



# Shared Socio-Economic Pathways: Potential implications for global income distribution

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## **ENVISAGE-GIDD Simulation Framework**

#### Top-down structural model

Interaction between the 4 channels of Climate Change Framework:
(1) Prices (2) Productivity (3) Assets (4) Opportunity

#### Macro Structural Model (ENVISAGE)

- Environmental Impact & Sustainability Applied General Equilibrium Model
- Micro: Global Income Distribution Dynamics (GIDD)
  - Based on International Income Distribution Database (I2D2)
    - 130 surveys, 3.67 million households, 12.5 million observations

## **Two-axes: adaptation & mitigation challenges**



Source: O'Neill et al. 2012

## **ENVISAGE-GIDD Simulation Framework**

- Scenarios: 5 Shared Socio Economic Pathways
  - (SSP1 to SSP5)
- Target year is 2050 (in 5-year intervals)

#### • Distributional changes are caused by:

- $\Delta$  Working-age Population
- $\Delta$  Wage premia between skilled and unskilled labor
- GDP growth

# By 2050, 1.3 billion net increase in global working-age population



### 1 in every 3 new entrants are from Sub-Saharan Africa



















Poverty Headcounts (People living with less than PPP\$1.25/daySSP1: 2.0%SSP2: 3.1%SSP3: 5.5%SSP4: 5.9%

SSP5: 1.7% 11

#### 3% - poverty target is ambitious



### **Global Inequality to decline ...**



### ...with increasing within-region inequality

**High-Income Countries** 

Low- & Middle-Income Countries



# Conclusion

#### SSPs project radically different futures

- What policies would encourage turnaround in population trends?
- What policy mix would encourage more environmentally sustainable and equitable economic growth?
- Poverty, as currently defined will most likely be eliminated in the next few decades
- However, relative poverty could persist and a worsening of within-country income distribution is possible

# **Moving forward**

#### Incorporate layers to structural models

- Making use of additional SSP quantifications, e.g. education and urbanization projections, consumption prices
- Incorporate the climate signal into the system
- Data
  - initial differences in poverty and inequality