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# Oil Producing States and the Energy Transition

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## **Energy transitions are really hard**

## Historically, energy consumption has been additive rather than a fuel substitution story



#### Global mix of fuels, share (%)

#### Global mix of fuels, quadrillion BTUs (quads)



Source: Center on Global Energy Policy; Smil, Energy Transitions; ExxonMobil Energy Outlook 2018

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## Income and energy go hand in hand

#### Total final energy consumption per capita (toe/capita) vs GDP per capita, 2018



Source: IEA; OECD

## **Global oil demand continues its recovery**

#### **World Oil Products Demand**



Global oil demand is expected to return to pre-pandemic levels by Q4 2022, supported by increased economic activity in major demand centers.

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Source: IEA

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## **Oil production recovers through 2022**

### Selected Non-OPEC+ Oil Supply Changes (2020-2022)



After two years of declines, the United States is set to drive oil production outside of the OPEC+ alliance.

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## **OPEC+ production ramps up**

### Saudi Crude Oil Production



In May, Saudi Arabia began to phase out its voluntary reductions as OPEC+ eased its supply cuts. Overall compliance with the cuts remained at 114% in May.



## The world is not yet on a path to net zero



There is no need for investment in new fossil fuel supply in our net zero pathway







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## **Global commitments require a VERY rapid transition**

#### **Global annual net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**



CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cuts of 1 to 2 billion tonnes are needed each year between 2020 and 2030 to limit climate change in line with the Paris Agreement goals

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Source: Global Carbon Project

## The Ambition – Reality Gap Is Enormous



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## Oil demand is nowhere close to on track for net zero 2050

#### Global Oil Demand (mb/d)



#### **Global Gas Demand (bcm)**



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## Promises and actions are two different things

Mid-century net zero pledges cover 70% of the world's emissions

Legally-binding midcentury net-zero pledges cover only 20% of the world's emissions





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## The barrels best positioned to compete will be the lowest carbon intensity...

#### Estimated upstream crude oil carbon intensity



At 33 g  $CO_2e/MJ$ , Saudi oil is some of the least carbon-intense oil in the world.



### ... and the lowest cost

## Extractable oil reserves by break-even price, January 2020 (% of total reserves)





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