Enabling environments for renewables

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Objective

- Recognize and value the benefits of renewable energy technologies (RETs)
- Accommodate the particularities of RETs
 - They have a different cost pattern over time (<u>higher up-front investment</u>)
 - Different generation pattern over time (in many cases <u>depend on</u> <u>resource availability</u>)
 - Different geographical pattern of the resource (sparse, remote, ...)

Cross-cutting policies

- Targets (binding or not binding)
- Fossil fuel taxes (e.g. carbon taxes)
- Fiscal incentives
 - Reduced import tariffs
 - Accelerated depreciation
- Technical standards
- Research, outreach, education, capacity building, institutional strengthening

Electricity markets

Procurement rules

- Feed-in tariffs
- Quotas (renewable portfolio standards) supported by tradable certificates
- Auctions
- o Mixed rules

Self-supply regulations

- On-site (net metering)
- Off-site (energy bank, wheeling charges)
- Complementary policies
 - Streamlined permitting
 - o Interconnection standards
 - Transmission planning

New market paradigms

- Markets are actually not "technology-blind"
- Options for accommodating variable generation, as well as for valuing price stability

Accommodating variable generation



- Baseline/peak model matches conventional technologies
- Incentivizing flexibility
 - Flexible generation
 - Demand response
 - Energy storage
 - Regional interconnection



- Central planning: Portfolio approach instead of least-cost planning
- Wholesale markets: Incentives for fixed-cost contracts

Off-grid (access)

- Legal framework
 - Sale of electricity
 - Connection of mini-grids to large grids, ...
- Smart subsidies

Heat applications

- Same as energy efficiency (standards, financing, ...)
- Legal framework
 - o Sale of heat