

# Time to change the game: fossil fuel subsidies and climate - instructions

- 1 Print out the game, cut to a square and start with recommendations side facing up.
- 2 Fold the square in half, open it up again and fold in half again so the paper is divided into quarters.
- 3 Make another 2 folds, this time along the diagonal axis. Crease well and unfold.
- 4 Take the bottom right corner and fold it to meet the centre point.
- 5 Repeat for the other 3 corners, keeping the 4 corners folded into the centre point.
- 6 Turn the paper over.
- 7 Fold the bottom right corner to meet the centre point.
- 8 Repeat for the other 3 corners, keeping the 4 corners folded into the centre point.
- 9 Turn the paper over again.
- 10 Place your thumbs and index fingers under the 4 flaps and pick it up.



**Time to change the game**

**2 Fossil fuels**  
For every US\$6 spent on fossil fuel subsidies in 2011, only US\$1 of support was invested in renewable energy.

**3 Carbon price**  
Today's vastly undervalued carbon price is less than US\$7 per tonne. Meanwhile, governments are subsidising carbon emissions by up to US\$110 per tonne.

**4 Aid**  
From 2008 to 2011 the top rich-country emitters invested twice as much in fossil fuel projects via development banks than they did in clean energy projects.

**5 Climate finance**  
The top developed-country emitters invested seven times more in domestic fossil fuel subsidies in 2011 than they put into climate finance for developing countries.

**6 Social costs**  
In 2011, several countries including Venezuela, Indonesia and Pakistan spent at least twice as much on consumer fossil fuel subsidies as on public health.

**7 Financial crisis**  
In 2011, consumer fossil fuel subsidies alone exceeded the primary deficit of several countries including Egypt, Pakistan, Morocco and Bangladesh.

**8 Public opinion**  
In a recent US poll, most respondents supported elimination of all fossil fuel subsidies (59%), and payment of a carbon tax by fossil fuel companies (61%).

**1 Emissions**  
By eliminating consumer fossil fuel subsidies by 2020, we could cut greenhouse gases by 360 Mt – an amount equivalent to France's annual emissions.

**Subsidies and climate**

**Pick a number**

**What can we do?**  
Unfold and turn over for recommendations.

**100**

Find a partner and play the game to find out why we need to change the game on fossil fuel subsidies and climate!

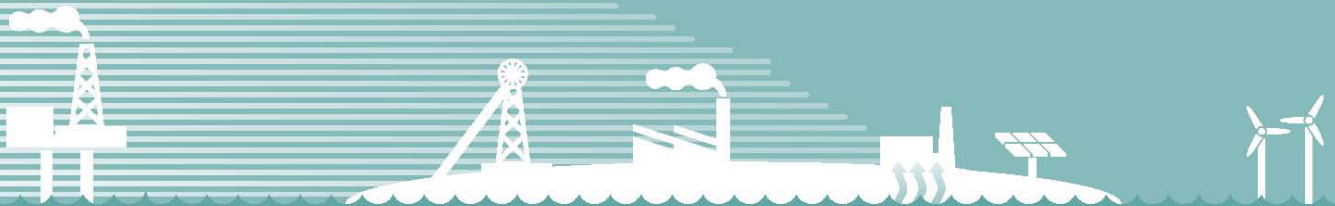


## What can we do?

*Reach agreement in 2015 to phase out all fossil fuel subsidies by 2025 – led by a phase-out in G20 countries by 2020.*

## How?

- Introduce international architecture to support common frameworks for measuring fossil fuel subsidies.
- Provide international assistance to support the phasing out of fossil fuel subsidies in developing countries and to protect the poor.
- Facilitate data collection, sharing and analysis on subsidies and investment in climate relevant sectors.
- Support low-carbon investors by incorporating subsidies in rating tools.



For more information, analysis and sources, read the full report at

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