# ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

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# **Environmentalists Worry at a Time of Economic Crisis**

#### **GLOBAL CRISES**

- Global Financial Architecture
- Economic Recession/Trade Decline
- Millennium Development Goals
- Climate Change
- Biodiversity Loss
- Future of Globalization

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### ■ NEGATIVE ENV. IMPACTS

- Weaker env. assessments & regulations
- Inadequate safeguards for market supply chains
- Subsidies misdirected and inadequate funding for env. and dev. initiatives
- New protectionism, including env. trade barriers

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### OPPORTUNITIES

Lower demand & prices can help meet env. goals

 Incorporate sust. dev. into recovery; seek sustainable production & consumption

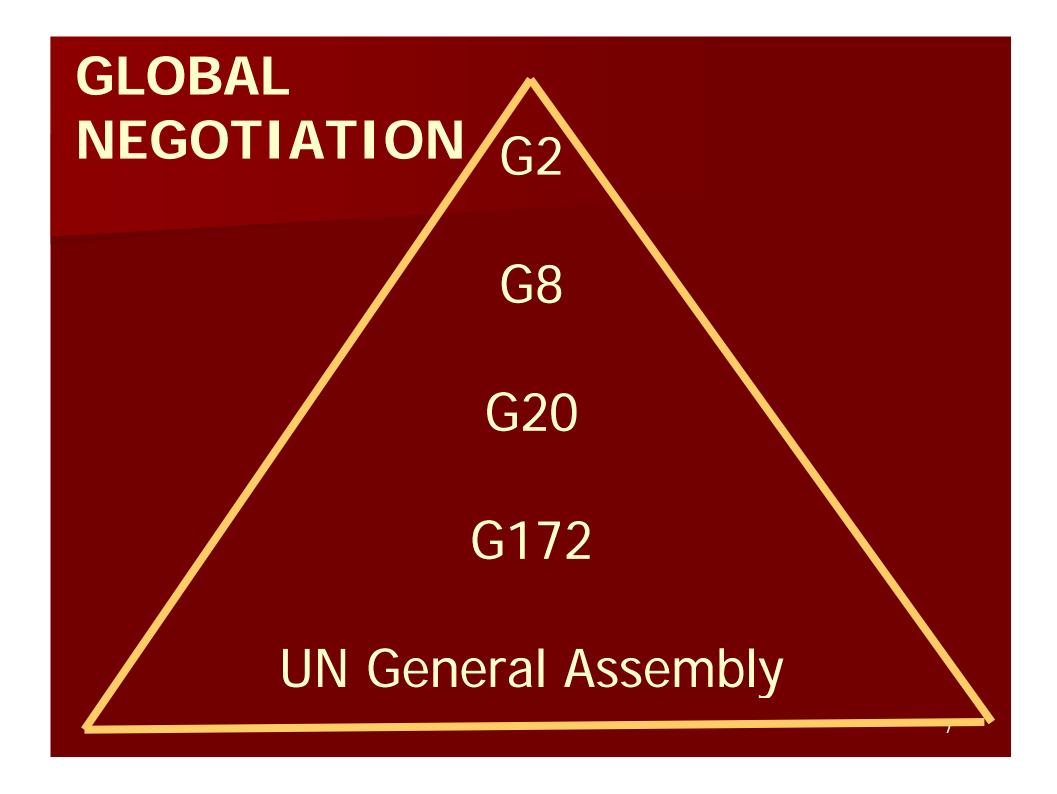
Accelerate innovation for new economic growth paths

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

REFORMED, WELL-REGULATED FINANCIAL SYSTEM

NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GLOBAL PUBLIC GOODS PROTECTED



#### STIMULUS SUGGESTIONS

UNEP & NEF 'Green New Deal'

Stiglitz 1% of Global Stimulus to Dev. Nations

Stern 20% of Stimulus for 'Green Component'

Global Coalition \$750 billion for Green Economy

#### **GREEN GLOBAL RECOVERY\***

Stimulus Package is no substitute for long-term env. & dev. action but could reduce ultimate cost of climate & energy policy

■ Each \$1 billion Green Recovery = 30K jobs & \$450 million energy savings (USA case)

#### NATIONAL ACTION

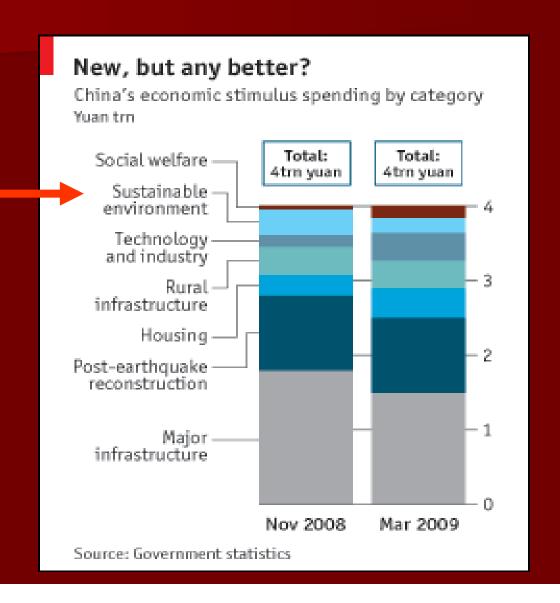
"400 billion of 2610 billion USD total stimulus"



"4.8% of China's 2008 GDP"

Source: naturenews 30March2009, based on Edenhofer & Stern Towards a Global Green Recovery

# Various Interpretations



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### **Key Green Components**

Green infrastructure buildings, transportation; renewable energy; electrical grid; water & sewers

■ Env. restoration rural areas, cities & industrial areas

Ecosystem services sustainable land, water & air use

Sustainability technologies R&D and commercialization coal; advanced biofuels; solar; etc.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

 Resolve exists in G20 that nations should still move towards robust climate agreement in 2009 and follow-up action

- Can Green Recovery lead to Low Carbon Economy/Development/Recovery?
- How can this new pathway to economic growth benefit Millennium Development Goals & reduce poverty?

# Monitoring & Accountability

Unprecedented investment requires sustainability framework and indicators for adequate monitoring

Accountability of leaders and institutions will depend upon transparency of decision making

#### **Comments Welcome**

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