

Circular Carbon Economy National Program

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Climate change has become a key area of focus globally as a result of rising temperatures



Temperatures have risen $\sim 1^\circ\text{C}$ since mid-20th century

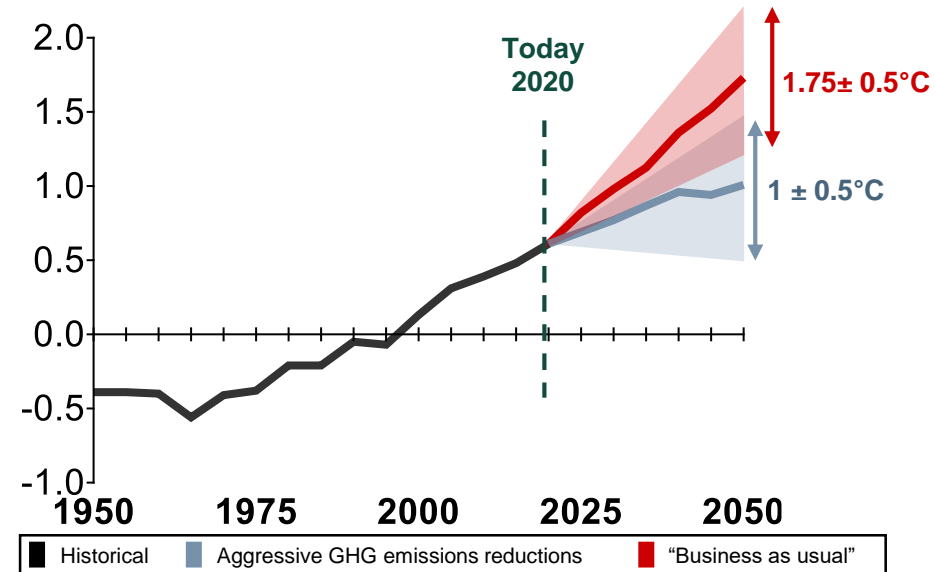


Scientific community has declared **major threats** if **aggressive emission reductions** are not taken



Global leaders have pledged to limit global temperature rise this century well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels

Global average surface temperature change ($^\circ\text{C}$)¹



Furthermore, a narrow focus on only reducing fossil fuels will result in several significant socio-economic consequences

Inefficient utilization of existing infrastructure



- Inadequate utilization of **infrastructure investments already committed** e.g.:
 - Ports
 - Pipelines
 - Power plants
- Significant **cost and time in switching to new energy sources**
 - E.g. Fully renewable grid to cost United States \$4.5 trillion over next 10 years

Reduced energy access and reliability



- **Increase in overall energy costs** since renewable energy and low carbon fuel sources are not always commercially viable
- **Deterioration of energy reliability** as a result of depending heavily on renewable sources
 - E.g. California blackouts (summer 2020)
- **Major impact on developing countries** that require affordable and reliable energy access

No practical solutions for hard to abate sectors

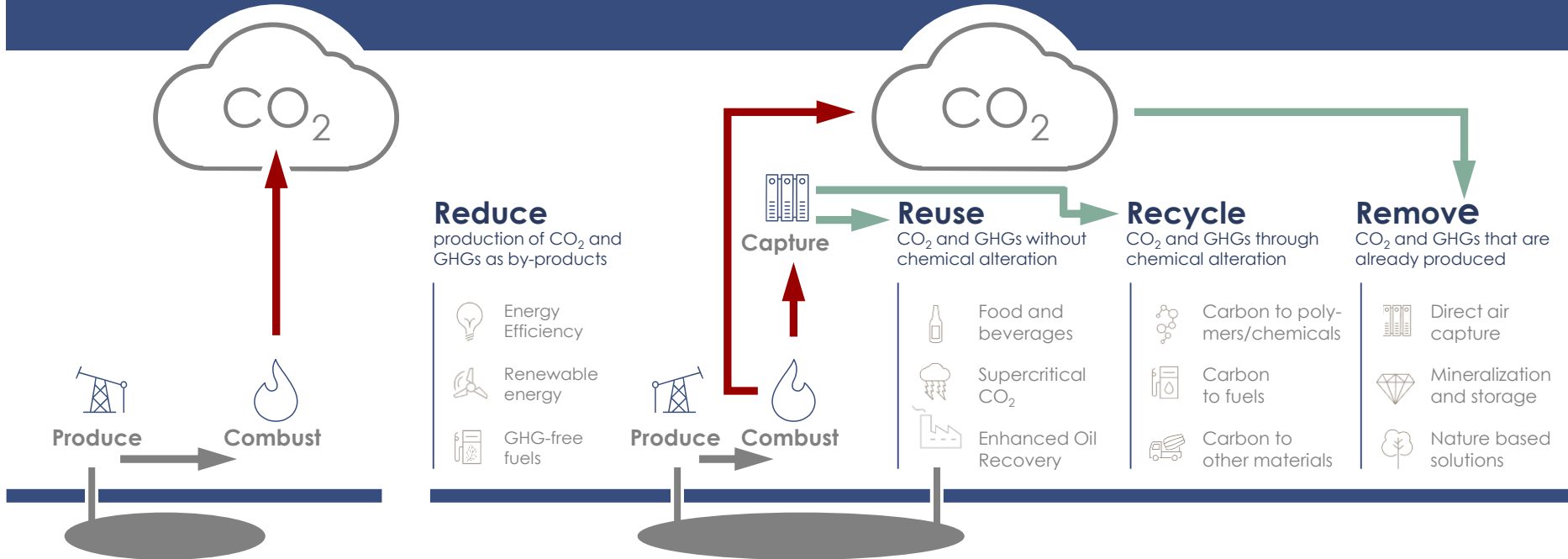


- Few cost efficient **emissions reduction solutions** for energy-intensive **hard to abate sectors** e.g.:
 - Aviation
 - Shipping
 - Cement
 - Aluminum

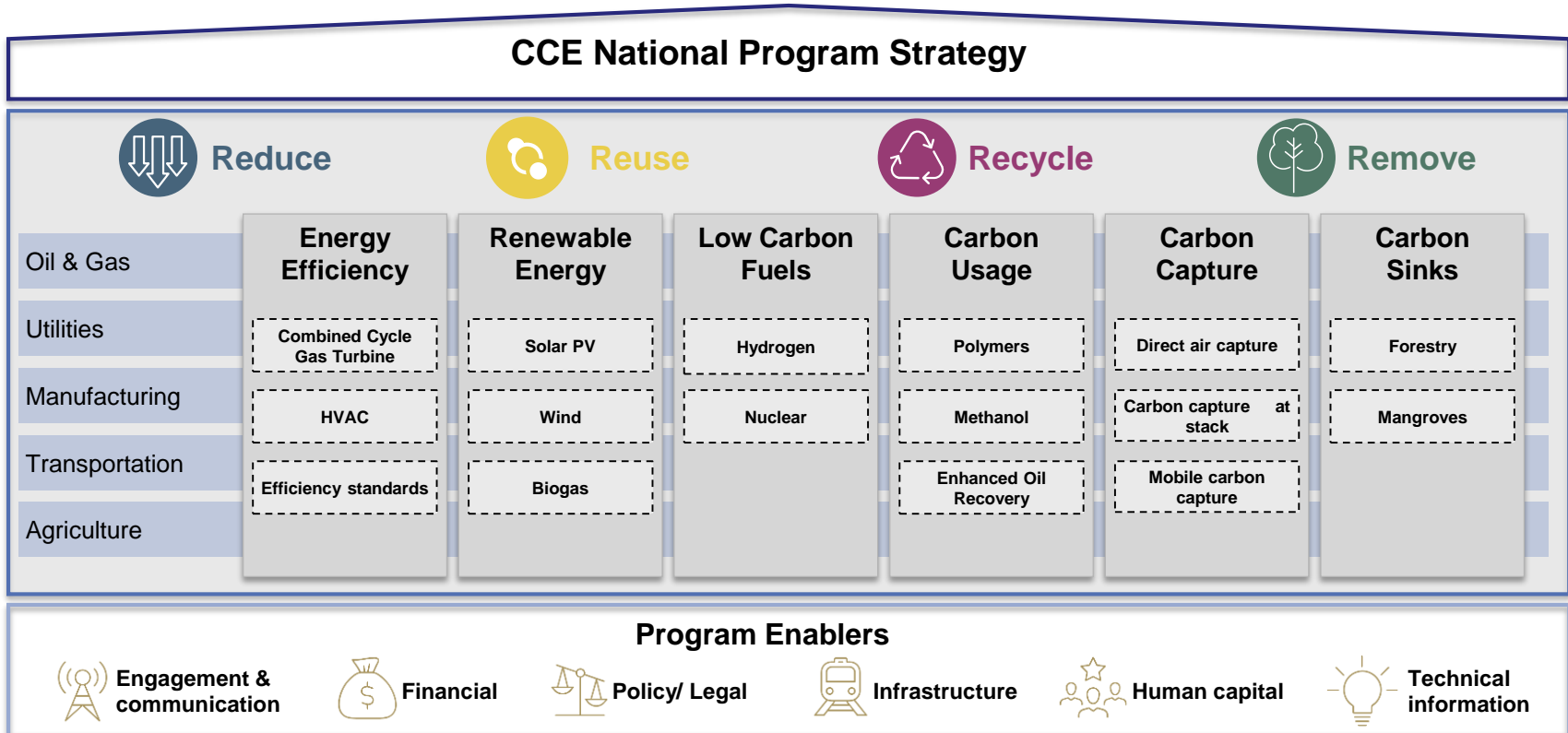
KSA promotes CCE, a holistic approach, that utilizes all available levers to address emissions while generating value (i.e. GDP, employment)

From a **linear carbon economy**...

... to a **Circular Carbon Economy (4 Rs)**



Accordingly, the Circular Carbon Economy National Program will deploy a comprehensive framework to drive global support and adoption



The CCE National Program has three strategic objectives: (i) Climate protection, (ii) Socio-economic impact, and (iii) Global leadership



i Climate protection

- **Cost-efficiently abating CO₂ emissions** as a result of deploying CCE applications
- Ensure **all possible levers** available for CO₂ abatement are **utilized**



ii Socio-economic impact

- **Capture value from waste CO₂** released in the atmosphere
- **Promote new industries** based on CCE technology that will **contribute to GDP upliftment and employment generation**



iii Global leadership

- **Accelerate global adoption of the CCE program** via intl. advocacy and communication
- **Reinforce KSA “soft power” and leadership** on climate change globally



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