



International Partnership *for the* Hydrogen Economy



# IPHE Policy Forum



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## **IPHE Purpose**

*“Serve as a mechanism to organize and implement effective, efficient, and focused international research, development, demonstration and commercial utilization activities that advance the transition to a global hydrogen economy and to provide a forum for advancing policies, and common codes and standards.”*



## IPHE History

- Established in November 2003 for 10 years
- Two committee structure (ILC and SC) supported by a Secretariat
- Chaired by United States for initial 4 years including Secretariat function
- Presently Chaired by Canada for 2 years including Secretariat function
- 17 partners with growing interest (e.g. *Israel, Mexico, South Africa*)



## IPHE Partners



Russian Federation



USA



Canada



Iceland



Japan



Republic of Korea



China



India

### IPHE Partners' Economy:

- Over \$35 Trillion in GDP, 85% of world GDP
- Nearly 3.5 billion people
- Over 75% of electricity used worldwide;
- > 2/3 of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and energy consumption

United Kingdom



France



Germany



Italy



Australia



Brazil



Norway



European Commission

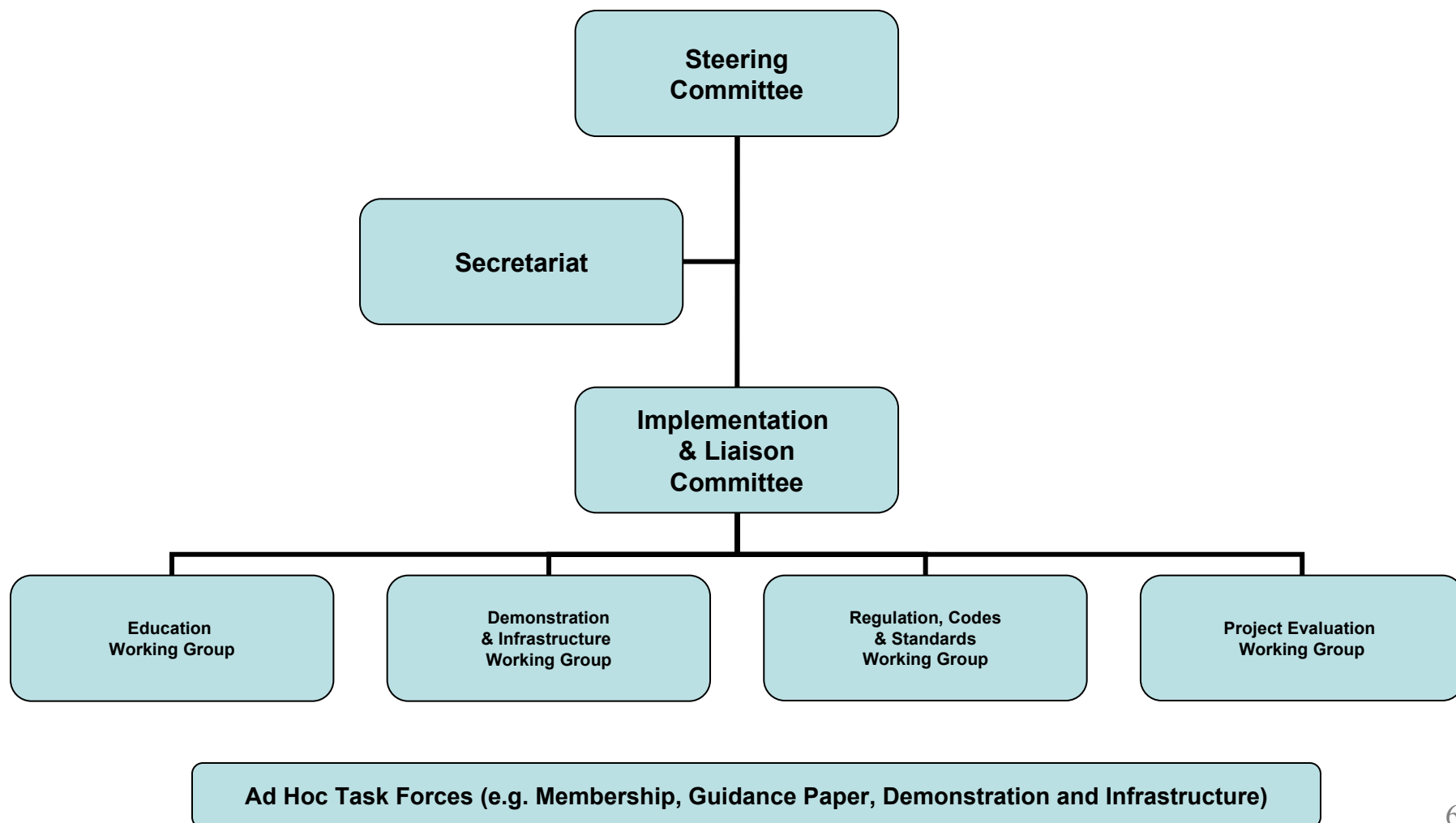


New Zealand





# IPHE Structure





## IPHE Functions

- Identifies/promotes potential areas of bilateral & multilateral collaboration;
- Analyzes & recommends priorities for RD&D/commercial/utilization
- Analyzes & develops policy recommendations on technical guidance
- Fosters implementation of public-private cooperation
- Coordinates & leverages resources to advance bilateral/multilateral cooperation
- Addresses emerging technical, financial, legal, market, socioeconomic, environmental, policy issues & opportunities not currently being addressed elsewhere



# IPHE Committee Roles

## Steering Committee

- Governs the overall framework, policies and procedures of the IPHE
- Periodically reviews program of collaborative activities and organizational structure if necessary
- Provides direction to the Secretariat

## Implementation and Liaison Committee

- Reviews progress of collaborative projects
- Identifies promising directions for RD&D and commercial use
- Provides technical assessments for policy decisions, pursues international codes and standards and safety protocols, and makes recommendations to the Steering Committee on needed actions
- ILC groups serve as the mechanism for IPHE Members to advance and manage strategic collaboration.





## **IPHE Priorities**

1. Accelerating the market penetration and early adoption of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies and its supporting infrastructure.
2. Raising profile with policy-makers and public - Continuing Education (ILC) and Outreach (SC) Efforts.
3. Monitor Hydrogen, Fuel Cell and Complementary Technology Developments.
4. Policy and regulatory actions to support widespread deployment.



## IPHE Accomplishments

- Unique forum joining together leading countries working to advance hydrogen technologies
  - IPHE-IEA MOU 
- Organized and implemented effective collaborative activities and projects
  - 30 collaborative R&D Projects approved
  - Dozens of IPHE sponsored Workshops
- Identifying common international priorities for advancing hydrogen in the economy
  - Engaging governments and aligning objectives

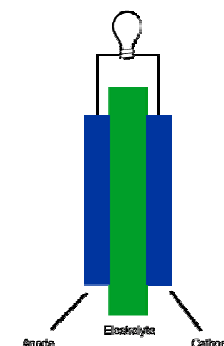


## Becoming an IPHE member

- Currently, the IPHE has 17 country members
- New national government entities may be invited to become Partners of the IPHE if the Steering Committee determines the applicant has demonstrated:
  - 1) a substantial, long-term resource commitment to hydrogen and fuel cell technology research and development activities;
  - 2) a well-defined vision and national strategy to advance technology deployment and infrastructure development; and
  - 3) a commitment reflected in policies and strategies that effectively advance private sector development of a hydrogen economy.

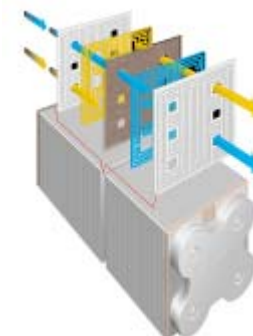
## Hydrogen and Fuel Cells: Backgrounder

- Hydrogen
  - Most abundant element on earth
  - Contains no carbon, is odourless and non-toxic
  - Is widely available
  - Is an energy carrier produced from primary sources, that can be distributed and stored
  
- Fuel cell
  - Electrochemical device combining hydrogen with oxygen to produce electricity, heat and water
  - Twice as efficient in energy conversion through chemical process than through combustion.
  - Non polluting and reliable.
  - Able to replace or enhance operation of internal combustion engines and batteries.
  - Used in cars, buses, material handling equipment and industrial vehicles (forklifts, delivery trucks), back-up and premium power applications, electricity generating stations, cellphones, laptops, handheld radios.



A fuel cell “stack” is a series of cells stacked together.

Depending on the number and size of cells, a stack can produce from watts to megawatts of power.



## Hydrogen and Fuel Cells (H2FC): Key Drivers

- IPHE formed in recognition of need for international collaboration in order to advance the transition to a global hydrogen economy
- H2FC technologies are recognized internationally as offering effective solutions to:
  - **Energy Security and reliability:** H2FC technologies reduces demand on scarce resources and supports deployment of renewable energy technologies
  - **Environmental protection:** H2FC technologies hold a longer term potential to 'decarbonize' energy systems
  - **Economic development:** H2FC technologies have huge growth potential across a range of sectors.



-Anticipated GHG savings from the introduction of 7000 transit buses, from 2015 to 2025, over the projected life of the buses (20 years) is 18 600 000 tonnes.

- Results in significant reductions in air pollution emissions and improvements in local air quality.

- H2FC technologies have potential to address these issues across sectors such as transport, banking, telecommunications and energy
- Early commercialization in near term markets includes: residential co-gen, back-up power, materials handling, portable electronics
- Research efforts focus on mass markets (Passenger vehicles)





## Public Investment in the Sector

- The potential benefits have led the world to develop H2FC technologies and needed corresponding infrastructure
- Governments have played a key role in developing h2 and fuel cell technologies through investing \$1 B US in 2007\*
  - North America - \$400M US
  - Europe – \$214M US
  - Asia - \$262 M US
- Funding supports projects and programs across the innovation continuum
- Seven IPHE countries account for 80% of investments: US, Japan, Germany, South Korea, China, Canada, UK
- Significant investments have been made by the EC
- Funding has resulted in leveraging of significant private sector investment
- Many countries are home to industrial leaders across the value chain

## IPHE Member Activities in Deployment

IPHE members are focused on a range of early commercial applications

- UPS for ICT, Residential Back-up Power, Buses, Materials Handling



**H2 Fuel Cell Buses**  
across Europe, in  
China, Australia,  
UK, US, and  
Canada – 20 fuel  
cell buses in  
Whistler, BC



**Canada and US:**  
Fuel Cell Forklifts  
at GM and Walmart  
Distribution  
Centres



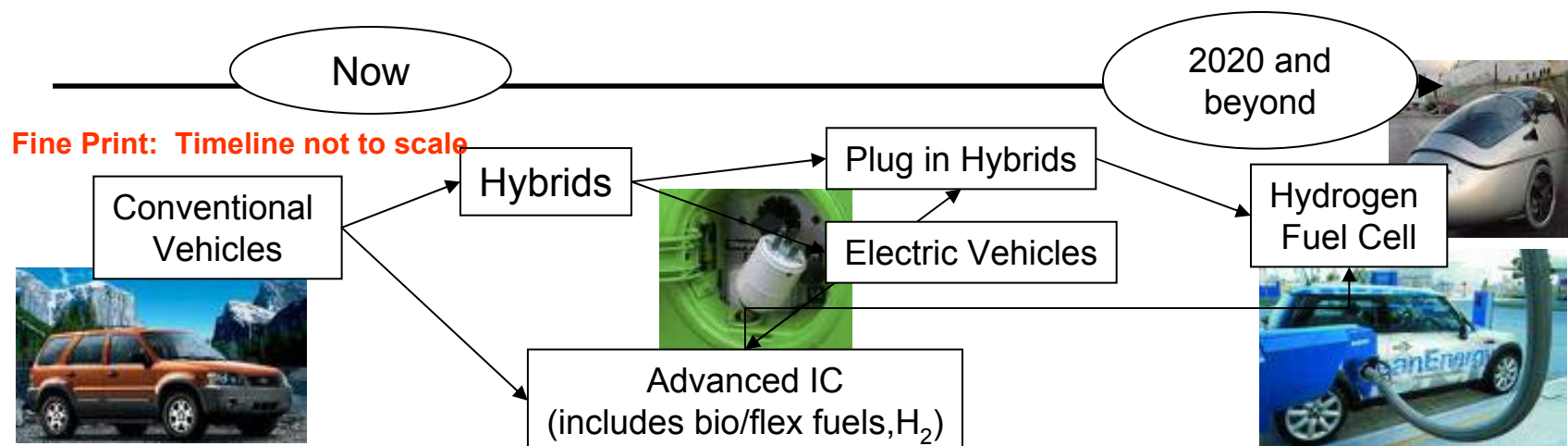
**Japan: Large-  
Scale Demo  
Project for  
Stationary PEFC  
system –over  
2000 units  
installed**



**US: Uninterrupted power  
supply (UPS) to keep  
critical data centers and  
telecommunication towers  
up and running**

## H2FC Vehicle Development

- The international community sees H<sub>2</sub> as a major component to a future clean energy and clean transportation mix
- H2FC vehicles are part of a long term solution
  - OEMs moving to electrification
  - PHEV, EV and hybrid IC are also part of the mix
- IPHE members have partnerships with major automotive OEMs
- Over 100 vehicles have been demonstrated, with significant programs in US, Japan and Germany





## IPHE Member Activities in H2 Infrastructure

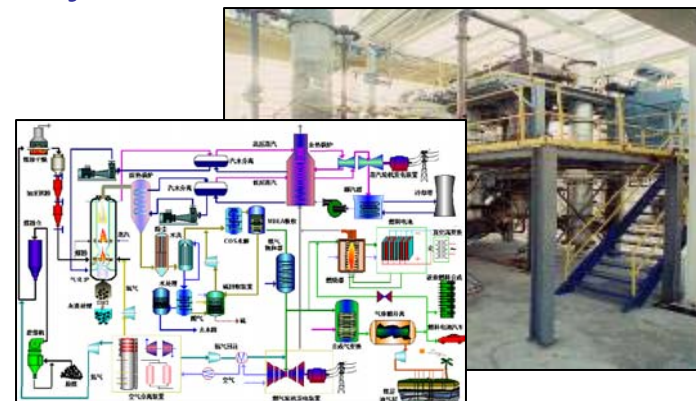
- H2 production/distribution from a variety of hydro carbon and renewable hydrogen sources



New Zealand: Wind-/HyLink-/AFC H2 Distributed energy project a first for rural communities



Germany: H2 for transit buses



Italy, China: Green Coal-Based Power Generation



Canada: World First 700 Bar H2 Refueling Station



Japan: JHFC Yokohama-Tsurumi Hydrogen Station

US: Hydrogen & gasoline station Washington, DC



## Current Industry Snapshot

### Global industry focus on commercialization

According to Fuel Cell Today ramp-up of activity in 2007\*

- Over past three years, annual growth rate of 59%
- From 2006
  - Revenues increased 59% to \$416M
  - R&D consistent at \$213M
  - Employment increased by 10% to 3,434
  - Market capitalization increased 20% to \$3.8B
  - Increasingly developing strategic relationships with OEMs and energy providers
  - Supply chains needed for volume production and focus on generating near term revenues
  - No company is profitable – firms share net losses of \$644M
- Cost reductions averaging 10% to 20% per annum







## Closing Remarks

- In spite of commercial advances in near term markets, H2FC technologies for the mass markets are a long term solution
- Key obstacles remain:
  - Costs to manufacture, store and transport H2 compared to conventional fuels
  - Infrastructure development
- Much R&D is still required
- Complementary technologies such as EVs, PHEVs will help to stimulate uptake of H2FC technologies in mass markets
- A short/medium term policy view may hinder H2FC development in certain sectors
- Successful H2FC uptake will require strong public private partnerships with a long term view to ensure sufficient technology and R&D support



## **Closing Remarks**

- Enhancing/establishing collaboration with the EU will help:
  - Develop international policies and programs to better tackle the remaining obstacles to successful commercialisation
  - Promote the benefits of H<sub>2</sub> and FCs through ongoing education and demonstration activities
  - Act as broker between the EU and IPHE members sharing information on best practices, lessons learned and international activities
  - Build common messaging on the relevance of international priorities and activities
- Working together will certainly facilitate overall progress, provide positive solutions and avoid duplicating efforts



# Thank you.

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