

# **KAUST hydrogen seminar: Future of hydrogen in the Middle East**

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On October 2021 KSA announced its ambition to achieve net-zero emissions by 2060 through adoption of the CCE framework

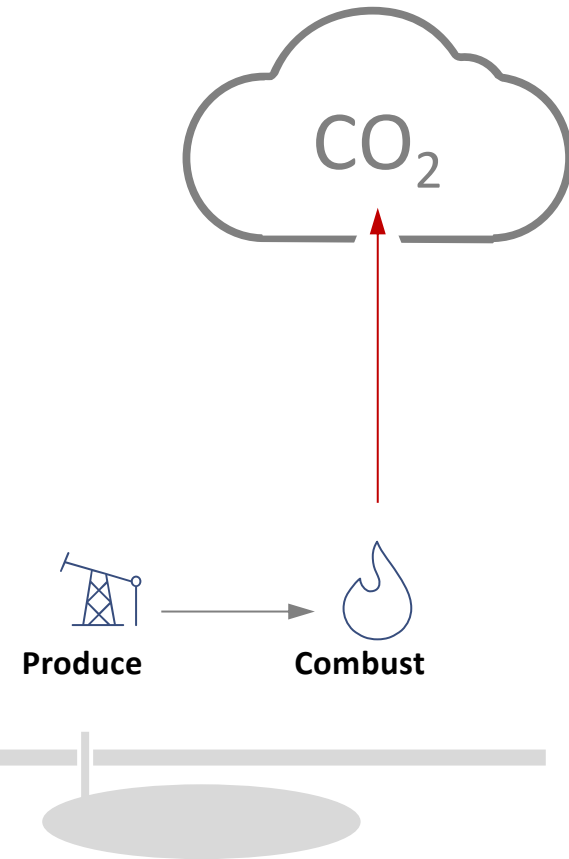
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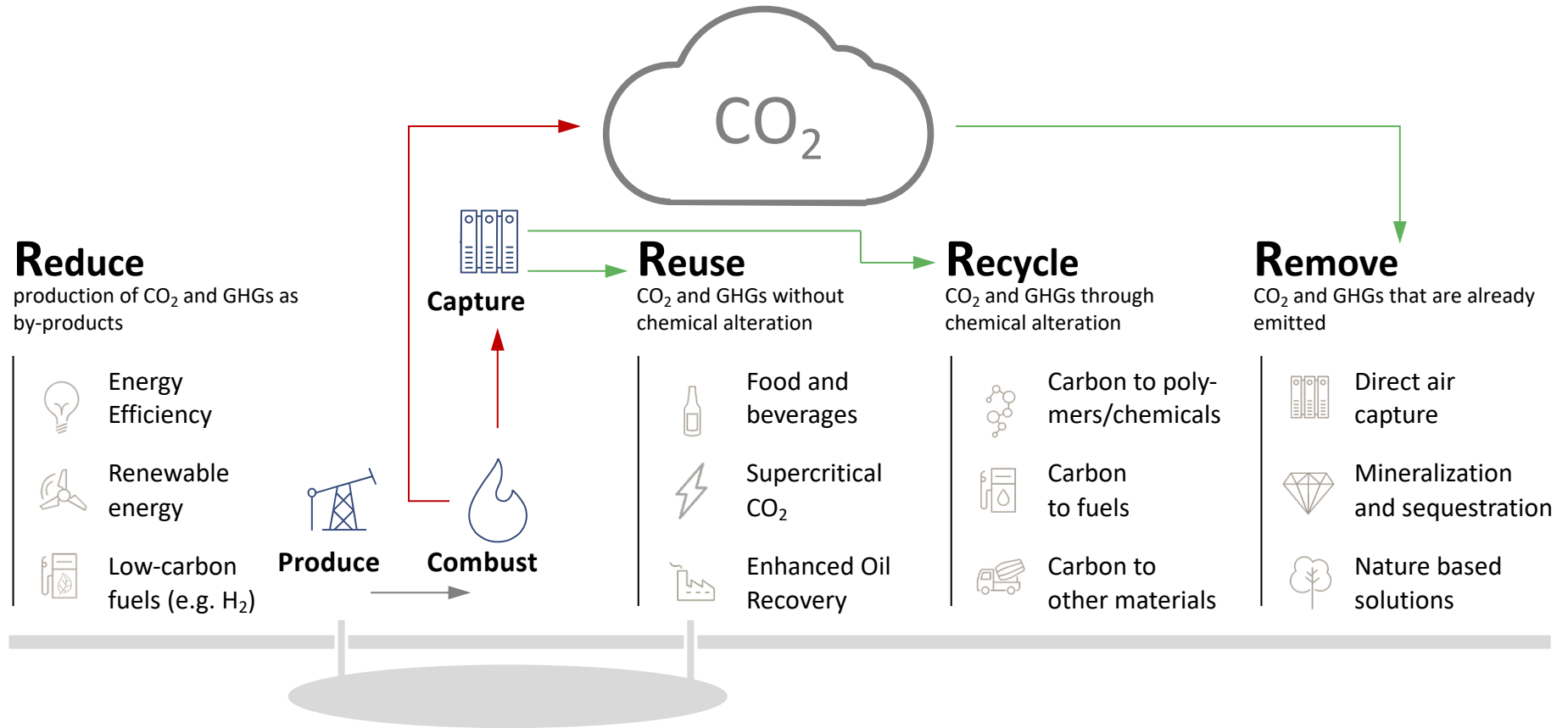


# The Kingdom has pioneered the “Circular Carbon Economy” as a holistic framework to manage carbon emissions

FROM A LINEAR  
CARBON ECONOMY...




... TO A CIRCULAR CARBON ECONOMY (4 RS)



# CCE is a holistic framework to manage carbon emissions across the 4Rs



## REDUCE



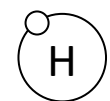
Energy Efficiency



Renewable Energy




Liquid Displacement




Hydrogen




## REUSE



Enhanced Oil Recovery




Carbon for Refrigerant



Carbon for Food & Bev.



## RECYCLE




Synthetic Fuels



Synthetic Chemicals



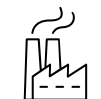
Carbon Cured Concrete



Synthetic aggregates



## REMOVE



Carbon Capture & Sequestration



Direct Air Capture



Nature Based Solutions

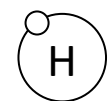
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 Hydrogen


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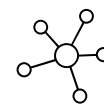
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
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☐ Part of CCE National Program (30+ initiatives)

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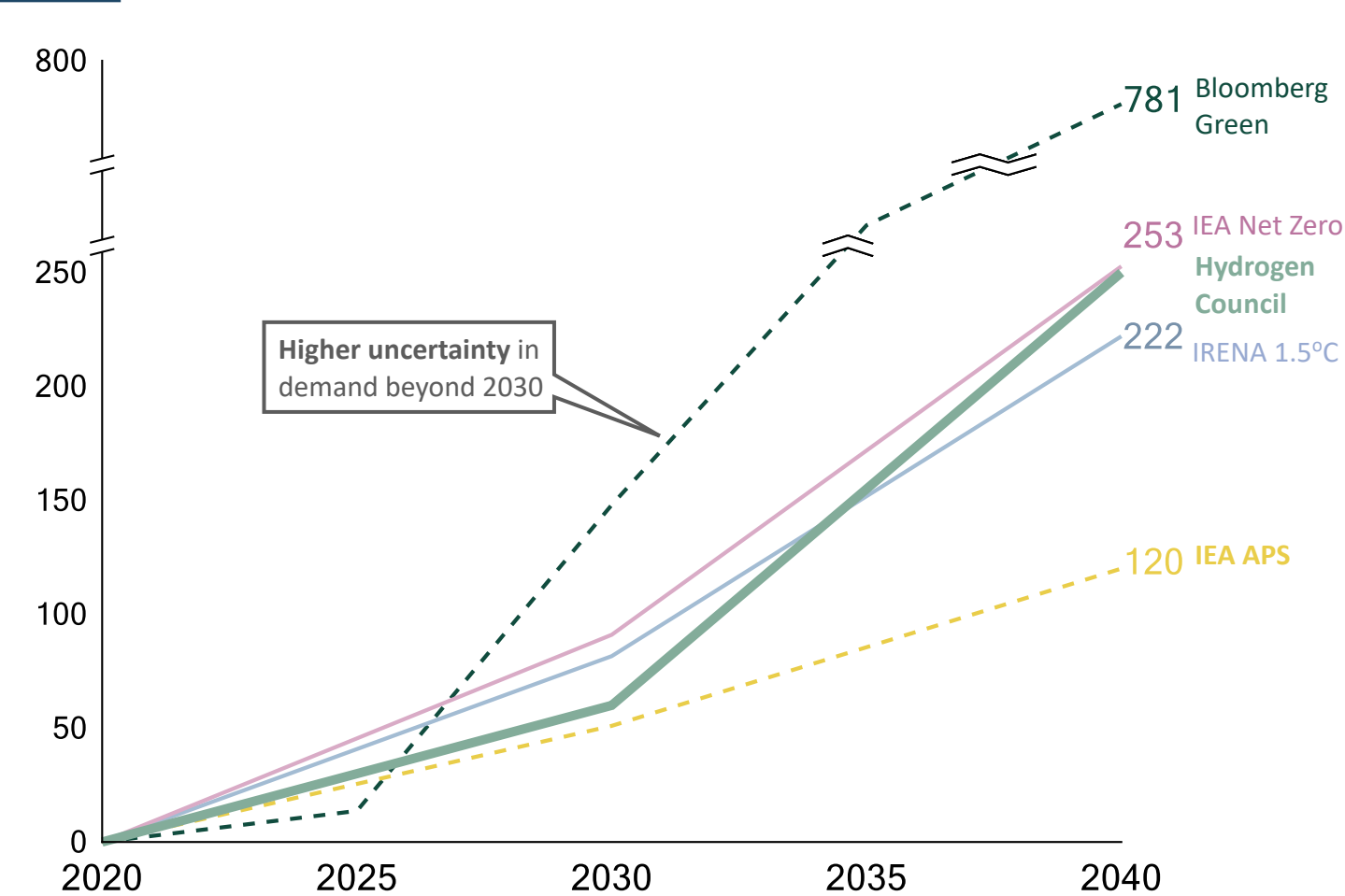


Nature Based Solutions

 **Hydrogen (11 initiatives)**

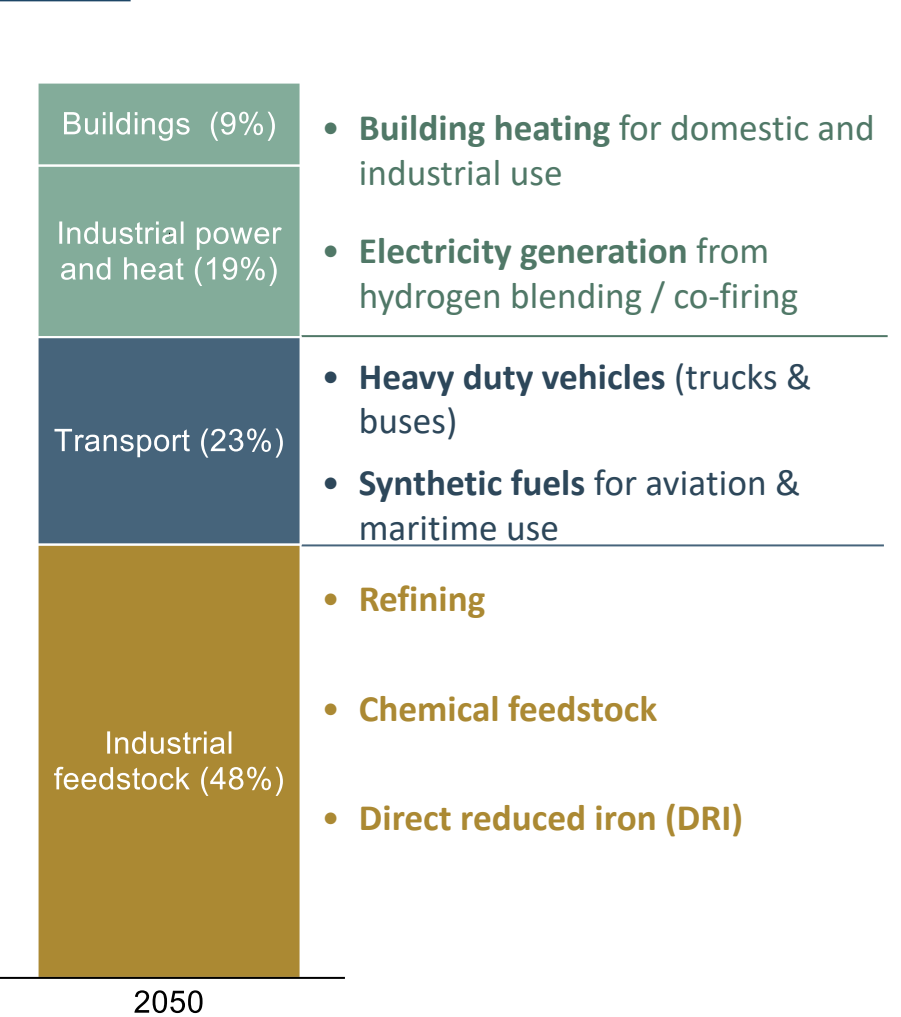
# Global clean hydrogen demand is expected to grow with high uncertainty in demand between 2030-2040

Global hydrogen demand, Mtpa of hydrogen



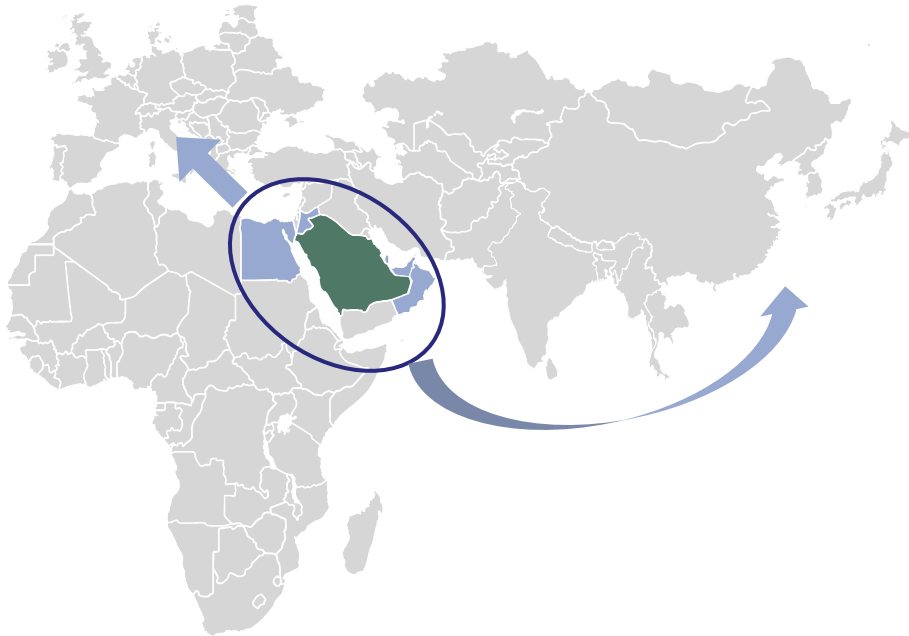
Note: APS: Announced policy scenario;  
Source: IEA, Hydrogen Council, BNEF, IRENA

Key demand sectors for clean hydrogen



# The Middle East region is equipped with large renewables and clean hydrogen potential to supply clean energy needs to global demand centers

## Strategic location to supply clean energy needs in target markets



## Benefits from clean hydrogen ecosystem in the Middle East

### Benefits to clean hydrogen producers



- **Ability to leverage** high quality renewable energy resources in the region for low-cost production
- **Diversification of energy** and commodity exports to renewable fuels
- **Attraction of investments** in clean energy projects

### Benefits to clean hydrogen offtake countries



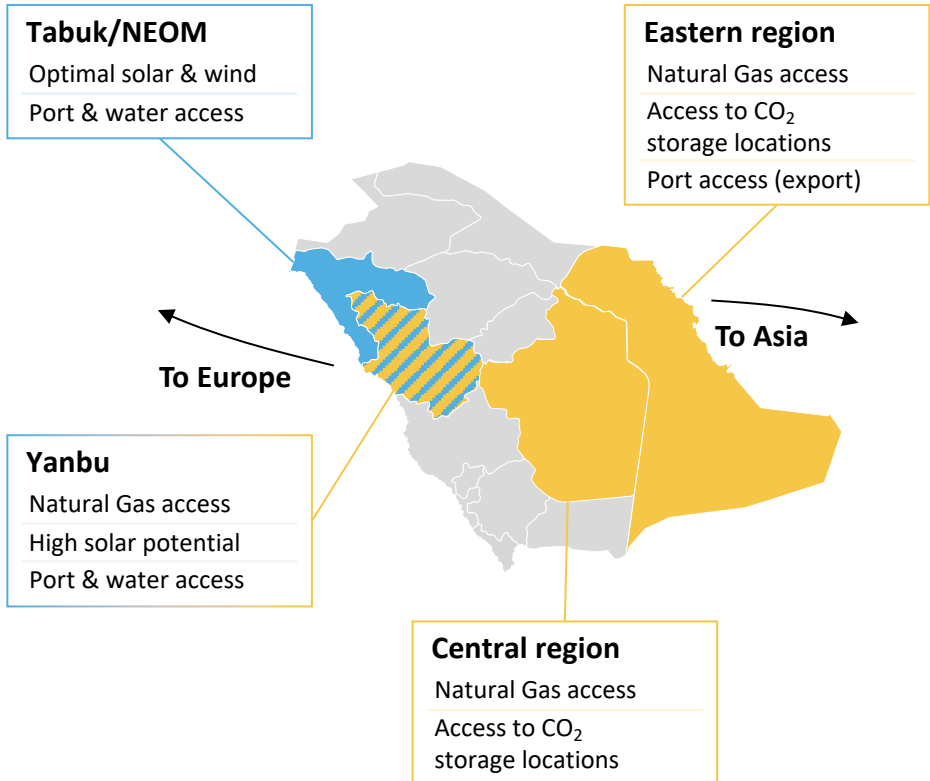
- **Decarbonization of multiple sectors** and achievement of national GHG reduction targets
- **Availability** of low-cost clean energy supply
- **Potential to leverage established energy supply chain** for cross-border trade



# KSA is well positioned to play a leading role and become a major exporter of clean hydrogen

## KSA can produce large volumes of clean H<sub>2</sub> across the nation

KSA AMBITION TO PRODUCE 4 MTPA OF CLEAN HYDROGEN BY 2030



## KSA's strategic advantages make it an ideal exporter

### CLEAN HYDROGEN PRODUCTION



**Low levelized costs** and **ample solar** and **wind** resources in **KSA**

Large **available land areas** suitable for development of renewable projects and production of large H<sub>2</sub> volumes

Availability of **low-cost natural gas**

**Suitable geological formations** for carbon capture & storage

### INDUSTRIAL & EXPORT INFRA-STRUCTURE



**Existing infrastructure** to globally export hydrogen

**Strategic location with trade routes** for **energy products** from **KSA** to **Europe** and **Asian** markets

### FINANCING



Ability to raise **low-cost debt capital** given high credit rating

# KSA has developed the National Hydrogen Strategy focused on production, exports and domestic uses of clean hydrogen

## Production

2030



H<sub>2</sub>

*Saudi Arabia has announced an ambition of producing 4 Mtpa clean Hydrogen by 2030 as a part of the Saudi Green Initiative*

## Demand

Target  
markets

Exports



Domestic use



Use-cases



Heavy-Duty vehicles



Light-Duty vehicles



Refining



Chemicals



DRI Steel



Aviation fuel

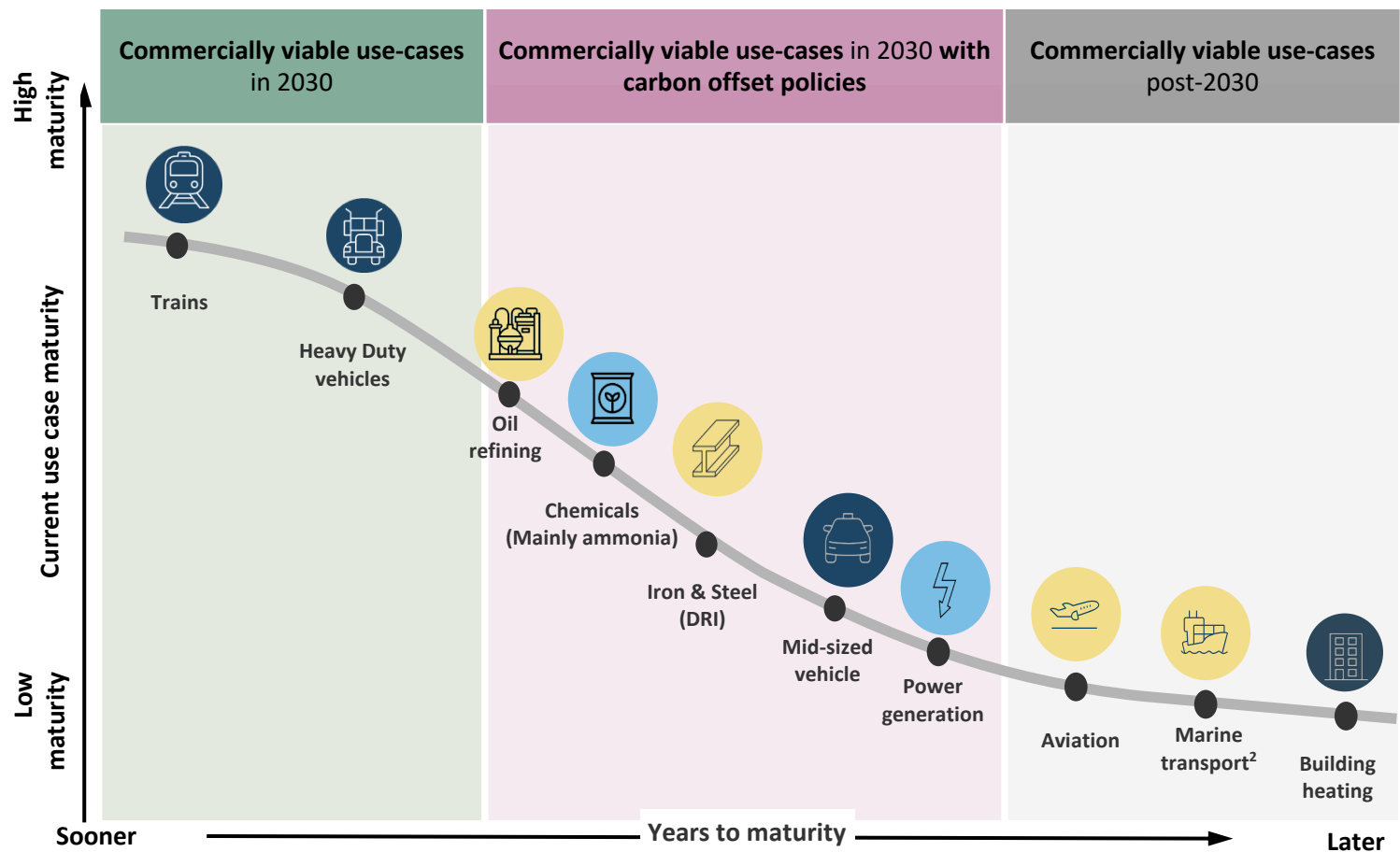


Marine fuel

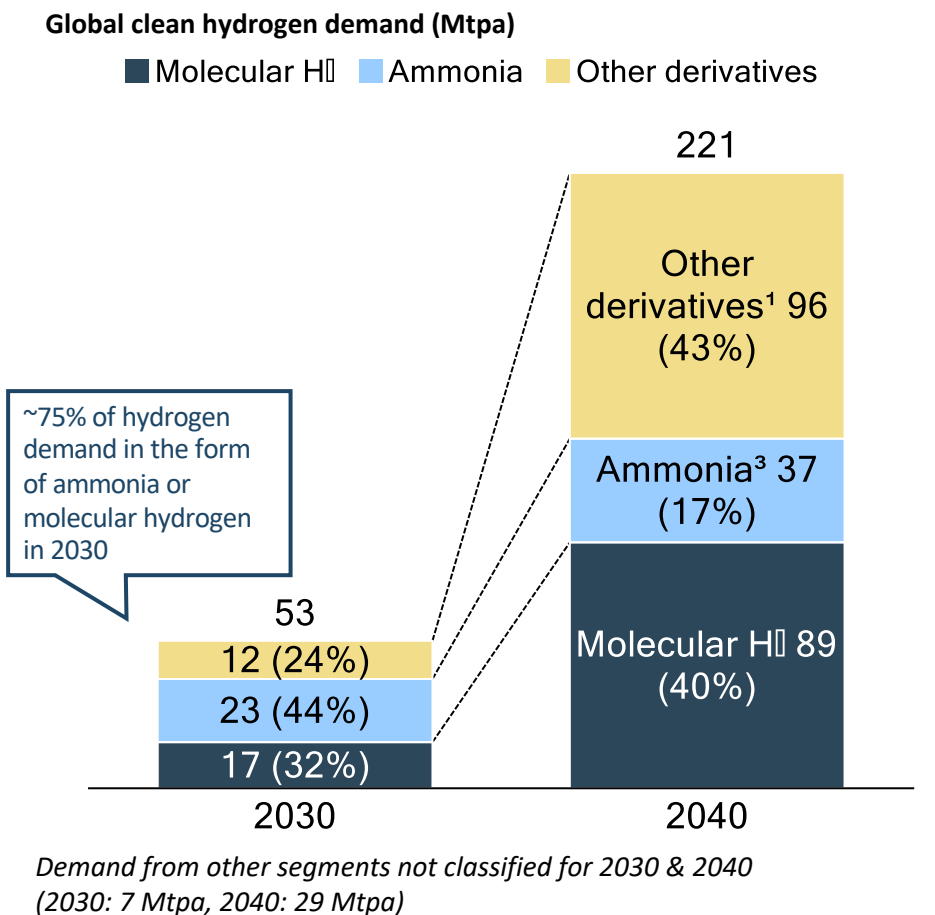
*Maturity levels of use-cases detailed next*

# Most derivatives are expected to mature post 2030 and constitute an increased share in 2040 global clean hydrogen demand

Clean hydrogen enables decarbonization of hard to abate sectors, multiple use cases expected to become cost competitive by 2040



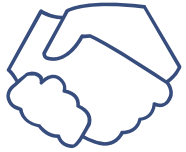
Share of clean hydrogen demand in 2030 & 2040 by form of hydrogen use



Note: (1) Other derivatives include iron & steel, H<sub>2</sub> based fuels, maritime fuels (green methanol) & other chemicals (e.g. green methanol) (2) Marine transport includes use of green methanol as marine fuels (3) Share of ammonia in 2040 horizon declining compared to 2030 as maturity of derivatives & other molecular hydrogen use cases such as hydrogen mobility applications increases

# We have already entered the implementation phase and are focusing on five priority actions

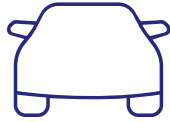
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## G2G engagements

Conducting **G2G engagements to secure partnerships** in the H<sub>2</sub> ecosystem, e.g., offtake agreements, R&D partnerships etc.

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## Mobility pilots

Supporting **Hydrogen mobility pilots** (buses, taxis, rail) across the Kingdom with multiple stakeholders

Deep-dive next

3



## Export infrastructure

Exploring **feasibility study for Hydrogen or RE export infrastructure** (e.g., pipeline) from KSA

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## Certification

Establishing **regulatory framework for H<sub>2</sub>**, i.e., **standards & certification**; advocating for **global harmonization of standards**

Deep-dive next

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## Enablers

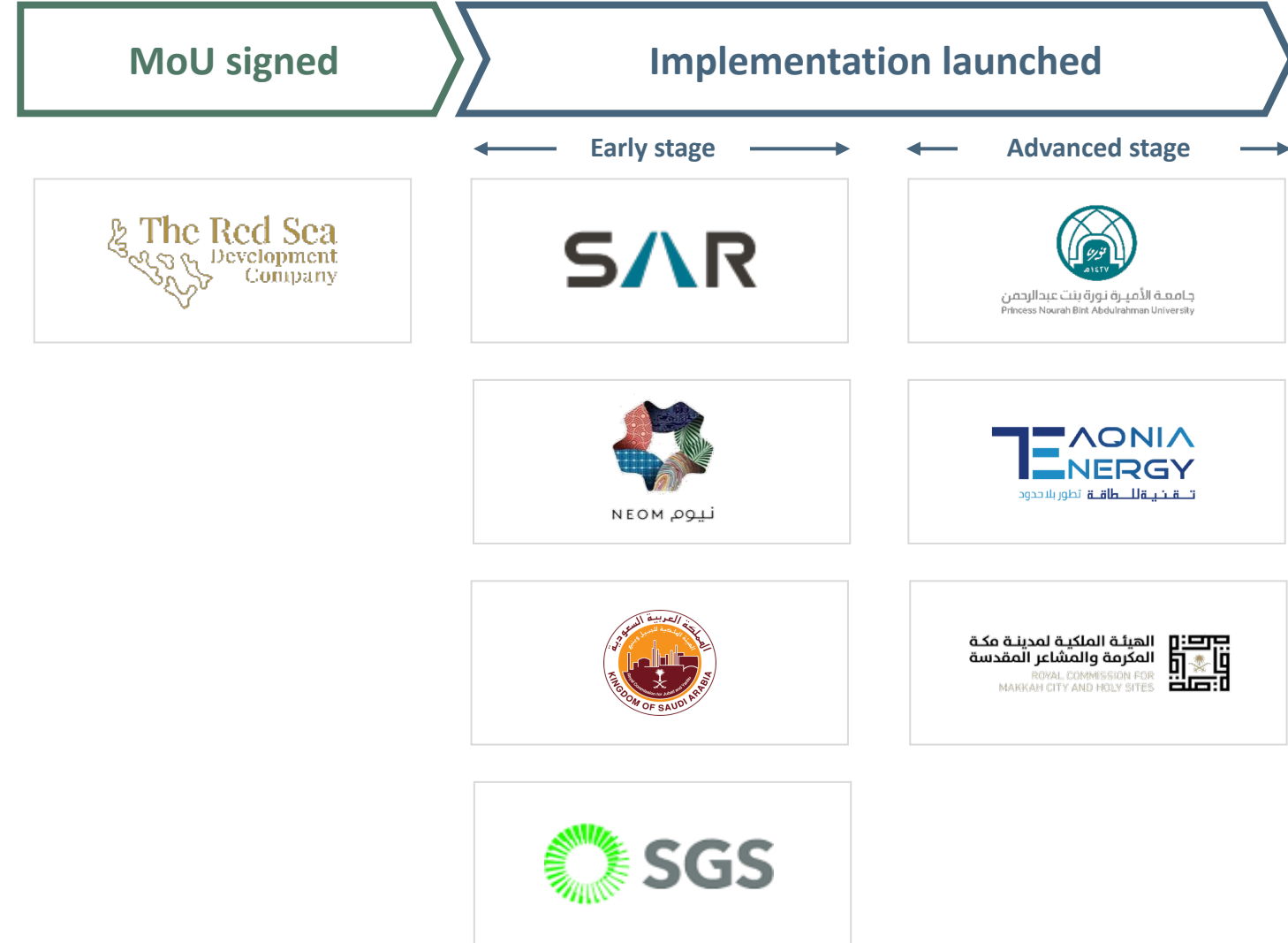
Introducing **enablers** to expedite Hydrogen related investment and H<sub>2</sub> vehicle adoption

# 8 MoUs signed on hydrogen mobility pilots, 7 of which already in their implementation phase

## 2 MOBILITY PILOTS

The Ministry of Energy, Saudi Arabia, signed 8 MoUs on Hydrogen mobility pilots

*“The MoUs cover performance tests of hydrogen fuel vehicles, analysis of the lessons learned from pilots, efforts to acquire techno-commercial expertise, and raising public awareness of hydrogen in the Kingdom”, Jan 20, 2022*













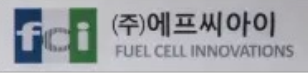


# 3 pilots are currently in an advanced implementation stage at Princess Noura University, Royal Commissions of Makkah City and Taqnia energy

## 2 MOBILITY PILOTS

Most mature

Least mature

	<div><b>PNU FCEV pilot</b>  Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University</div>	<div><b>RCMC Bus pilot</b> الهيئة الملكية لمدينة مكة المكرمة والمشاعر المقدسة ROYAL COMMISSION FOR MAKKAH CITY AND HOLY SITES </div>	<div><b>Taqnia synfuels pilot</b>  تقنية الطاقة المتجددة</div>
<b>Overview</b>	Pilot focused on deployment of <b>buses</b> and <b>taxis</b> for raising <b>public awareness on H<sub>2</sub> vehicles</b>	Deployment of FC buses for <b>public transportation</b>	Development of <b>150K liter/year synthetic fuel pilot</b>
<b>Location</b>	Riyadh	Makkah	TBD
<b>Key entities identified</b>	<div>  </div>	<div>  </div>	<div> </div>

3 pilots for hydrogen road transportation are in progress with 8 cars and 8+ buses planned for deployment

KSA entities are working together to institute a clean hydrogen certification framework that is inclusive and accepted by target markets

#### 4 CERTIFICATION



## Clean hydrogen certification framework

### Objective

Develop a certification framework that is **inclusive of all carbon neutral hydrogen production pathways** and **accepted by target markets and offtakers**

- Aligned with KSA's **clean hydrogen** and **Vision 2030** ambitions
- Focused on **lifecycle emissions** associated with production of clean hydrogen
- Inclusive of and **directly mappable to criteria** set by target markets' **governing bodies** and **certification schemes**

### Stakeholders

Certification efforts driven through **unified effort in partnership with national champions and institutions**



**Thank you!**

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