Low-carbon, human development economy-wide modelling

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Successful and on-going capacity development projects LAC

- Bolivia (UDAPE-Planning)
 - Remittances
 - Food price volatility
 - MDGs to 2015, 2020 and 2025

Costa Rica

- MDG education (on time completion (Education)
- Macro-economic impact of government debt in international markets and alternative use of resources (Finance & Parliament)
- Impact of income tax rebates (University and Parliament)

Uganda

- Support to the National Development Plan (Planning)
- Support to MDG report (Finance and Planning, UNDP)
- Support to assess the impact of the fall in foreign aid (Planning)

Low-carbon & human development (or inclusion)

- Global model estimates of additional energy investments needed to stabilize temperature range from negative to levels up to 8 % of GDP
 - Investments are larger in Africa and Asia
- Own MDG estimates suggest that pursuing MDG achievement of 3 goals might cause annual losses in GDP of up to 2 % of GDP.
 - Estimates suggest the presence of important synergies

A comprehensive modeling framework

- Policy making needs to be comprehensive
- Take into account macro-economic impacts and fiscal space
- Energy transformation (decarbonizing and low-carbon building)
- Human development, as proxy by MDGs
- Energy poverty
- Trade-offs and synergies

Examples of simulations

 Three oil-importing countries where team are working on economy-wide modelling

Bolivia, Costa Rica and Uganda

- Impose a tax on oil to generate a revenue equal to 2% of GDP
- Revenue is used to finance infrastructure and education, which raises productivity
- Tax on oil decreases

Raw example of possible simulations

- Tax on oil decreases GDP growth rate by up to 2 percentage points
- The effect of investing added revenues varies across countries and the type of investment
- Using the tax revenue tends to neutralize and even more than offset the negative effect of the oil tax

Impact on GDP growth of a tax oil and investment in education, percentage points from baseline GDP



