Can Developing Countries pursue the dual goal of Carbon Neutral and Economic Growth?

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The energy transition to a 1.5 °C world is mainly an Advanced and Emerging Economies' problem to solve.

Sources: UN, IEA, Shell Energy Transition Scenarios Sky1.5
*: IMF Classification 2020
Globalisation and efficiency drive energy & CO₂ intensity reduction and conversion

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Efficiency & lower CO₂ emissions go hand in hand with electrification
All type of economies see an acceleration of electricity and bio-mass/fuels use

Sources: IEA, Shell Energy Transition Scenarios Sky1.5
Wind, Solar and Biomass are the new energy sources

Advanced Economies
TPE by Source

Emerging Economies
TPE by Source

Developing Economies
TPE by Source

Sources: IEA, Shell Energy Transition Scenarios Sky1.5
Economics of new power generation has already turned the corner in favour of Wind and Solar PV.

Emerging Asian Economies
Electricity Prices by source*

Source: Shell Energy Transition Scenarios
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Indicative, depending on many (price) assumptions over time
The energy transition is affordable
Could the benefits to Developing Economies be accelerated?

Yearly investments as % GDP

- **Advanced economies**
- **Emerging economies**
- **Developing economies**

Source: Shell Energy Transition Scenarios

*: Indicative, mainly Energy supply, excluding upstream, depending on many assumptions over time
Reduced fuel costs to the economy compensates for investment costs over time

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Yes they can!

Supply Side
- Economics of new electric energies has already turned the corner in favour of wind and solar PV.

Demand Side:
- Energy efficient appliances are key for lowest total cost of ownership, but the initial hurdle of higher purchasing costs may inhibit rapid & large scale application.
- Infrastructure (re)design key for large scale electrification, enabling accelerated economic growth

Mitigation
- CCUS remains indispensable (Steel / cement production is likely to remain largely coal based)
- NBS has scope as it (also) improves habitats, but (BE)CCS difficult in relation to higher priority social spending.
With great thanks to Shell Scenarios Quantification

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