

Carbon Scenarios

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What are Carbon Scenarios?

Carbon scenarios are story-like accounts of a range of possible and plausible futures resulting from different climate change mitigation and adaptation policies.

What is their purpose?

Now that sufficient scientific consensus has been reached on climate change to ensure that all political parties accept the need for serious policy in this area, the debate has shifted from debating the science towards establishing the best mitigation and adaptation policies. However, the information that exists in this area today is often hard to compare and contextualise.

How will they be used?

The scenarios will be used to discuss responses to climate change with key stakeholders, including business, government, and the media.

How are they built?

The scenarios have been built by bringing together experts from the environment, energy, business, economics and policy spheres. The ideological range amongst the experts means that in establishing consensus on what the plausible developments are, ownership of the scenarios is broad and thus considered both objective and authoritative.

Why the Stockholm Network?

The Stockholm Network is the leading pan-European think tank and market-oriented network of over 130 think-tanks across Europe. As a think tank, we have prior experience with scenario and consensus building projects and a proven track record in influencing policy debates both in London and Brussels. Our network will also allow the Carbon Scenarios to obtain a European audience.

When will they be launched?

We are looking to launch the scenarios to the public in April 2008.