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The strategy for financing low carbon technology transfer

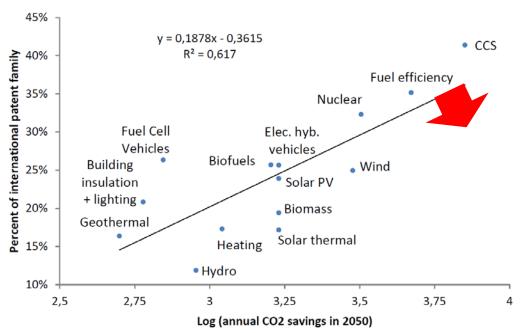
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Which technologies should be given priority?



Source: MINES Paris Tech (2013). Promoting international transfer of low carbon technologies: Evidence and policy challenges

Criteria

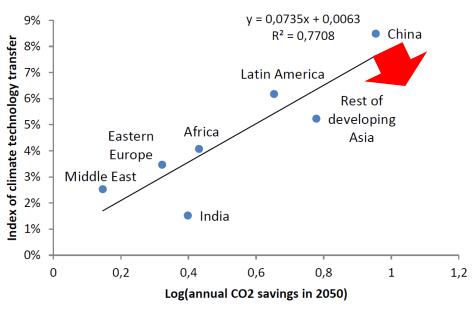
- High abate potential and low transfer rate today;
- Rule out economic criteria
- Methodologically different than TNA (MINES vs. TNA)
 - Global vs. given country
 - Desk research vs. consultative process
 - Unique criterion vs. multi-criteria

Results

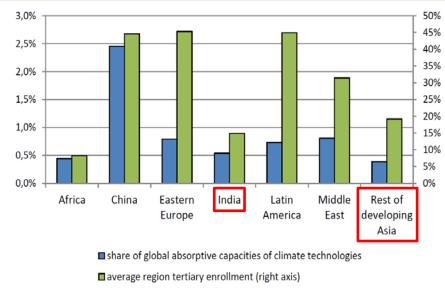
 Technologies below the line with little transfer and significant potential



Which geographical areas should be given priority?



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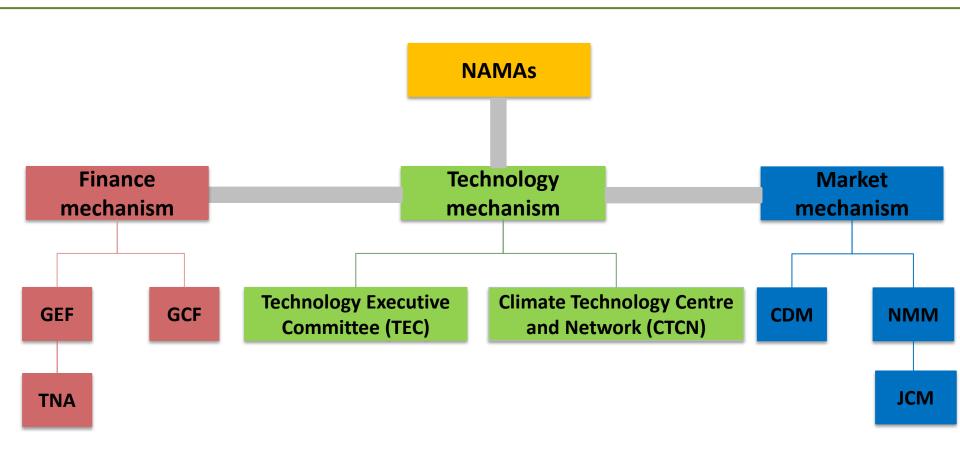


Results

- India and rest of developing Asia are areas with significant potential but little transfer
- These areas need improve their absorptive capacities of climate technologies

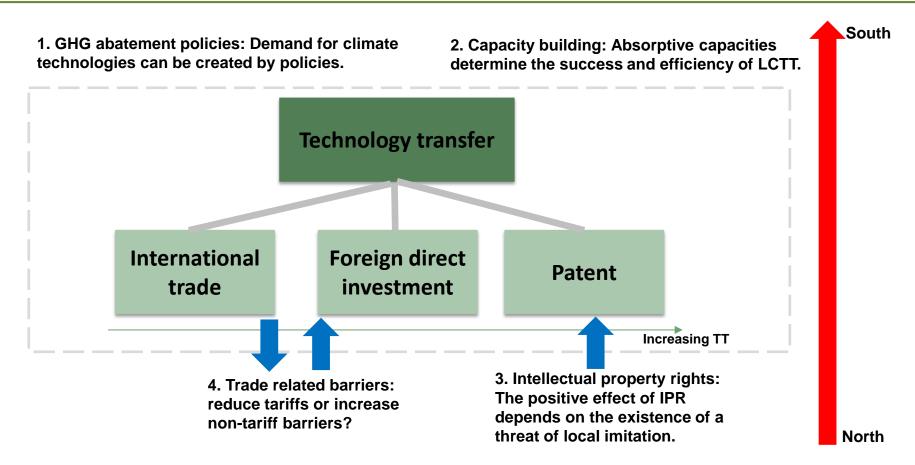


UNFCCC schemes for promoting LCTT





LCTT reduces the cost of climate technologies



Conclusion: LCTT has inconclusive implications for the welfare of technology supply and demand countries. However, LCTT increases global competition, thereby reducing the cost of climate technologies.



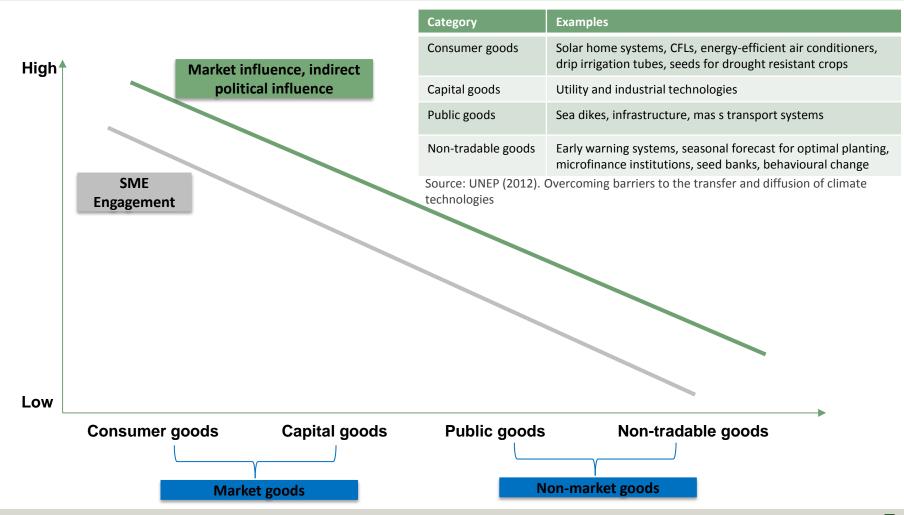
Policy instruments for financing climate technologies

	Technology development stage			
Financing instrument	R&D	Proof of concept & scale-up	Commercial roll-out	Diffusion and maturity
Fiscal tools	R&D tax credits; capital gains tax waive	Tax-free development zone	Accelerated depreciation; investment and production tax credits;	Phase-out of fossil fuel subsidies; carbon tax; User levy; clean energy tax breaks
Early market development	R&D grants; inducement for innovation	Public procurement; green power purchasing	Request s for contract; RPS/green certificates; FiT;	Project grants; net metering; negotiated investment agreements
Debt and equity	Incubators; national labs; prizes; public VC	Project grants; venture loan guarantees; mezzanine	Public-private tech funds; green bonds; loan softening; senior debt; insurance	Tech transfer funds, infrastructure funds, Public equity funds, export trade credit, risk insurance
Market trading				Compliance and voluntary cap and trade markets, project-based carbon credits, carbon funds

Source: Glemarec, Y. (2011). Catalysing climate finance: A guidebook on policy and financing options to support green, low-emission and climate-resilient development



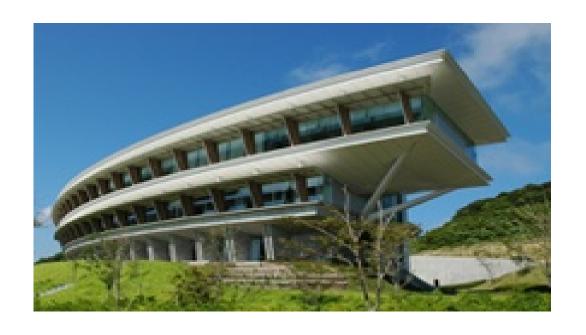
SMEs get involved in the transfer of market goods





The strategy for financing LCTT for SMEs: Incentivizing the private sector

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		Developing vs. Developed					
	Unique to developing co	untries	Generic to climate investment				
Debt	 General interest rate is high due to infrastructure and control for inflat Longer tenor debt is generally una Project finance (or non-recourse f Fixed interest rate debt is rare. The bond market is very small related 	ionary pressures. available. inance) is unavailable.	 Non-familiarity with climate projects and the perceived riskiness are the reasons for not lending. Banks set a cap for lending to any particular sector. The renewable energy sector is coupled with power or energy sectors, which are already nearing sector lending limits. 				
Equity	 Institutional investors are underdeveloped or non-existent. Pension funds are largely closed to direct corporate borrows and are mandatorily required to invest in government designated assets. 		 Expectation of the minimum Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is at least 15% and can be higher than 50%. 				
	SMEs vs	s. SOEs					
	Unique to SMEs	Generic to climate investment					
Debt	 SMEs do not entail investments in high collateral value assets. SMEs have to obtain third-party loan guarantees. SMEs have to meet high self-capital requirement. Only 1 percent of bond is issued by non-SOEs. 	Discount rate on climate equipment is significantly higher than typical collaterals.	Conclusion: Equity markets in developing countries appear to be readily available at a reasonable cost. However, climate investment could be much less expensive if not for high debt costs.				
Equity		Newly established equity funds have a strategic focus on					
		emissions reduction.	Source: Summarized by IGES from various literature 8				



Thank you very much for your attention!

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