#### Climate finance

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#### Scale of the challenge: to meet climate finance needs in developing countries ODA needs to double

- \$150-400b p.a. for total capital investment requirement by 2020 in developing countries (both adaptation and mitigation)
- \$100-200b p.a. for incremental cost
- As a comparison, total ODA in 2009 was approximately \$120b



# Guiding principles are derived from the theory of public finance, but their application is shaped by climate politics

Stability of revenue raised

Incidence and equity

Introduction of distortions/corrections

Impact on other revenue bases

Compatibility with fiscal policy for growth and stability

Compliance and enforcement cost

Reliability of flows to dev'ing countries

No incidence on developing countries

Must correct the GHG externality

Political acceptability domestically

Must be decided in the context of stretched budgets

Easy to apply, possibly through existing institutions



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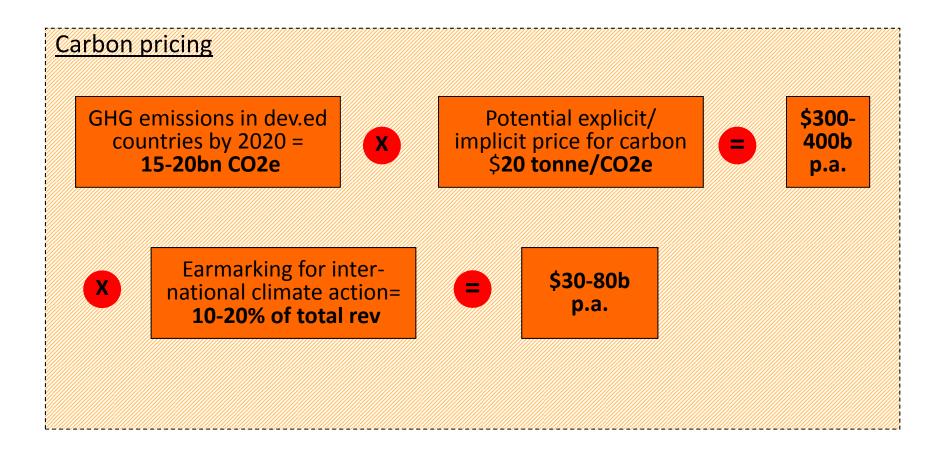
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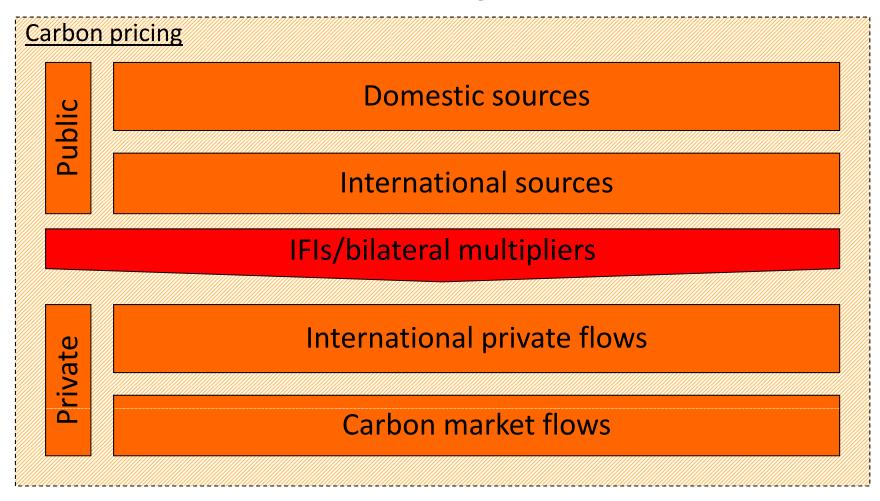


### The potential for raising climate finance in developed countries is large



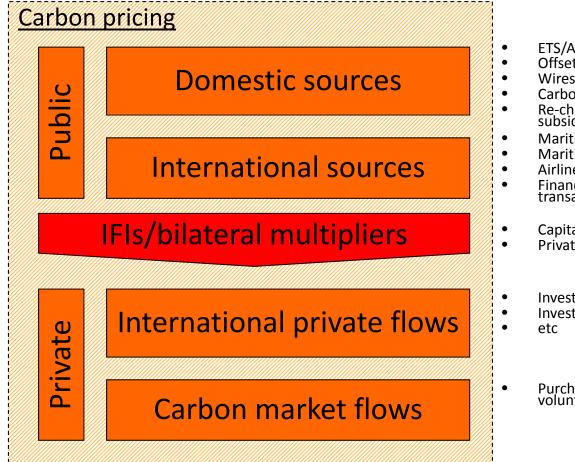


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- ETS/AAU auctioning levy
- Offset levy
- Wires charge
- Carbon tax
- Re-channelling of fossil fuel production subsidies in dev.ed countries
- Maritime/Aviation ETS
- Maritime aviation tax
- Airline ticket levy
- Financial transaction tax on carbon related
- Capital markets multipliers
- Private sector multipliers
- Investments in low-carbon projects
- Investment in REDD+
- Purchase of offsets in the context of ETS or voluntary markets

## Domestic sources of finance are very sensitive to carbon pricing

ETS/AAU auction levy 10%

Offset levy 10%

\$10/ t CO2e

\$5b

\$0.5b

\$30/t CO2e

\$45b

\$6b



## International sources of finance are also very sensitive to carbon pricing

Tax on international maritime emissions

\$10/ t CO2e

\$7b

\$30/ t CO2e

\$21b

#### **Avoiding inefficiency in the system**

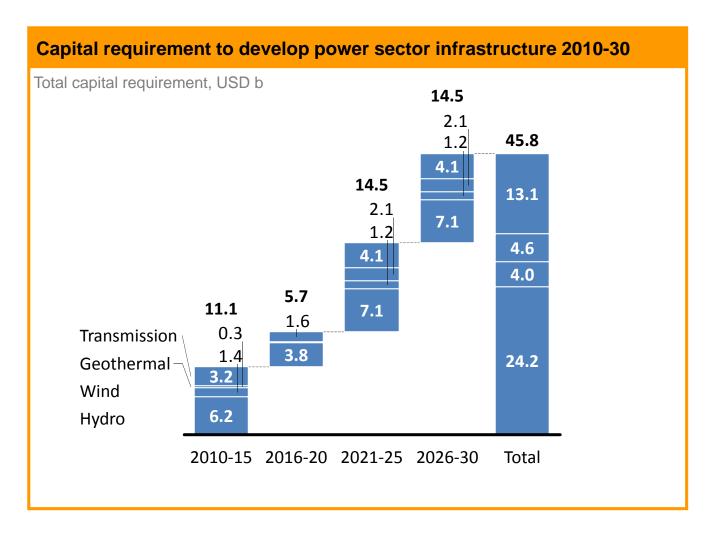
- Avoid double taxation of the same base (ex: raising revenues through EU-ETS auctioning levy and a wires-tax on power)
- Ensure homogeneous taxation across the economy (if domestic emissions are taxed in an economy, so should international emissions between such economies)
- Avoid trade distortions (e.g. avoid different implicit car bon prices for the same good produces in different locations)
- Avoid complex tax collection/tax enforcement cost



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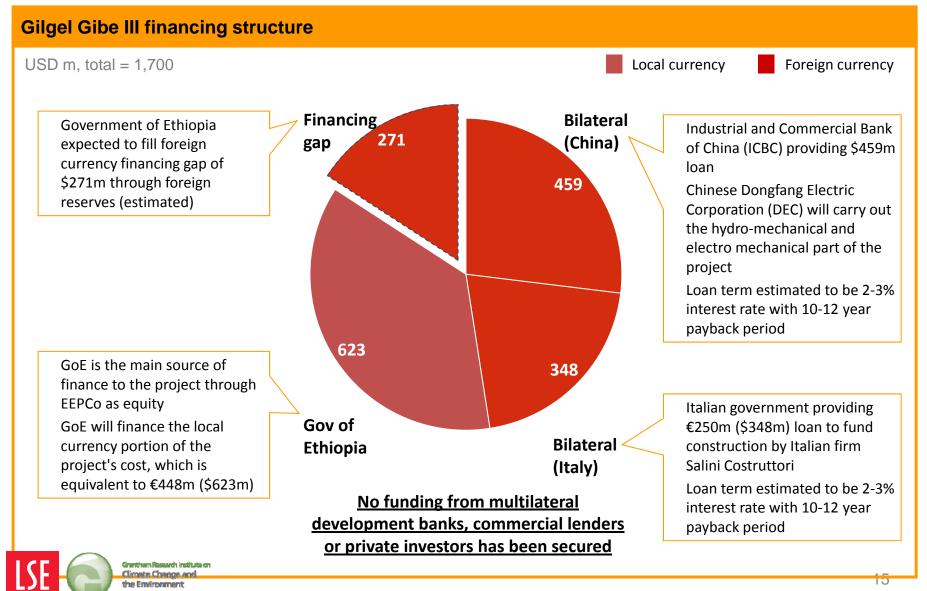


### Ethiopia will require almost \$50b in investment in the power sector over the next 20 years





# Current financing based on traditional infrast. investment is incompatible with aspirations



#### **Conclusions**

- There are enough resources to support developing countries for their climate related needs
- Internalizing the externality through pricing carbon is the corner stone of climate finance system and will determine the scale of resources available
- Principles of public finance should guide the application of taxes/levies to avoid inefficiencies
- Narrative, economics and project finance of infrastructural investment in developing countries will need to change in order to benefit from new financing opportunities

