

Action Program for the 21st Century

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Fig. 1 The New Earth 21—Action Program for the 21st Century

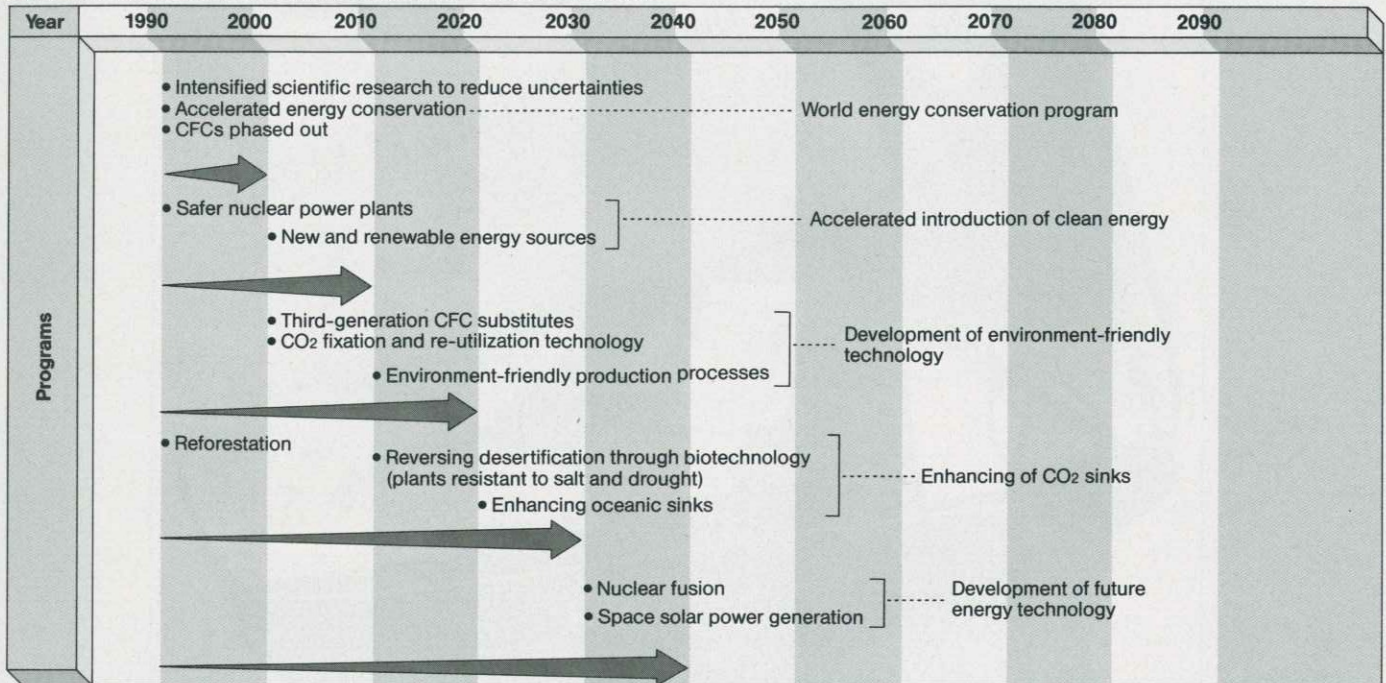
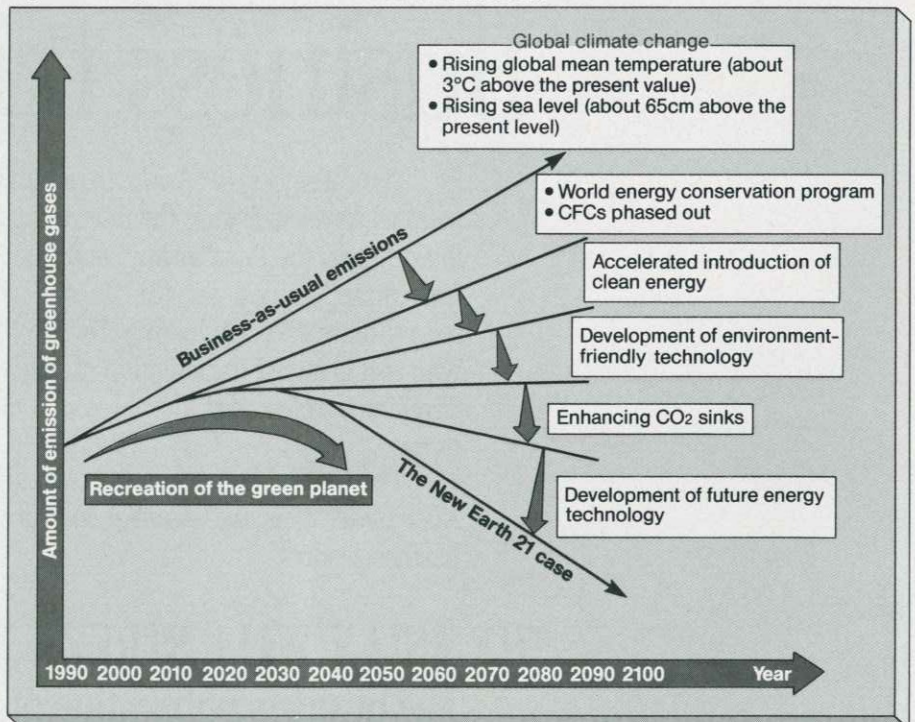


Fig. 2 Conceptual Framework of The New Earth 21



"The New Earth 21," currently under consideration at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, is an action program to cope with global warming. It proposes devoting the next 100 years to the recovery of this planet from 200 years of the accumulation of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (Fig. 1 & 2).

The first 50 years will be the transition period, when environment-friendly technologies are developed and introduced. In the second 50 years future generations will draw on the results of the first period to recreate a green planet.

Such a strategy should be the basis of a global partnership in which all countries, developed and developing, East and West, come together and act in unity.

Here is where the developed market economies can play a decisive role with their experience and technological and financial potential—if they maintain the economic strength capable of turning this potential into reality.