

Systems Science for Global and Regional Transitions

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IIASA, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

THE EARLY 1970s





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22 NATIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS



- International, independent, interdisciplinary
- Research on major global problems
- Solution oriented, integrated systems analysis



IIASA: TRULY INTERNATIONAL

- ~ 300 researchers in house include researcher scholars, research assistants, postdoctoral research scholars, and young scientists from more than 50 countries
- ~25% of IIASA alumni (3,475 people worldwide) remain actively involved in IIASA research
- Active and formalized collaboration with over 300 institutions worldwide
- 900 visitors (science & science diplomacy) coming to IIASA and 180 international meetings hosted in 2013
- ~2050 researchers from some 65 countries involved in IIASA's research network in 2013



INTERDISCIPLINARY

28% 35%

Natural Scientists & Engineers

Social Scientists

37%

Mathematicians and others



EXTERNAL FUNDING 2008 - 2013

- € 65 million external funding above NMO contributions
- Part of a total funding portfolio of € 290 million of the external projects in which IIASA is involved.
 Much being used in collaborative networks with NMO countries
- 7 ERC Grants

EXAMPLES OF EARLY RESEARCH





Climate and Energy Systems A review of their interactions JILL JÄGER







1978 1981 1983 1986 1990

IIASA'S SYSTEMS SCIENCE APPROACH

RESEARCHING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

- Integrated
- Interdisciplinary
- International
- Independent
- Solution-oriented
- Long term
- Trade offs

Systems Analysis

ADVANCED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

PAST SUCCESSES

- Dynamic Systems
- Multi-criteria decision analysis
- Adaptive dynamics
 theory
- Game theory
- Agent-based modeling
- Stochastic optimization

NEW RESEARCH

- Advances in Modeling
 Dynamic Systems
- Extreme events, Systemic Risks and Robust Solutions
- Integrated Modeling and Decision Support
- Advanced Systems
 Analysis Forum

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Food & Water

Poverty & Equity

SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT

Highly Published



JOURNAL ARTICLES & CITATIONS

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Peer-reviewed journal articles according to SCOPUS	143	164	199	270
Citations of IIASA publications according to SCOPUS	3955	5145	6157	7500



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IIASA AS THE EXPERT ADVISOR

IIASA researchers take part in 60 advisory boards and steering committees, including:

- Leadership Council of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) – input to define Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- UN Secretary General Technical Group on Sustainable Energy for All
- Advisory Council of the German Government on Global Change (WBGU)
- Arctic Council
- UN Food and Agriculture Organization Land and Water Division



GAINS policy applications

Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

1994Second Sulphur Protocol1999Gothenburg Multi-pollutant/multi-effect
Protocol2012Revision of the Gothenburg Protocol





European Union

1999 National Emission Ceilings Directive
2004 Thematic Strategy on Air Pollution
2010 Energy & Climate package, etc.
2013 Revision of the Thematic Strategy

Further analyses for UNFCCC, Arctic Council, UNEP, Chinese, Japanese and Korean Governments

GAINS identified 16 key air quality measures that, together with CO_2 mitigation, increase chances to stay below the 2° target



Global temperature 1900-2070



RESEARCH INTO POLICY (Example 1)

 2011: IIASA model GAINS identifies 16 measures to curb the release of either black carbon or methane (pollutants that harm human or plant health while simultaneously exacerbating climate change).



- Feb 2012: US State Secretary Hillary Clinton launched the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants
- Today, CCAC has 33 member countries, 39 International Organizations and IIASA's Markus Amann on scientific committee DOI: 10.1126/science.1210026



RESEARCH INTO POLICY (Example 2)

- 2006-12: Global Energy Assessment involving 500 experts around the world
- 2009 to date: GEA provides critical input to Un Secretary-General's Sustainable Energy For All Initiative including defining the aspirational yet feasible objectives:
 - 1. Ensure universal access to modern energy services
 - 2. Double the global rate of improvements in energy efficiency
 - 3. Double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix





www.GlobalEnergyAssessment.org





Universal Access to Modern Energy

Double Energy Efficiency Improvement

 Double Renewable Share in Final Energy Aspirational & Ambitious but Achievable



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Global Primary Energy



Global Primary Energy no CCS, no Nuclear



Global Primary Energy

lim. Bioenergy, lim. Intermittent REN



Global Primary Energy

Sub-Saharan Africa



Global Primary Energy China



Global Primary Energy Europe



Energy Policy Costs (% GDP)



Source: McCollum, Krey, Riahi, 2012



Republic of Korea and IIASA Highlights

(2008-2014)

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science for global insight

RESEARCH PARTNERS

- 18 institutions in Korea, including:
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Research Center of Korea (GIR)
- Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
- Korea Forest Research Institute (KFRI)
- Korea University
- Konkuk University (KU)
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
- National Institute of Environmental Research of Korea (NIER)
- Pukyong National University
 - Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI)
 - Seoul National University

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Selected Highlights:

- Six shocks and Korea
- GAINS-KOREA
- Bioenergy with carbon capture and storage
- Water Futures and Solutions
- Projecting changing population in Korea
- Shrinking Korean Chum Salmon



SIX SHOCKS AND KOREA Low probability but high impact events

- a collapse of the internet
- radical energy price change
- nuclear accident (in a neighboring country)
- food crisis
- a pandemic
- discontinuous transition in retirement age (up to 75 years)



SIX SHOCKS AND KOREA Prioritizing policies that maximize resilience



Share of efficient portfolio that includes policy alternatives

GAINS – KOREA



BUILDING GAINS-KOREA



BIOENERGY WITH CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE (BECCS)



- Optimal location of green-field biomass plants (20 MW) in Korea
- Red shows bioenergy plants without carbon capture and storage
- Blue indicates BECCS unit locations on a light yellow background (geologically suitable formation for capture and storage of carbon).

Kraxner F, Aoki K, Leduc S, Kindermann G, Fuss S, Yang J, Yamagata Y, Tak K & Obersteiner M (2014). BECCS in South Korea - Analyzing the negative emissions potential of bioenergy as a mitigation tool. Renewable Energy, 61:102-108

WATER FUTURES AND SOLUTIONS

An integrated analysis of global water challenges and solutions

Founding Partners:



Preliminary results to be published at:







PROJECTING CHANGING POPULATION IN KOREA

Republic of Korea - Base Year 2010



PROJECTING CHANGING POPULATION IN KOREA CONVENTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Republic of Korea - Projections 2030 - SSP5



PROJECTING CHANGING POPULATION IN KOREA CONVENTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Republic of Korea - Projections 2060 - SSP5





PROJECTING CHANGING POPULATION IN KOREA

Republic of Korea - Base Year 2010



PROJECTING CHANGING POPULATION IN KOREA FRAGMENTATION

Republic of Korea - Projections 2030 - SSP3



PROJECTING CHANGING POPULATION IN KOREA FRAGMENTATION

Republic of Korea - Projections 2060 - SSP3



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SHRINKING KOREAN CHUM SALMON

- Changing environmental conditions (commercial fishing, climatic change) are changing the traits of fish (growth and size at maturation)
- ~ 30 case studies including Korean Chum Salmon
- Implications for future size of fish stocks, and that evolutionary changes can take a long time to reverse







CAPACITY BUILDING

 11 doctoral students from Korea have won places on IIASA's Young Scientists Summer Program since 2008.



CAPACITY BUILDING

Southern-African Young Scientist Summer Program: (SA-YSSP)

 Kyeongah Nah (SA-YSSP '12-'13 & University of Szeged), a Korean national, developed a model for predicting malaria incubation times under latitudinal and climate-induced changes in season lengths.









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Thank you and hope to welcome you soon at IIASA !!





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