



Building coalitions to accelerate a low carbon transition

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**The Transition
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What does the low carbon transition entail?

State as critical in accelerating transitions

Popular movements: voters count; moral imperative

But we also need practically oriented coalitions or consortia

Try things, positive examples, change conditions on the ground, shift political framing

- Visions and pathways
 - Link climate to other issues
 - Regional and sectoral
 - Co-design
 - Build out

TRANSITION PATHWAYS

Transition Pathways are about linking visions of where people want to go with the steps required to get there.

Pathways engage with multiple dimensions of change: technological, economic, social practices, public attitudes, policy, culture



The Transition Accelerator Methodology

1

UNDERSTAND

- The history, strengths and weaknesses of existing systems;
- Identify compelling drivers of disruption (*technology, business model, policy & social innovations*)

2

CODEVELOP

- Engage innovative industry, academics, government, NGOs, etc
- Define shared visions and possible pathways

3

ANALYZE

- Analyze and model pathway alternatives to make them more CREDIBLE, COMPELLING and CAPABLE

4

ADVANCE

- Start the journey:
- Inform innovation/ RD&D strategies
 - Advise decision makers
 - Participate in public debate
 - Spin-out Consortia

Engage motivated researchers and stakeholders

Iterative interactions to co-develop visions, chart pathways and validate direction

Empower innovators to drive transformative change. Shift terms of policy debate

