

TOWARDS A LOW-CARBON SOCIETY: A PREREQUISITE FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Transitioning to a low-carbon society is an imperative in the face of intensifying global climate change. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is crucial to mitigate climate change's worst impacts and build a sustainable, resilient future (Stern, 2008).

The shift towards a low-carbon society requires fundamental changes in how we produce and consume energy. The promotion and adoption of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydropower is critical in this transition. Moving away from fossil fuels and investing in clean, renewable energy technologies can significantly reduce carbon emissions and foster a sustainable energy future (Jacobson et al., 2011).

Energy efficiency is another vital aspect of a low-carbon society. By enhancing energy efficiency in buildings, transport, and industrial processes, we can reduce energy demand, cut down carbon emissions, and realize significant cost savings. Innovative technologies, strict regulations, and public awareness can facilitate energy efficiency (Gillingham & Palmer, 2014).

Furthermore, a low-carbon society necessitates a shift towards sustainable transportation. This involves promoting electric vehicles, improving public transportation, and encouraging biking and walking. Such

measures not only reduce carbon emissions but also enhance air quality and public health (Chester & Horvath, 2009).

Sustainable land use practices are also crucial in achieving a low-carbon society. This includes promoting sustainable agriculture, protecting and restoring forests, and managing urban growth. Such practices can enhance carbon sequestration, preserve biodiversity, and ensure food security (Foley et al., 2005).

Achieving a low-carbon society also requires systemic changes in societal norms and behaviors. Encouraging sustainable consumption, fostering environmental education, and promoting green lifestyle choices are key aspects of this transition (Whitmarsh & O'Neill, 2010).

In conclusion, transitioning to a low-carbon society is a multifaceted process that requires a shift in energy production and consumption, transportation, land use practices, and societal behaviors. As we move towards this goal, we can mitigate climate change, protect our planet, and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

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