

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION REPORT 2023

Opening green windows

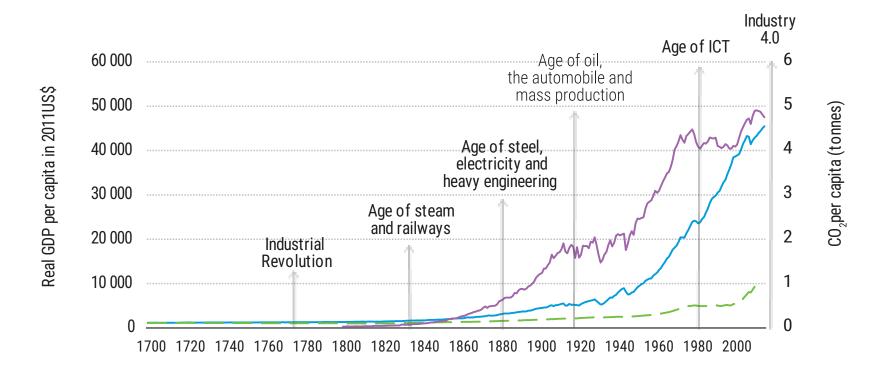
Technological opportunities for a low-carbon world





Developing countries must catch the green technological revolution early

The great divide, rise in CO2 per capita, and waves of technological change



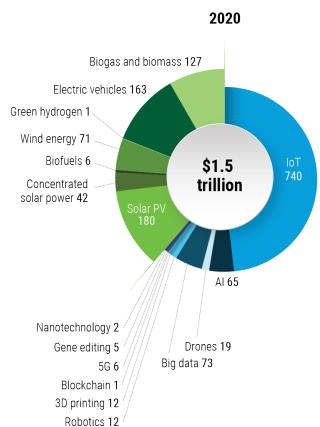
— GDP per capita Core — GDP per capita Periphery — Global average CO₂per capita

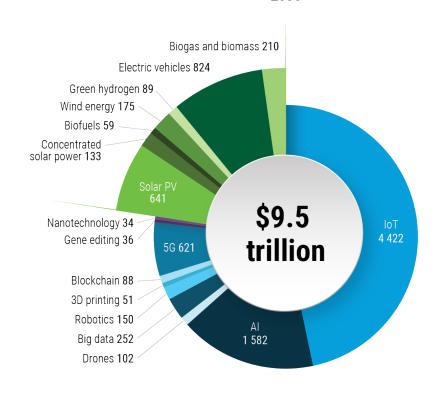


There are enormous opportunities in the development of green frontier technologies

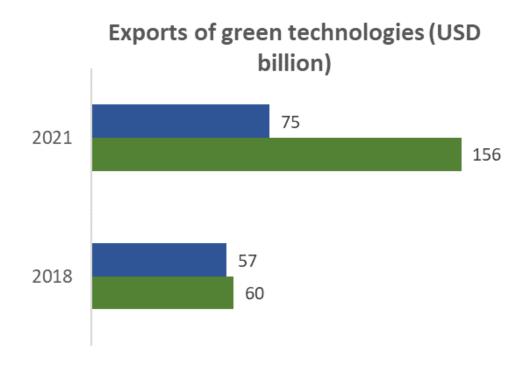
Market size estimates of frontier technologies, \$ billion

2030





But so far, developed economies are seizing most of the opportunities



■ Developing countries ■ Developed countries



Technological opportunities for a low-carbon world

Readiness index combining ICT, skills, R&D, industrial capacity and finance indicators

	Rank in 2022	Rank in 2021	Movement in rank	ICT ranking	Skills ranking	R&D ranking	Industry ranking	Finance ranking
	Top 10							
United States of America	1			- 11	18			2
Sweden	2							18
Singapore	3							17
Switzerland	4			21	13			5
Netherlands	5							31
Republic of Korea	6			15	26			7
Germany	7			24	17		12	40
Finland	8	17		22			20	30
China, Hong Kong SAR	9	15			23			1
Belgium	10	11	•	13	4		19	48
	Selected transition and developing economies							
Russian Federation	31	27		43	32		54	69
China	35	25		117	92			4
Brazil	40	41		50	55		51	57
India	46	43		95	109		22	75
South Africa	56	54		71	77		67	25



Paths to seize benefits from the green technological revolution

1

Developing and using renewable energy technologies

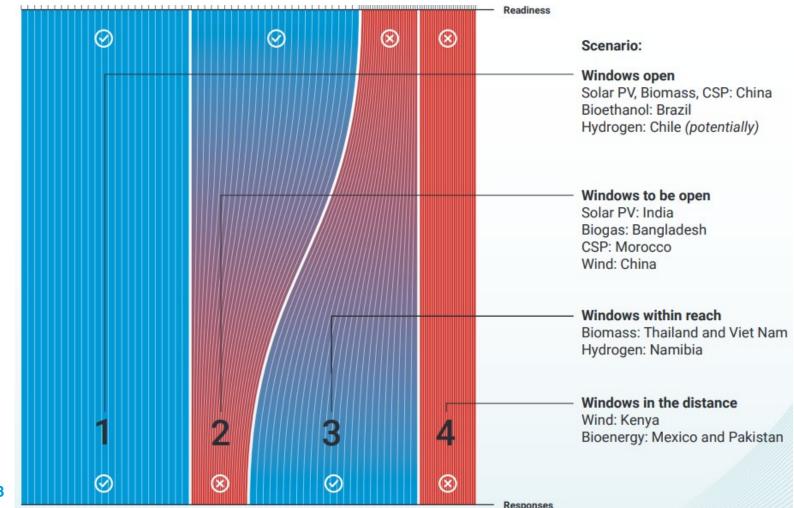
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Greening traditional global value chains by switching to digital technologies

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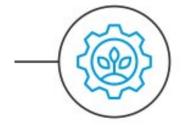
Diversifying towards production sectors that are more complex and greener

Combining strong initial conditions and strong responses make up the best scenario but weak conditions can be compensated by strong efforts





The digital and the green transformations can be twins if there are strong enough policy responses



The digital and green transformations can support each other



Capturing data using online-connected sensors and GPS can reduce carbon emissions

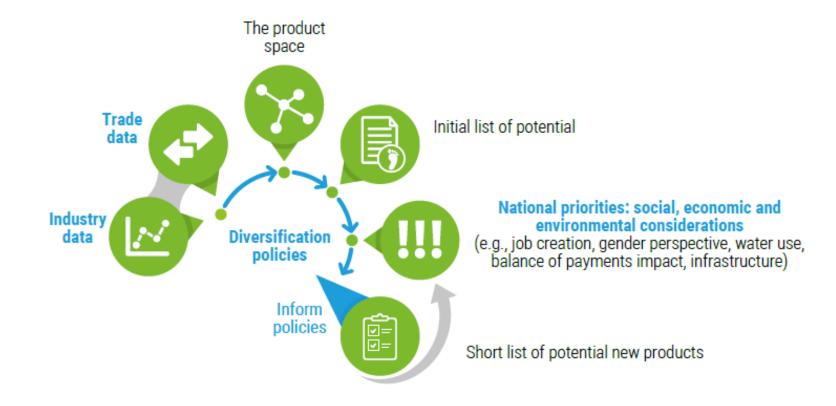


Smart manufacturing consumes less energy



Voluntary sustainability standards help upgrading value chains

Identifying and prioritizing sectors that more complex and greener



Source: UNCTAD.





Set the direction towards green technologies and innovation

International cooperation

Cooperation through international trade

Greater flexibility in the international intellectual property rights system

Partners for green technology

Multilateral and open innovation

Assessing technologies

Regional and South-South cooperation in science, technology and Innovation



Conclusion

Technologies already exist

Political will needed

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Thank you!

