welfare

Budget	1.2 billion dollars (1.673 trillion KRW)
Founded	July 4, 1980 (Article 45, <i>Energy Use Rationalization Act</i> )
Type	Quasi-governmental organization

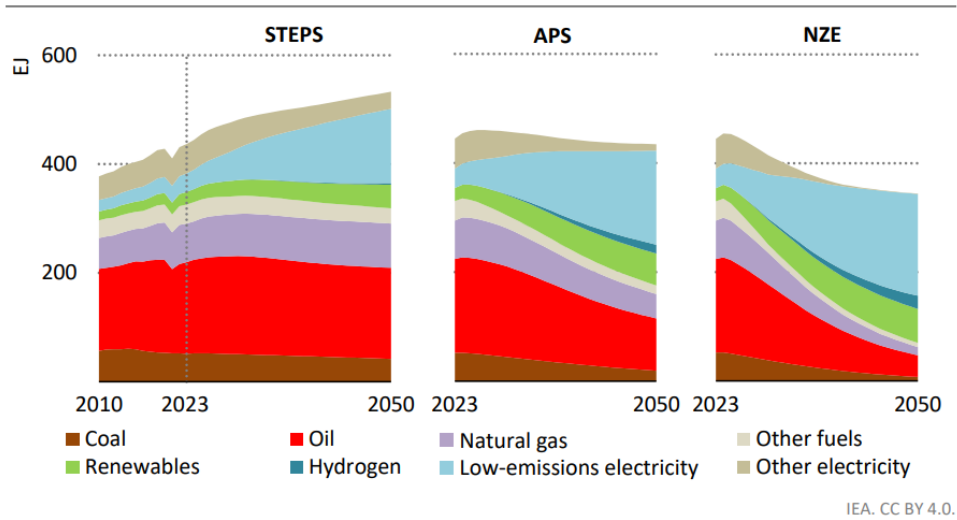
# What Korea Energy Agency does





**Paris Agreement:** Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels

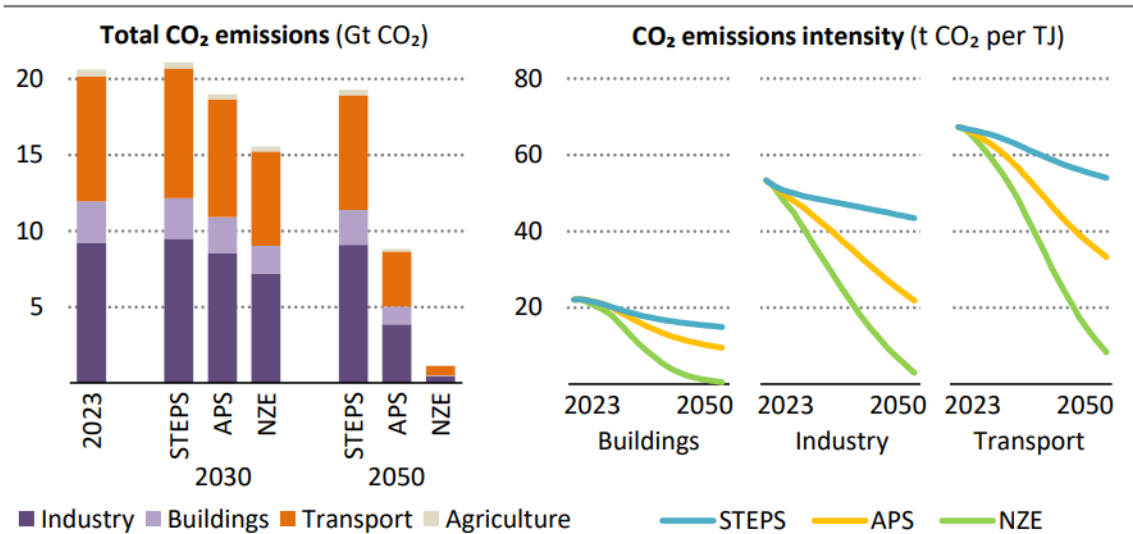
Total final consumption by fuel and scenario, 2023-2050



The share of fossil fuel use in final consumption declines this decade in all scenarios, and falls from 66% today to 55% in 2050 in the STEPS, declining faster in other scenarios

Notes: Renewables refers to the direct use of renewable energy sources. Hydrogen includes hydrogen-based fuels, such as ammonia and synthetic fuels. Low-emissions electricity includes output from renewable energy technologies, nuclear and fossil fuel-fired power plants fitted with CCUS, hydrogen and ammonia. Other fuels includes traditional use of biomass, district heat, non-renewable waste and fossil fuel methanol.

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and emissions intensity by end-use sector and scenario, 2023, 2030 and 2050



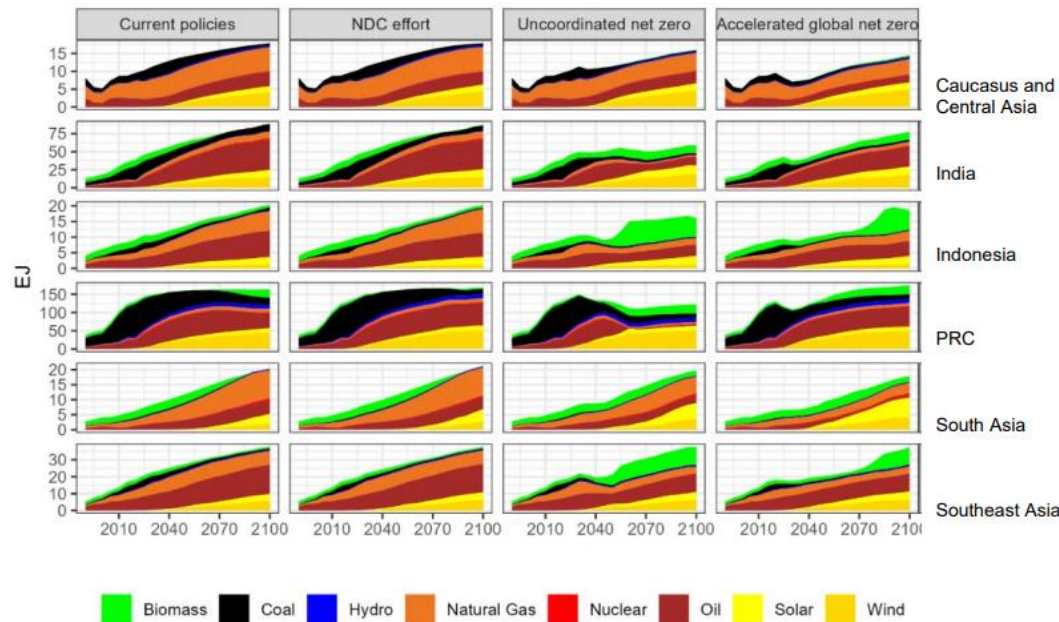
Industry and transport contribute most of the total emissions from final consumption, but transport sees the biggest drop in emissions intensity thanks to rising electrification

Note: Gt CO<sub>2</sub> = gigatonnes of carbon dioxide; t CO<sub>2</sub> per TJ = tonnes of carbon dioxide per terajoule.

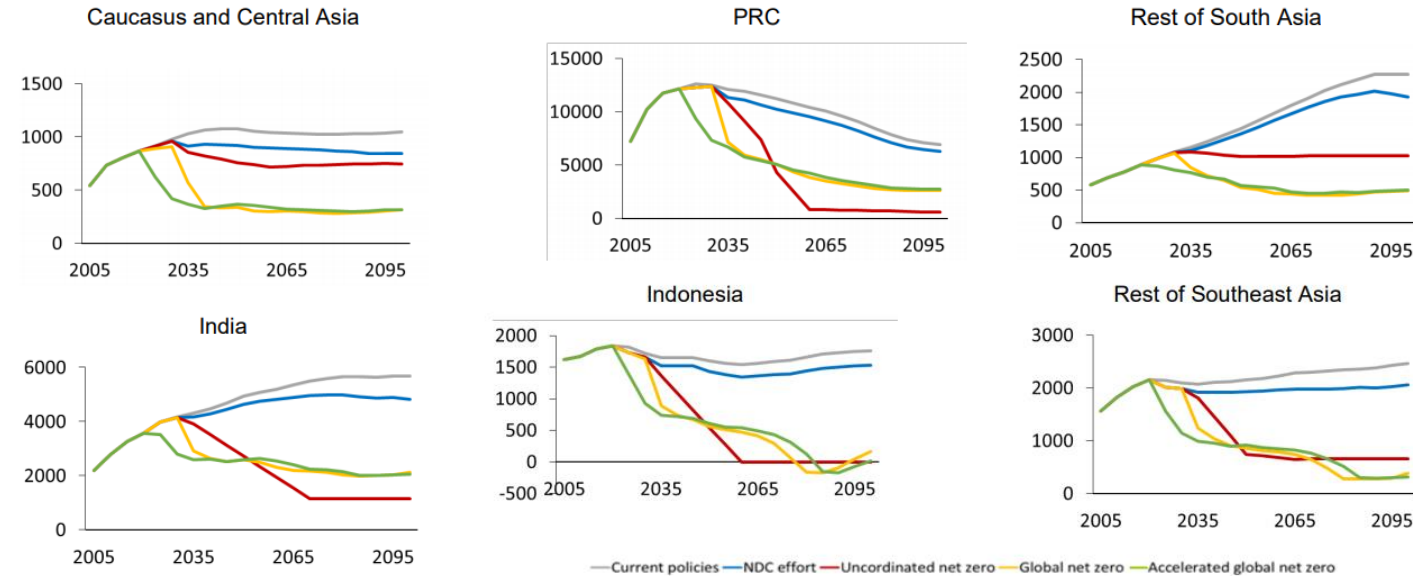


**Outcome of the first global stocktake(CMA5): Tripling renewable energy capacity globally and doubling the global average annual rate of energy efficiency improvements by 2030**

**Primary Energy Mix in Developing Asia**



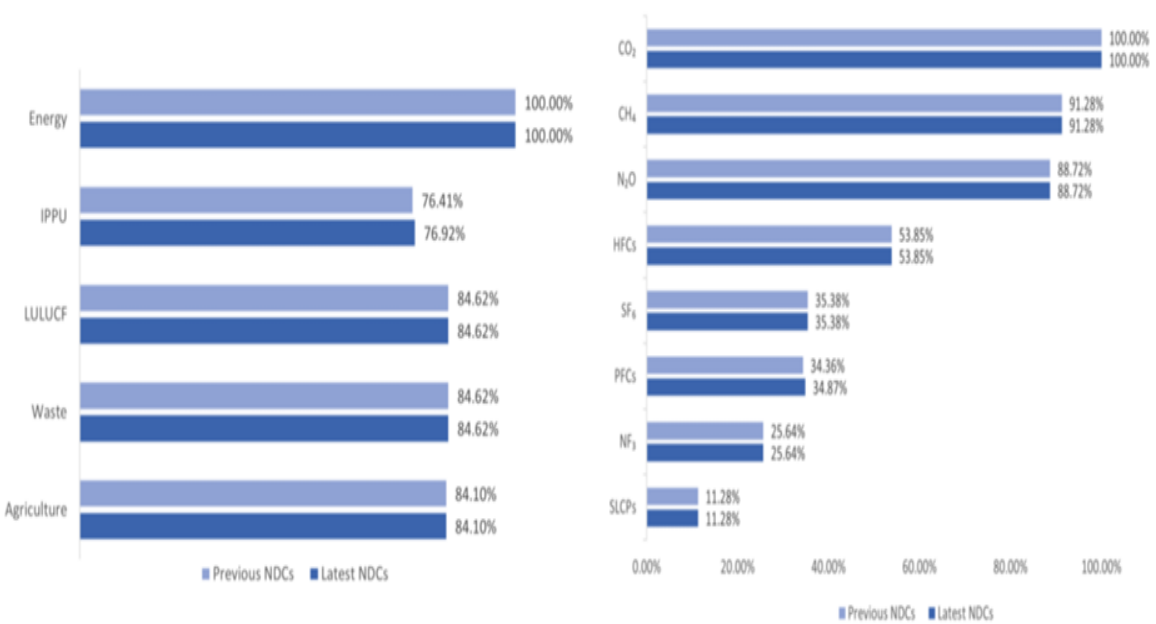
**GHG Emission Pathways for Subregions of Developing Asia under the Modeled Scenarios (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e/year)**



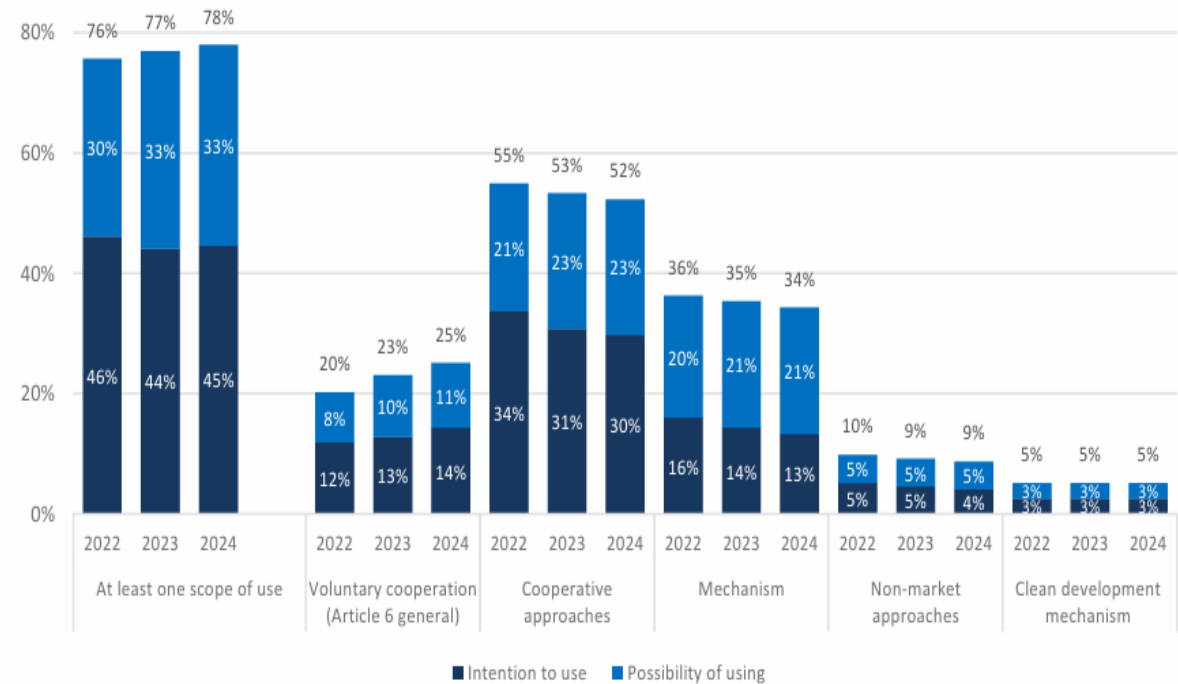
MtCO<sub>2</sub>e/year = million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, NDC = nationally determined contribution, PRC = People's Republic of China.

**Paris Agreement:** Each Party shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions that it intends to achieve.

Sectors and greenhouse gases covered by Parties that communicated them in nationally determined contributions



Share of Parties indicating in nationally determined contributions the intention to use or possibility of using specific scopes of voluntary cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement

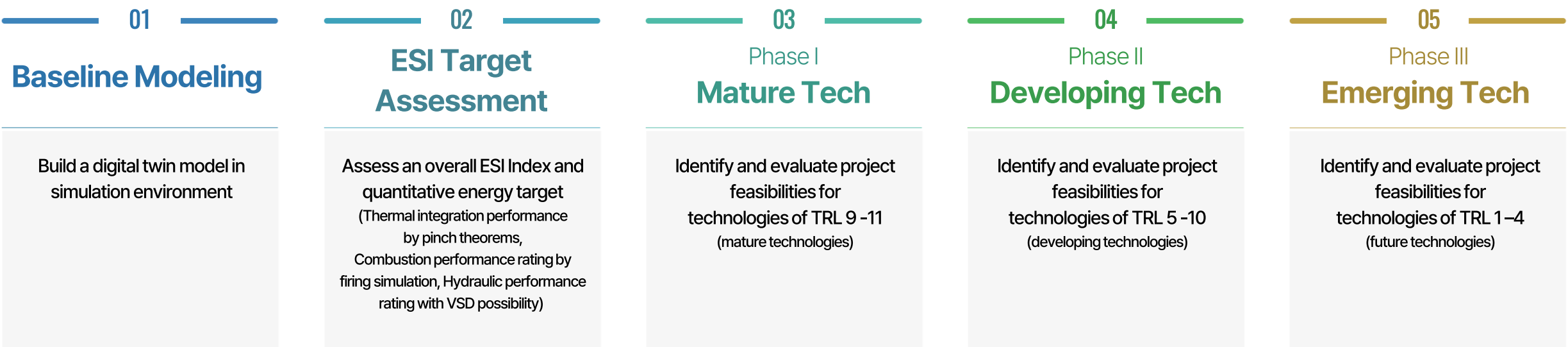


Resource: Nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement, Synthesis report by the secretariat (CMA6, Baku)

The Energy Audit is a technical consulting service,  
aiming to **identify practical energy-saving solutions and GHG emission reduction projects.**



Improving energy efficiency is the most cost-effective and reliable approach to reduce GHG emissions, and the first step in your decarbonization roadmap.





# Why Energy Audit with KEA ?

The optimization by KEA's Energy Audit has contributed to  
**the rapid industrialization and economic growth of Korea.**

**Since the Republic of Korea relies on imports for about 96% of its energy needs, energy efficiency has been a significant requirement.**

For over 40 years, KEA has successfully implemented projects that have helped our customers reduce energy costs by 10–20%, enhance their profit margins, and significantly lower GHG emissions.



## Extensive Experience

Since 1980, KEA energy audit has been a flagship energy optimization solution for industrial and building sectors, with over 2,800 projects.



## Advanced Methodology

KEA's Energy Audit offers precise process simulation models utilizing advanced software such as Aspen ONE, Thermoflex, and more.



## Knowledge Sharing

The passionate KEA specialists in sharing knowledge and experience, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.





# Evolution of Energy Audit with KEA

KEA has transformed energy audits from utility focused approach to **software-driven audit**,  
now integrating **Energy Sustainability Initiative(ESI)** approach for the decarbonization

1<sup>st</sup>

Generation

1980-1995

**Starting of energy audit service, focusing on Utility System**

Conduct energy audits using measurement tools, such as optimize cooling water flowrates by ultrasonics, adjust excess O2% by flue gas analyzers, etc.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Generation

1996-2005

**Introduce standardized Methods by highly intensive equipment and Introduce rigorous process simulation software, e.g. HYSYS in Petrochemicals sector**

Prepare KS Heat Balancing standards of thermal facilities, Heat setting machines in textile industries, evaporators in foods industries, and so on.

3<sup>rd</sup>

Generation

2006-2020

**Advance to software-based energy audit methodologies**

Application of Thermoflex in power plants, the concept of pinch technologies in industries, customized energy auditing for investment-grade assessments using rigorous simulations and design tools, and integrated energy audits for greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction projects and energy management systems (ISO 50001)

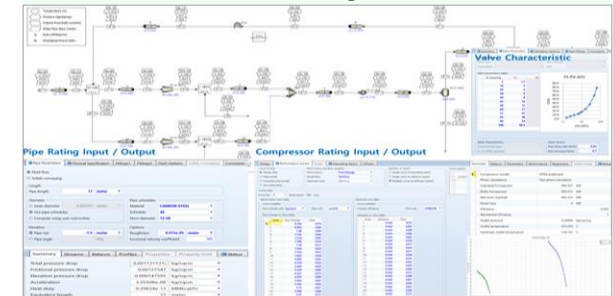
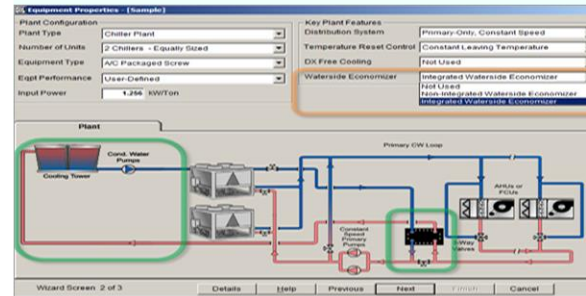
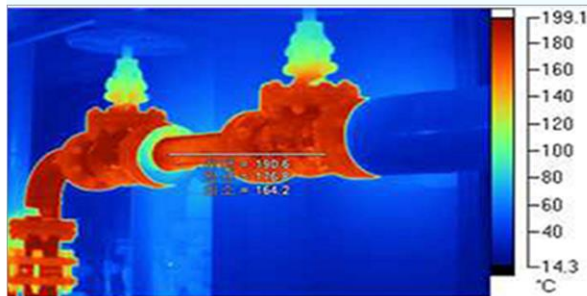
4<sup>th</sup>

Generation

2021-

**Introduce & Develop ESI (Energy Sustainable Initiative) Audit for unlocking Decarbonization**

Approach to improving the overall Energy Intensity Index (EII), heat integration performance through pinch technology, optimization of combustion equipment for thermal efficiency, and studies on rotating machinery for electricity savings based on software simulation as digital twin

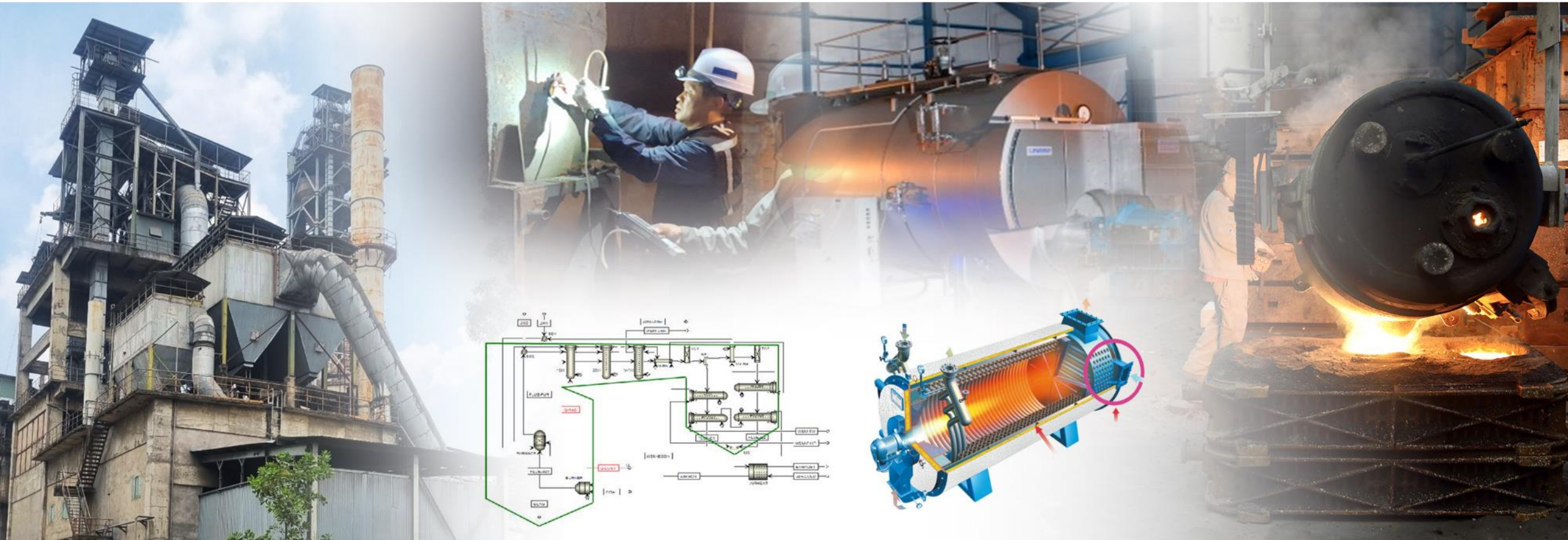


## Combustion

### ► Optimize Thermal Efficiency for firing equipment

## Boiler / Fired System

Through rigorous modeling on boiler system of combustion, deaeration, boiler feed water, and relevant facilities, KEA experts will identify EE projects such as 'optimize air-fuel ratio', 'heat recovery by air-preheater and/or economizer', and other thermal efficiency improvement ideas.





## Heat Flow and Recovery

▶ Maximize heat recovery by optimizing heat integration

### Heat Exchange Network

Through pinch technologies with rigorous modeling on process heat integration, KEA experts will propose economically/technically feasible EE projects for MER (maximum energy recovery or minimum energy requirement)

### Heat Integration Optimization

Through rigorous modeling on target unit process, KEA experts will identify EE projects for optimizing heat integration, and heat recovery maximizing ideas, through pinch technologies, and exergy analysis.

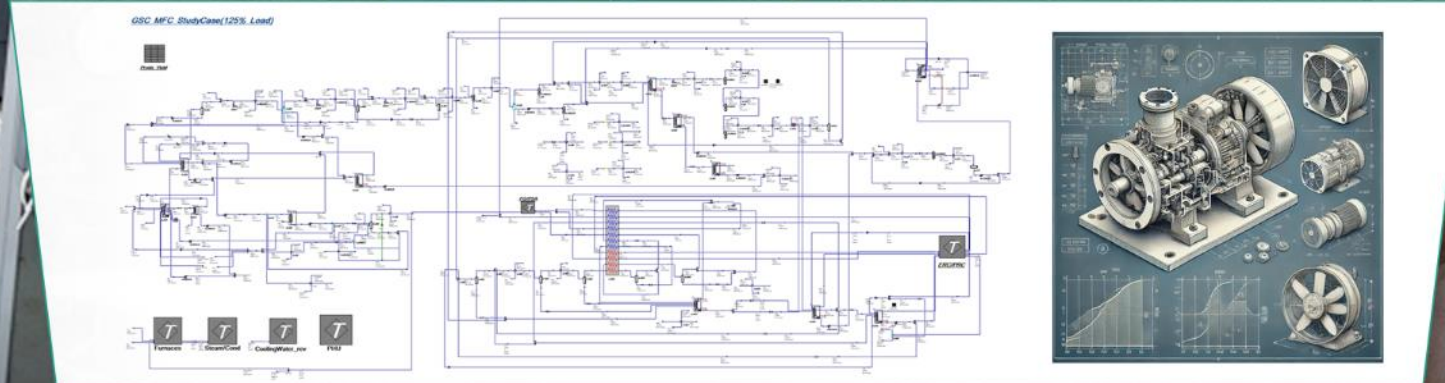


## Rotating Machinery

► Optimize pressures & VSD(Variable Speed Drive) possibilities on machines

### Pump/Fan System Optimization

Through rigorous modeling on hydraulic performance for fluid transportation equipment such as pump, fan, blowers, and compressors, KEA experts will identify EE projects for saving brake horsepower of them.





## 01 Ceramic coating feasibility

- Increase furnace radiation heat flux
- +/- Effect on radiation and convective heat transfer

## 02 Heat transfer coefficient boost

- Turbulator application on dryer cylinders of paper machines
- Heat exchangers tube inserts, such as twisted tape
- High performance exchangers, such as twisted tube, plate, etc.

## 03 High Performance distillations

- High performance trays
- Heat pump, MVR applications
- Column targeting; side exchangers(reboiler/condensers), feed conditioning, reflux optimization

## 04 Lower grade thermal energy recovery

- ORC(Organic Rankine Cycle)
- Absorption chillers
- MVR(Mechanical Vapor Re-compressions)

## 05 Renewable energies such as PV solar power, wind turbines, geo-thermal energy, and so on.



## Overseas Training Program: 2Weeks, a week each in Uzbekistan and Korea

1st Week	Curriculum(21 <sup>st</sup> ~25 <sup>th</sup> April, Tashkent, Uzbekistan)
1st Day	Energy audit system and operation status in Korea (Mandatory audit, audit assistance project, KEA Audit program)
	(Heat) Understanding and audit case of boiler systems, waste heat recovery systems
2nd Day	(Electricity) Understanding and Audit cases of Pump, Blower, Air Compressor, Air Dryer, Refrigerator, Air Conditioner
	Characteristics and Measurement Cases by measuring instruments
	Understanding metal/chemical energy-intensive facilities (furnaces, distillation towers, reactors, etc.) with practical cases
	Understanding ceramics/textiles energy-intensive facilities (kiln, tanner, dyeing machine, etc.) with practical cases
3rd Day	Understanding food/paper energy-intensive facilities (dryers, evaporators, herbicides, etc.) with practical cases
	Understanding of building energy-intensive facilities (constant temperature and humidity, insulation/heating, etc.) with practical cases
	Preparing an energy audit report
	audit techniques utilizing simulation software (process simulation using Aspen Hysys)
4th Day	On-site Training: industrial practice(focused on utility)
5th Day	On-site Training: industrial practice(focused on industry-specific facilities)
2nd Week	Curriculum(23 <sup>st</sup> ~27 <sup>st</sup> June, Ulsan, Korea)
1st Day	Sharing and analyzing the results of On-site Training - intensive industries(1 companies) and practice training on preparing an audit report
2nd Day	Sharing and analyzing the results of On-site Training - intensive industries(1 companies) and practice training on preparing an audit report
3rd Day	Training on the principle, usage and practice of the industry-specific energy savings estimation tool(Excel-based)
4th Day	Site-visit: Practical cases of Implementation of proposed items and advanced energy efficient technologies on specific sector requested
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\* Detail curriculum can be adjusted by the request of trainees

## Energy Audit with ODA program of Korean Government / MDB Support Program



### Thai Lube Oil

- Lube Base Oil Manufacturing Plant, Petroleum Refinery, Thailand
- Implementation of a 5-Day Energy Audit under the GGGI Project (June 2011)
- Identified energy saving ideas totaling 376.2 TJ/year, representing 14.9% of the total energy consumption



### Bangchak Petro Company

- Crude Oil Refinery Plant, Petroleum Refinery, Thailand
- Implementation of a 6-Day Energy Audit under the GGGI Project (June 2012)
- Identified energy saving ideas totaling 212.41 TJ/year, representing 3.2% of the total energy consumption



### Garment & Textile Enhancement

- 10 companies of garment & textile industry, Guatemala
- Implementation of a 10-Day Energy Audit under the World Bank Project (July 2014)
- Identified energy saving ideas totaling 8,448 toe/year, representing 6% of the total energy consumption



### GREENPYME in Bolivia

- 6 Industries of Cement, Cooling Oil, Sugar, Bolivia
- Implementation of a 10-Day Energy Audit under the World Bank Project (October 2014)
- Identified energy saving ideas totaling 8,448 toe/year, representing 6% of the total energy consumption



### EE Improvement in Peru

- 2 Industries of Food, Asphalt Manufacturing, Peru
- Implementation of a 10-Day Energy Audit under the MINEM Project (September 2016)
- Identified energy saving ideas totaling 17,482 toe/year, representing 20.5% of the total energy consumption



### EE Improvement ODA in Vietnam

- 2nd phase project('21-'25) following the 1st phase('17~'19) as a KOICA ODA program
- Joint Energy audit with KEA and Vietnam team on 20 SMEs, 15 economic feasibility study, 1 demonstration project
- Preparing another program for Morocco sharing the experience and output from Vietnam

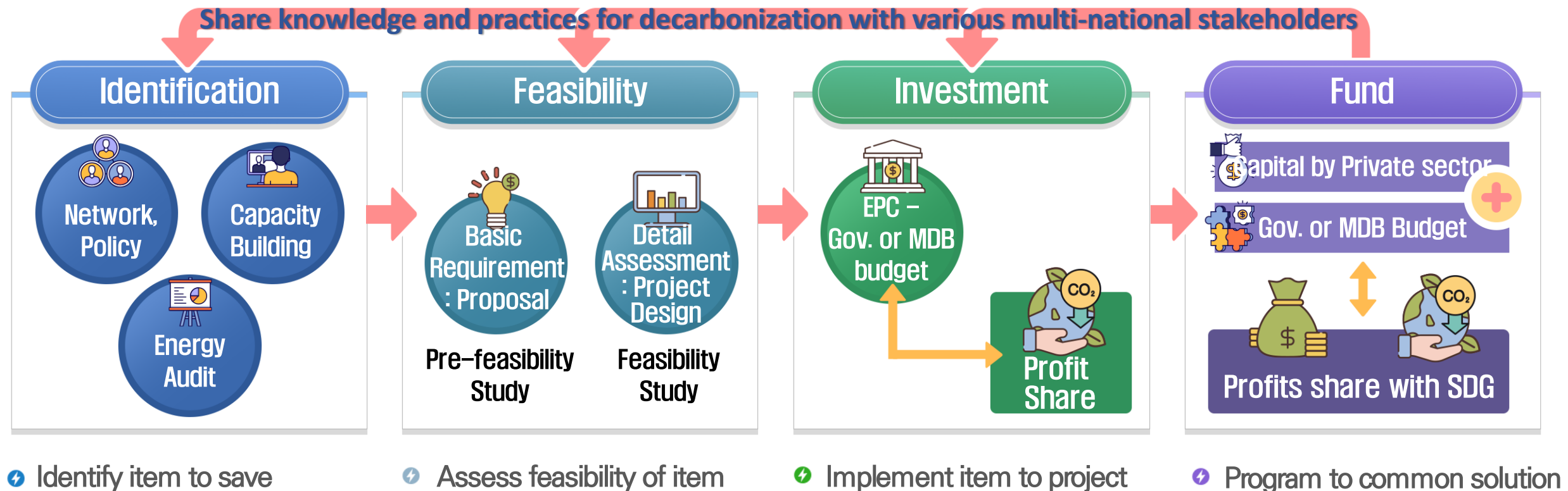
## Energy Audit cases in industry sector of Korea

No	Year	Company Name	Process Unit	Major Energy Saving Projects Identified
1	2024	POSCO POHANG Steel Works	Hot Rolling Mill	Slab preheating optimization, Inverter (VSD) application on rollers and pumps, Waste heat recovery boiler (WHRB)
2		GS Caltex Refinery	VSD Application Study for Rotating Equipment in Entire Plant	VSD application on pumps and fans, Efficiency diagnostics of rotating machines, Load-based operation control
3		Korea Zinc	Roaster, OF, Leaching, etc. in Entire Plant	Waste heat recovery from flue gas, Reaction temperature optimization, Inverter application on leaching pumps
4		KCC 2Plant	Gypsum Board Production Plant	Waste heat recovery from dryer, Inverter application on fans, Optimization of drying temperature and time
5		HUVIS Jeonju Plant	PET	Optimization of cooling water system, Inverter application on compressors, Process integration for energy reuse
6		Samsung Electronic PyeongTek	Semiconductor	Optimization of chiller and cooling tower operation, Cleanroom air volume control (VAV/VSD), HVAC heat recovery
7	2023	KCC Monosilane	Monosilane	Heat recovery from reaction gases, Inverter application on vacuum pumps, Process pressure optimization
8		Hyosung T&C	Nylon, Spandex, etc.	Efficient steam usage in polymerization, Heat recovery from cooling section, Inverter application on air compressors
9		SK Energy Refinery	No4 CDU-MDU	Preheat train optimization, Furnace efficiency improvement, Steam trap inspection and repair
10		Lotte chemical Ulsan 1 Plant	PX, MEX, PET, etc.	Reflux ratio optimization, Heat integration across distillation columns, VSD for cooling water pumps
11		Lotte chemical Dasan Plant	Ethylene, etc.	Furnace heat recovery, Steam system optimization, Flare gas minimization
12		Lotte chemical Yeosu Plant	BTX	Preheater optimization, Column insulation improvement, Compressor load control
13		Hyundai Oilbank	#2Plant – HOU	Hydrogen recovery improvement, Process heat recovery, Inverter application on pumps and fans
14		S-OIL Refinery	VSD Application Study for Rotating Equipment in Entire Plant	VSD application, Pump system redesign, Equipment downsizing for partial load operation



# Possible opportunities for intl. cooperation

Identified items by energy audit are realized to common solution through multi-country cooperation using the ODA program of Korea, MDB funds, carbon market, ESCO and etc.





The Energy Audit is an **initial step toward climate action** in Energy and Industry sector, and Energy Audit provides **various tailored solutions for decarbonization.**

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