



# Summary of Discussion During Cookstoves Breakout Session

Workshop on Short Lived Climate Forcers

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## KEY TOPICS

Emissions reduction opportunities and implementation strategies for residential cookstoves, mainly in developing countries



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1. In your view, **is it possible to identify priority mitigation options in this sector** for black carbon and ozone precursors, considering cost, technological feasibility, ease of implementation, and effectiveness? **If so, what are they?**
2. **How do the mitigation opportunities differ between world region** for this sector, considering the range of available options?
3. **What next steps – analyses, data, assessments, summaries – represent the low hanging fruit for clarifying policy mitigation options?** Considering efficacy, impacts, and benefits of mitigation options?
4. **What immediate follow-ups to this workshop** would you suggest?



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1. In your view, **is it possible to identify priority mitigation options in this sector** for black carbon and ozone precursors, considering cost, technological feasibility, ease of implementation, and effectiveness? **If so, what are they?**
  - There are promising options including truly better improved stoves and better fuels.
    - Need variety across cost and cultural needs
    - Must engage users and meet acceptability
    - Involve local institutions, organizations, businesses, policymakers
    - Different solutions for urban vs rural
  - Required: Technology, financing, distribution (fuel or stove), monitoring
  - Funding needed for rapid scale-up
  - Need alternative strategies to reach poorest
  - Develop local stove testing/design centers (happening)
  - Encourage businesses around modern and processed fuels
  - Need variety of different business models
    - e.g., Local production vs mass production



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- 2. How do the mitigation opportunities differ between world regions for this sector, considering the range of available options?**
- BC impacts particularly important near snow regions
  - Stove/fuel solutions to meet heating vs cooking needs will be different



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3. **What next steps – analyses, data, assessments, summaries – represent the low hanging fruit for clarifying policy mitigation options?** Considering efficacy, impacts, & benefits of mitigation options?
- Define characteristics of a “better” solution (including stove and fuel)
    - Identify measures that maximize climate benefits
    - Matrix of stove/fuel standards
    - Required efficiency and emission improvements for a variety of situations
  - Estimate net effect on climate
    - BC/OC divisions, cryosphere impacts, clouds
    - Regional climate impacts may be more certain
    - GHG impacts are more certain
  - Identify ways to monitor effectiveness in reducing atmospheric concentrations
  - Field and lab testing of SLCFs
    - Identify required information
    - Speciation (BC, OC, BrC), SLCFs...
    - Ultrafine particles
    - Efficiency
  - Preliminary cost-benefit analysis
    - Health! Health! Health!



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## 4. What immediate follow-ups to this workshop would you suggest?

- Immediate steps: pursue each of the analyses and assessments noted under question 3
- Additional steps:
  - Build regional capacity for stove testing & design assistance centers
  - Integrated assessment models (health, climate, other)
  - Inventory of stove, fuel, cooking practices
  - Rigorous cost-benefit analysis