



# The role of innovation and collaboration in transforming the energy system

Tom Jennings Director, Policy & Markets

# Carbon Trust has accelerated sustainable, low carbon development for more than 10 years





We employ our integrated service offering to support clients around the world

- Our 160 employees work around the world from offices in the UK, China, Mexico and Brazil
- We fully reinvest our profits into advancing our mission to accelerate the move to a sustainable, low carbon economy

# A low carbon energy system encompasses lots of technology areas



### Market demand unlocks all other drivers of cost reduction Drivers

Demand - Scale of deployment Visibility Innovation Industry (in-house R&D) Public sector (with industry) Not sufficient by itself **Financing & contracting** Supply chain & competition Infrastructure Standardisation Sites

### Mechanisms



- Turbine size
- Foundations
- Etc.

#### OPEX

- Reliability
- Etc.

#### Yield

- Turbine size
- Wind resource

#### Cost of capital (WACC)

Technology risk/bankability

Levelised cost of energy - £/MWh



TINAs:



# **Technology Innovation Needs Assessments**

- The TINAs aim to identify and value the key innovation needs of specific low carbon technology families to inform the prioritisation of public sector investment in low carbon innovation
- Developed and delivered by the Carbon Trust for the LCICG: Low Carbon Innovation Coordination Group – the UK's major public sector backed funding and delivery bodies in the area of 'low carbon innovation'





# Offshore wind - significant opportunity for cost reduction through innovation



1 Such factors were taken as independent of innovation improvement potential, and its value. Hence the analysis normalises for these factors (i.e. holds them "constant"). For this reason today's levelised costs estimate of ~£140/MWh may be somewhat lower than current estimates. This has no impact on our main conclusions.

Source: Carbon Trust 'Offshore Wind: Big Challenge, Big Opportunity' (2008); DECC '2050 Pathways Analysis' (2010): ETI ESME; UKERC 'Great expectations: The cost of offshore wind in UK waters' (2010); Carbon Trust 'Focus for success' (2009); expert interviews; Carbon Trust analysis

6

# **TINA prioritisation criteria**



- > Value in meeting emissions targest at lowest cost
- > Value in business creation (UK delivery and exports)
- > Case for UK public sector support
  - > Extent of market failure
  - > Opportunity to exclusively rely on others



# Opportunities beyond the turbine

Sub-area	Туре	Value in meeting emissions targets at lowest cost £bn <sup>1</sup>	Value in business creation £bn <sup>2</sup>	Extent market failure	Opportunity to exclusively rely on others	Benefit of UK public sector activity/investment (without considering costs)
Turbino	<ul> <li>High yield/ reliability turbines</li> </ul>	11 (5-19)	4 (1 – 7)	Critical	<ul> <li>No due to earlier &amp; greater need</li> </ul>	нідн
Turbine	<ul> <li>High yield arrays</li> </ul>	6 (2-10)			<ul> <li>No due to earlier &amp; greater need</li> </ul>	MEDIUM-HIGH
	<30m depth	4 (2-3)		Significant	<ul> <li>Yes for &lt;30m</li> </ul>	LOW
Foundation	<ul> <li>30-60m depth</li> </ul>	6 (2-6)	3 (1 - 5) 4	Critical	<ul> <li>No for 30-60m</li> </ul>	MEDIUM
	<ul> <li>60-100m depth</li> </ul>	0 <sup>3</sup> (0-13)			<ul> <li>No for 60-100m</li> </ul>	MEDIUM
Collection & transmission	<ul> <li>Improved inter- array connections</li> </ul>	4 (2-8)	1 (0.3 – 2)	Significant	<ul> <li>No due to earlier &amp; greater need</li> </ul>	LOW-MEDIUM
Installation	<ul> <li>Increased installation rate/deep water</li> </ul>	7 (3-17)	2 (1 - 4)	Critical	<ul> <li>No for deep water</li> </ul>	НІGН
~~~	<ul> <li>Improved access</li> </ul>	5 (1-9)		<b>C C</b>	<ul> <li>No for larger sites and for sites</li> </ul>	
U&LM	<ul> <li>Remote monitoring/ O&amp;M planning</li> </ul>	2 (1-4)	9 (3 – 16) Significant	with a tough wave climate	MEDIUM-HIGH	
TOTAL		45 (18 - 89)	18 (7 - 35)	Significant -Critical		HIGH relative to other technology families

<sup>1</sup> These values are potentially 65% lower according to alternative "perfect system optimisation" counterfactual;

<sup>2</sup> After displacement effects

<sup>3</sup> Innovation (e.g. floating foundations) may unlock economical high wind speed sites in +60m deep water, creating value in meeting emissions targets under the medium deployment scenario

<sup>4</sup> Value in business creation is not split by different depths. Data on the market sizes for different depths of foundation was not available.

# No one country has all the funds or capabilities to deliver innovation alone



### UK example: TINAs and LCICG's strategic Framework

- 44\* priority innovation needs across eleven technology families
- Delivering all of the innovation support activities identified would require the UK Government to invest somewhere between £3bn and £4bn over the next 5-7 years
- By comparison we estimate that the equivalent spend over the five years to 2016 is around **£1-1.5bn**

- Explore ways of working with partners to maximise the innovation impact of other public-sector budgets
- Work and encourage greater privatesector investment
- Work in partnership with other countries to burden share and leverage each other's investments

Source: LCICG Strategic Framework, February 2014

<sup>\*</sup> This list is not intended to be an exhaustive or fixed list of everything that the UK public sector might support. A wide range of factors could potentially impact on the translation of the priorities described here into operational investment programmes. In addition to the priorities listed, LCICG members may choose to support other activities. For example, that may be in cases where UK companies have particular strengths in niche areas that if supported could create economic growth opportunities. At the earlier stages of the innovation journey, public-sector funding also needs to support a broad base of research, including highly speculative activities. The list of priorities is therefore focused primarily on applied research and beyond.

# A solution could centre around areas of mutual self-interest



#### **Collaboration example: Offshore Wind Accelerator**

Joint industry project that aims to deliver >10% cost reduction in time for Round 3

- The Offshore Wind Accelerator brings industry together and leverages government funding to reduce the costs of offshore wind by 10% by 2015
- Focus is on developing technologies energy companies need but don't want to own
- Nine international energy company partners have 77% (36GW) of licensed capacity in UK waters
- Cost-effective for partners: £12 invested for every £1 they spent
- We prioritised five focus areas (foundations, access, wake effects, cabling and electrical infrastructure) and novel foundations have already been selected, de-risked and installed



# Suction Bucket Jacket Installation























### For more information:

### tom.jennings@carbontrust.com

#### **BACKUP SLIDES**



### **TINA technology areas**



Bioenergy (Page 50)	Carbon Capture and Storage (Page 54)	Domestic Buildings (Page 56)
Electricity Networks and Storage (Page 59 & 62)	Heat (Page 64)	Hydrogen for Transport <sup>14</sup> (Page 66)
Industrial Sector (Page 69)	Marine (Page 71)	Non-domestic Buildings (Page 56)
Nuclear Fission (Page 74)	Offshore Wind (Page 77)	