

2052 – A Global Forecast for the Next Forty Years Implications for AQPER

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Limits Scenario 1: Resource crisis



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Source: Meadows, Randers and Meadows, LTG 30 year update, 2004

Limits Scenario 9: Sustainability



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A forecast of global development to 2052. Predicts that the world will follow the pollution scenario in *The Limits to Growth,* somewhat delayed. See www.2052.info



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Main trends towards 2052

- 1. Slower growth both in population and GDP
- 2. Gradual shift towards renewable energy
- 3. Continued growth in man-made greenhouse gas emissions
- 4. Steadily deteriorating climate

Central elements of the 2052 forecast



There will be huge regional differences

After-tax income per person (in 2005 PPP \$ per person-year)



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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, 2012

A much better future is possible

- **1.** It is not impossibly costly
- 2. Requires a shift of 2 % of the world's labor and capital from dirty to clean sectors
- 3. Is fiercely resisted by those who dislike higher taxes and more regulation, plus by the incumbent workers and owners in the dirty sectors

World energy use will peak in 2040



Figure 5-1: Energy Use – World 1970 to 2050

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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, 2012

World use of fossil fuels will peak around 2030



World CO₂ emissions will peak in 2030



Figure 5-3: CO2 Emissions from Energy Use – World 1970 to 2050.

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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, 2012

Temperature will pass +2 degrees C in 2052



Figure 5-4: Climate Change – World 1970 to 2050

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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, 2012

What should be done?

- **1.** Stop the use of fossil fuels in transport
- 2. Make buildings much more energy efficient
- 3. Make manufacturing more energy efficient
- 4. Build enough renewable energy capacity (hydro, wind, solar for power; solar and biomass for heat)
- 5. Build enough CCS to keep us below +2 deg Centigrade

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The long-term energy solution is obvious

- 1. Mainly electric, from climate friendly sources. No coal, oil and gas
- 2. Most heat replaced by electricity (in buildings, manufacturing, transport)
- 3. Cheap solar power, cheaper wind power, some solar heat
- 4. Some gas and CCS in the transition
- 5. Some biomass, but not from slowgrowing species – they are more useful for carbon storage

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What should you do?

- 1. Understand that the transition won't happen on its own not fast enough
- 2. Exploit every opportunity that arise for more renewables
- **3.** Get into the energy efficiency business
- **4.** Argue hard for more regulation:
 - ban (or tax) on cheap fossil solutions
 - subsidies to renewable solutions
 - tax-financed construction of clean capacity, including R&D

5. Must be done while demand stagnates BI NORWEGIAN BUSINESS SCHOOL

Sell it as a positive challenge!

Green electricity to save the world!

Remind voters that failure will mean higher adaptation costs, that inevitably will be paid for by the tax-payer

It is time to act





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50 % of human CO2 ends in the atmosphere



The five regions used in the 2052 forecast

Region	Population 2010	GDP 2010	GDP per person 2010
	(billion people)	(trillion \$ pr year)	(1000 \$ pr person-year)
US	0,3	13	41
China	1,3	10	7
OECD-less-US (1)	0,7	22	30
BRISE (2)	2,4	14	6
ROW (3)	2,1	8	4
Sum world	6,9	67	10

(1) Old industrial world, including EU, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand etc
(2) Brazil, Russia, India, South Africa and the ten biggest emerging economies
(3) The remaining ca 140 countries of the world

World population will peak in 2040



Figure 4-1 Population – World 1970 to 2050

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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, 2012

World GDP growth will slow down



More unavoidable repair and adaptation work



Figure 4-4: Production, Consumption and Investment – World 1970 to 2050

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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, 2012

Enough food to satisfy demand – but not need



Figure 6-1: Food Production – World 1970 to 2050

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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, 2012

Main conclusions from the 2052 forecast

World population and economy will grow more slowly towards 2052 than most people expect

- but still fast enough to trigger a climate crisis

Consumption will stagnate because society will have to spend ever more labour and capital on repair and adaptation

 The short-term nature of man
 reflected in the short term focus of democracy and capitalism is the root cause of this development

Discussion of the 2052 forecast

- 1. World population and GDP growth will slow Because of human choice, not planetary constraints
- 2. There will be enough resources energy, water & food Because middle class will be smaller than expected But unsatisfied needs among those who can't pay
- **3.** There will still be significant poverty Because of growing inequity in the rich world and low GDP growth in the poor world
- 4. The world will be well on its way towards a climate catastrophe in the second half of the 21st century

Simple to make a better world. In principle!



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What should be done? - Ideally

- 1. Further slow population growth Introduce 1-child policy – first in rich world
- 2. Cut CO2 emissions first in the rich world Ban the use of coal, oil and gas from 2024
- **3.** Reduce poverty in the poor world *Give a climate-friendly energy system to the poor*
- 4. Reduce the ecological footprint of the rich world Legislate more compulsory vacation
- **5.** Temper national short termism *Establish supra-national institutions*
- 6. Reduce the focus on income growth Establish "increased well-being" as the new goal

What can be done? – Realistically (1 of 2)

1. Further slow population growth

- ♦ Give moral support to women with < 2.1 children
- Increase the pension age
- Explain that the "support burden" will not grow
- 2. Cut CO2 emissions first in the rich world
 - Subsidize energy efficiency in all sectors
 - Build no new coal capacity in the rich world
 - Tax coal and oil and distribute the money evenly
- **3.** Reduce poverty in the poor world
 - Use most development aid to build renewable energy capacity in the developing world
 - Copy the planned rise of Japan, South Korea and China – and their use of "strong government"

What can be done? – Realistically (2 of 2)

4. Reduce the ecological footprint of the rich world

- Simplify shift from dirty to clean production
 = provide income security in transition
- Reduce production growth
 - = reduce length of the work year, i.e. more leisure
- **4.** Temper national short termism
 - Establish a global agreement where all nations promise to emit less CO2 per person than the US
 - Evolve IPCC to "IPCC 3" (a supernational org. with funding to pay for the most effective cuts)
- **5.** Reduce the focus on income growth
 - Start measuring "growth in well-being" alongside "growth in GDP"

Slowing growth in total productivity - USA



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Source: Jorgen Randers, 2052, Chelsea Green, Vermont, May 2012

Fertility decline in EU-15 – 1950 to 2010

