



# Global Warming Solutions Act Implementation Advisory Committee and Scenario Planning Workshop

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1-5pm





# CADMUS

## Scenario Workshop

NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
INITIAL SCENARIO  
WORKSHOP OVERVIEW





# Agenda

- Study Briefing
- Scenario Exercise Introduction
- Break
- Group Work
- Break
- Report Out on Group Takeaways





# Project Context



# 80x50 Study Overview

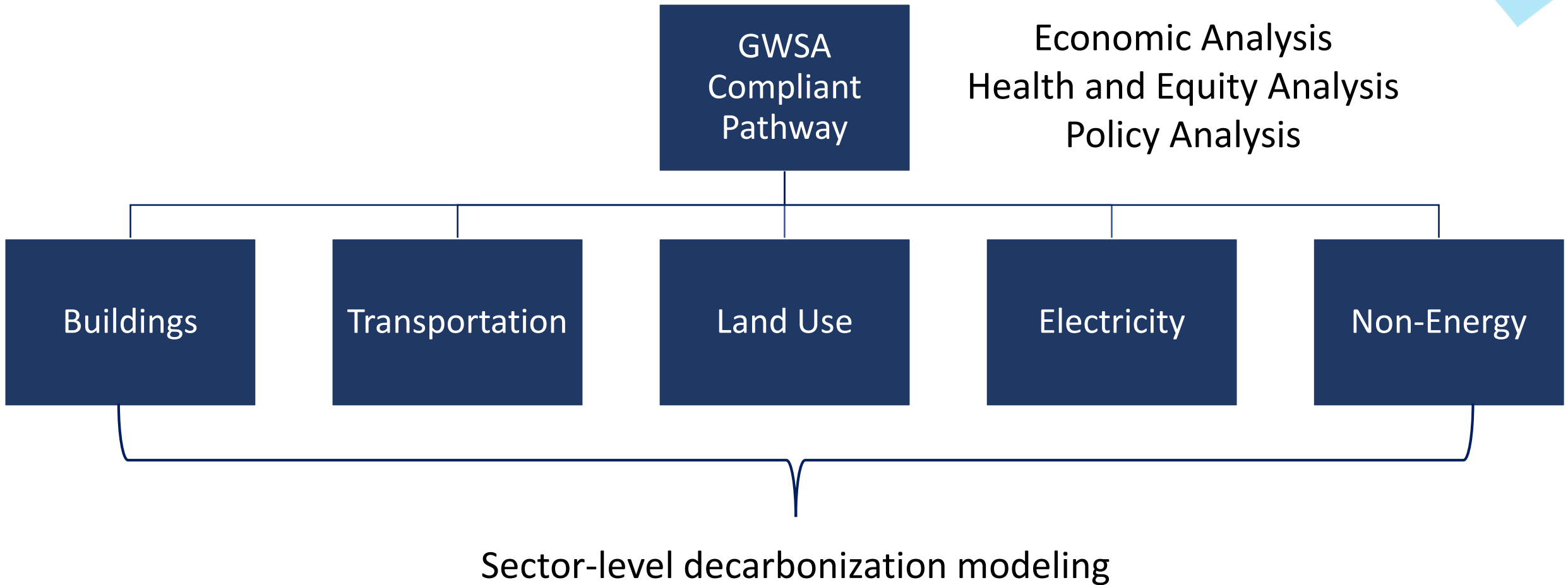
Goals: Comply with the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) by:

Developing a 2050 Roadmap to achieve at least 80% emissions reductions by 2050

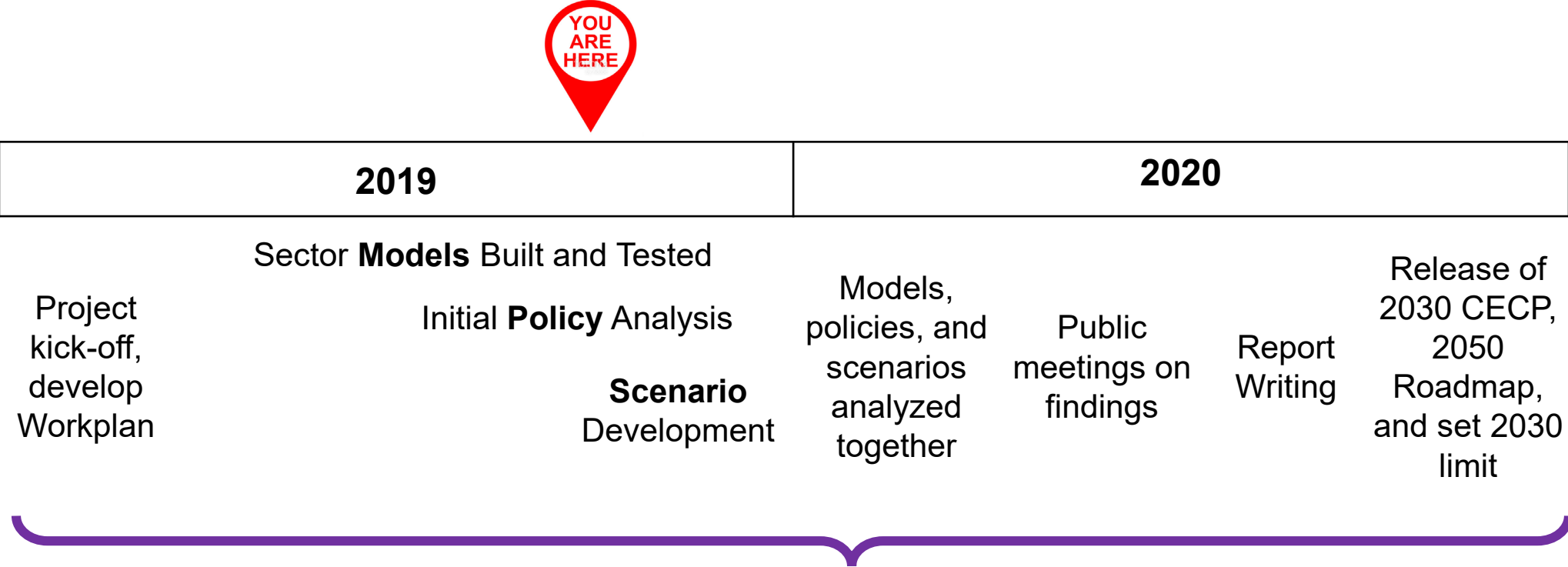
Informing a 2030 emissions target

Producing near-term 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan

# Process



# Project Timeline



# 80x50 Study Team

## Stakeholders

**GWSA Implementation  
Advisory Committee (IAC)**

**Academic Steering  
Committee**

**State Agencies & Governor's Office**

**Community Members**



**CADMUS**

## Research Team

**VEIC**

**ARUP**

**Harvard Forest**

**Converge Strategies**

**AEG**

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# Study Deliverables

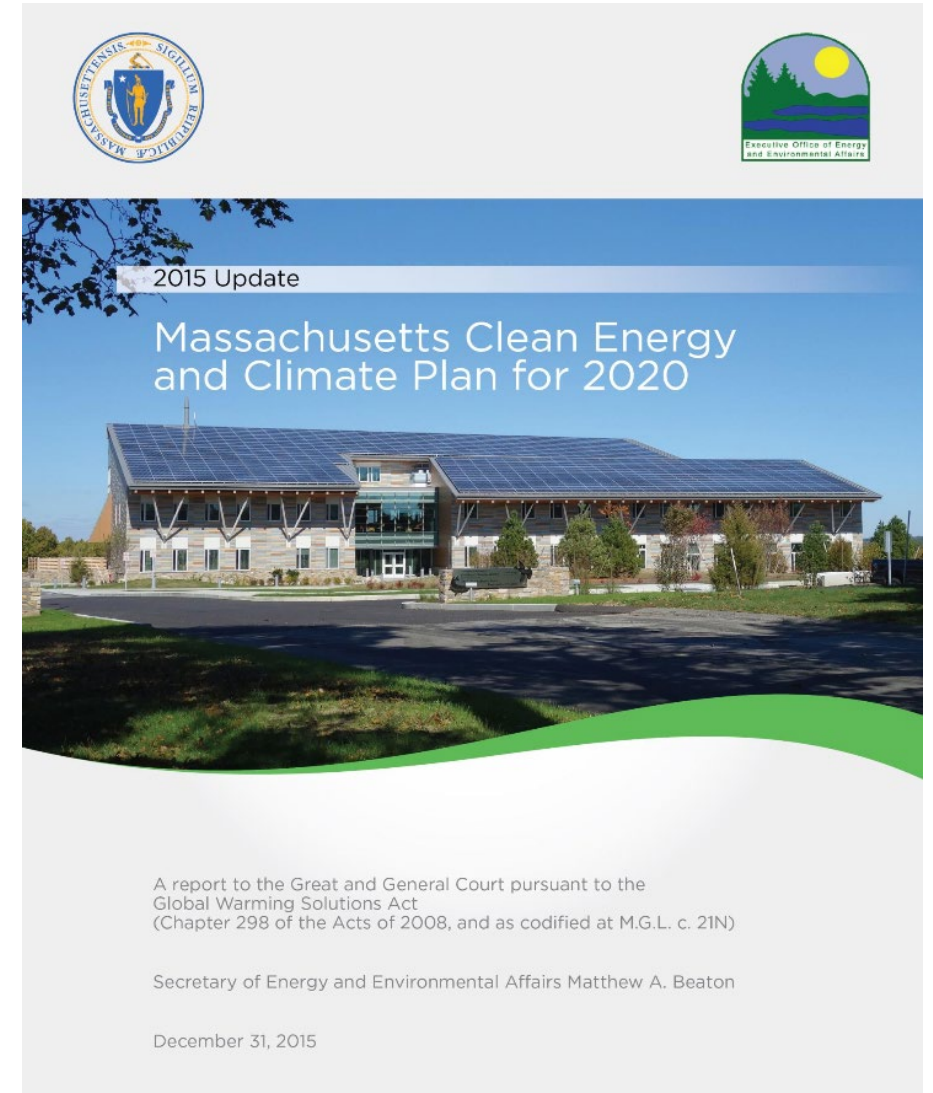
***Massachusetts Roadmap to 2050***

***Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030***

- Recommendation for 2030 emissions limit

**Technical reports for each sector:**  
*Transportation, Buildings, Electricity, Land Use, Non-Energy*

**Summary presentations**




## To Learn More:

For the most recent documents, webinars, meetings and other news, please visit the study's website:

[www.mass.gov/2050Roadmap](http://www.mass.gov/2050Roadmap)





# Climate Scenarios



# Scenario Modeling

30 years of Uncertainty

## Defining Scenarios

What forces will influence how the *State Government* acts on climate mitigation? What do you see is outside the *Administration's* direct control:

- *External* (top-down): Federal policy, regional coordination, technology change, climate
- *Internal* (bottom-up): Consumer and institutional behavior, municipal coordination

## Scenario Modeling Outcomes

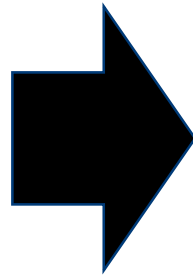
1. Understand how GHG reduction strategies and their tradeoffs vary across scenarios
2. Design a portfolio of policies that is as resilient to those uncertainties as possible
3. Communicate to all stakeholders that deep decarbonization requires action beyond state policy

# Building the Scenarios

## Prior Work

### Components

Cadmus & GWSA  
Team Leads  
identify key  
scenario  
components



## Today

Prioritize Components

Define Assumptions

Identify Trends &  
Linkages

Draft Scenario Narratives



## Next Steps

### Model Scenarios

Use workshop  
outcomes to draft  
scenario narratives

Parametrize model  
with quantitative  
representations of  
scenarios

# Existing Scenario Frameworks

## Massachusetts:

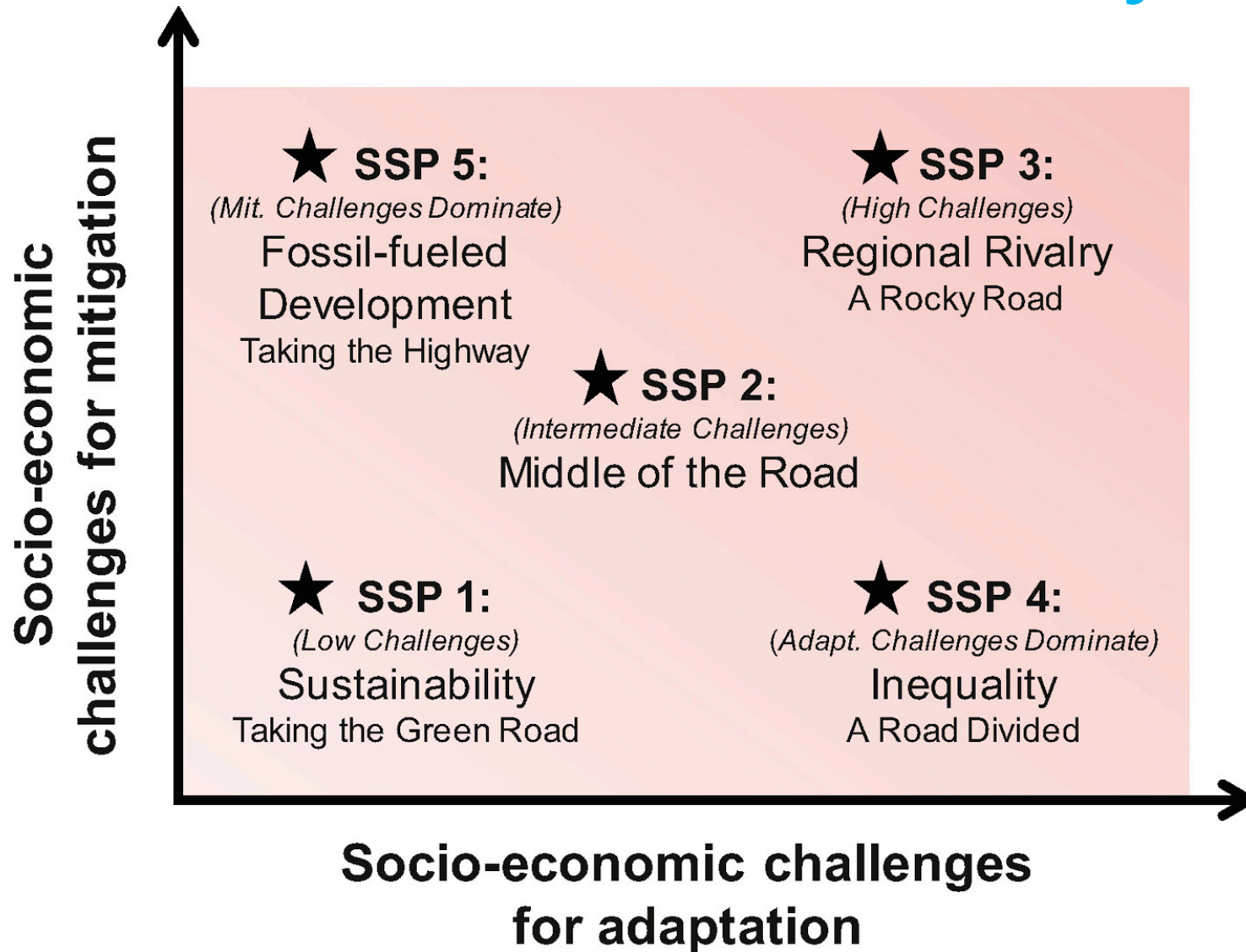
- *Focus 40*, MBTA
- Draft *MetroCommon* Scenarios, MAPC
- *Choices for Stewardship*, Commission on the Future of Transportation
- *Changes to the Land*, Harvard Forest

## Global & National:

- *Shared Socioeconomic Pathways*, included in IPCC 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment
- *GCAM-USA Analysis of Electric Power Sector Transitions*, PNNL
- *Electrification Futures Study*, NREL

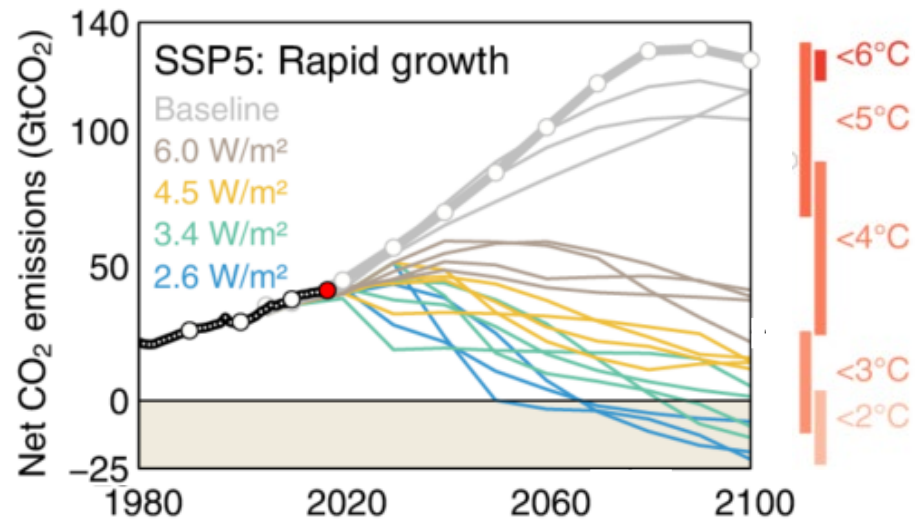


# Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)



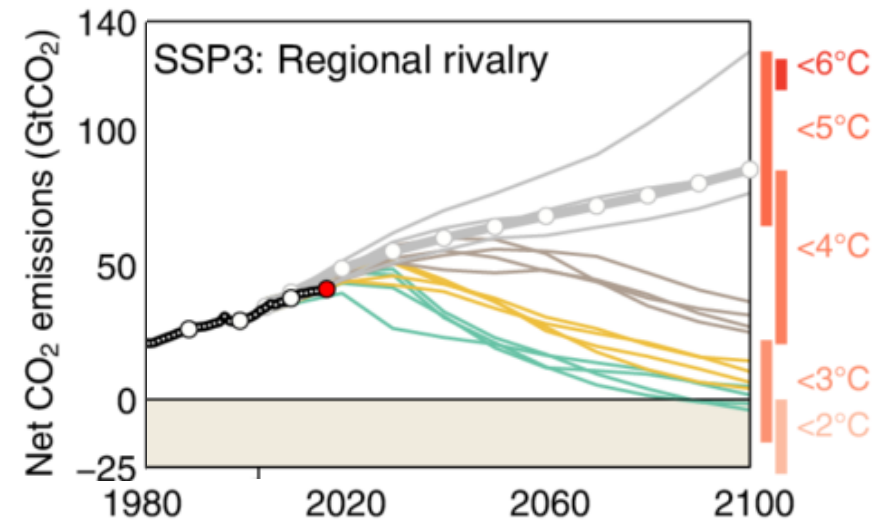
# Shared Socioeconomic Pathways

## Results from Global Integrated Assessment Models



### Low Adaptation & High Mitigation Challenges

- Wealthy, globalized, energy-hungry world
- International cooperation
- Advanced technology can diffuse rapidly
- Lots of CCS & negative emissions
- **Possible to achieve Paris 2°C target**

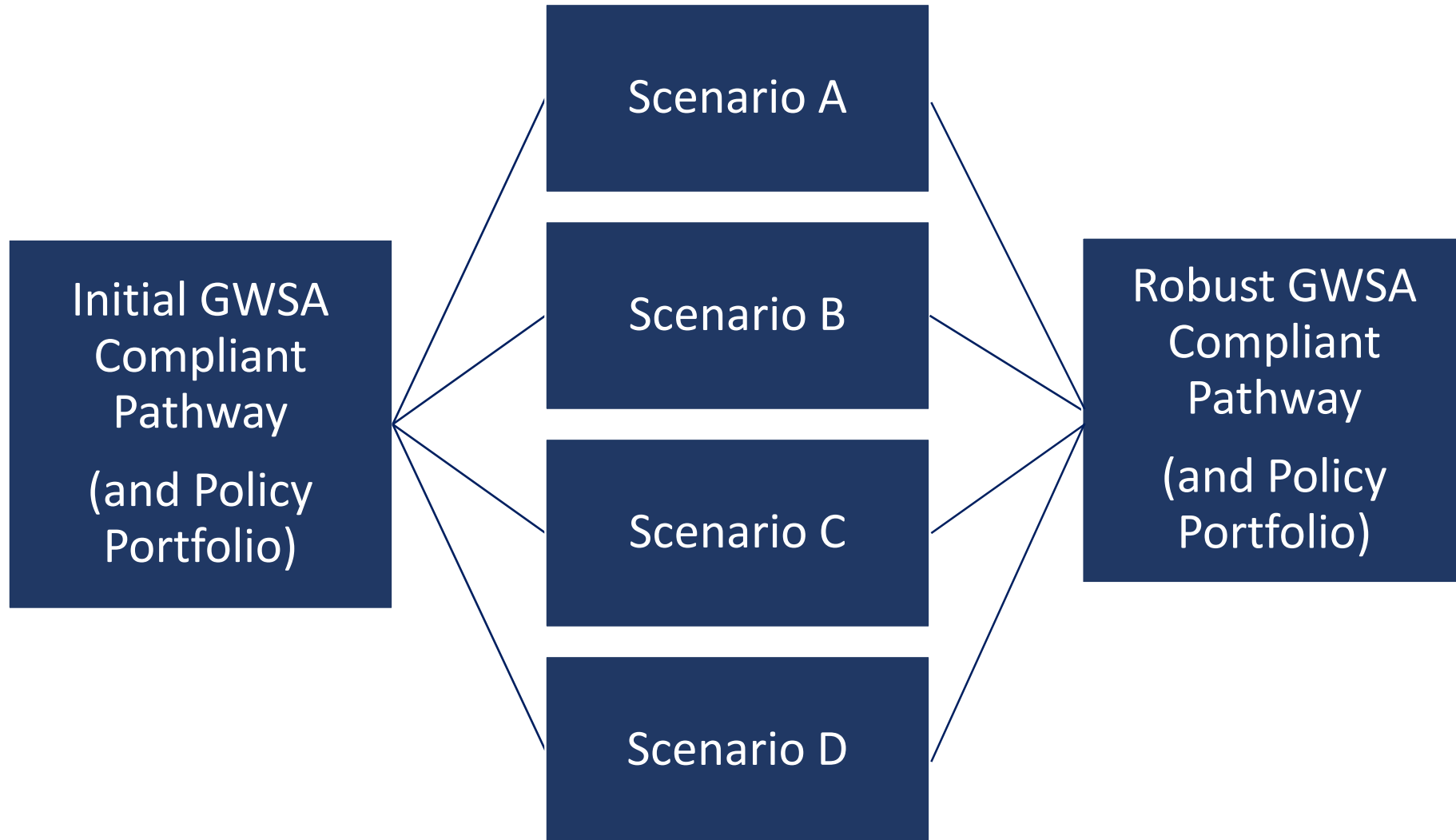


### High Adaptation & High Mitigation Challenges

- Fractured, unequal world
- No global land use objectives
- Advanced technology diffuses slowly
- Action is slower to happen
- **Impossible to achieve Paris 2°C target**

# MA 80x50 Project Process

## Scenario Stress Testing





# What Matters for Massachusetts

- What **socioeconomic and lifestyle** trends impact the consumption of resources such as energy and land?
- How will other **political institutions** (federal, regional, local) act to address climate change?
- What are the **technological changes** that will help or hinder decarbonization efforts?
- How will a **changing climate** impact local systems?

# Proposed Components for Massachusetts

<b>Socioeconomic &amp; Lifestyle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Use, Development, &amp; Affordability</li><li>• Economic Activity</li><li>• Equity</li><li>• Consumer, Corporate, and Institutional Behavior</li></ul>
<b>Policies &amp; Institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Action</li><li>• Regional Coordination (Multistate)</li><li>• Municipal Coordination</li><li>• Institutions</li></ul>
<b>Technological Change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mobility &amp; Transportation</li><li>• Built Environment and Industry</li><li>• Energy Supply and Delivery</li><li>• Innovation (Technology + Market)</li></ul>
<b>Climate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sea Level Rise &amp; Flooding</li><li>• Temperature Impacts</li><li>• Ecosystem Impacts</li></ul>

# Crafting a Scenario

- Prioritizing **components**:
  - Which components matter for Massachusetts?
  - Which components matter for your sector/area of expertise?
- What are the broad **trends** that shape how these components influence society?
- What are the key **linkages** that determine how scenario components interact?
- How do components, trends and linkages help us craft potential scenarios?





# Questions & Answers





# Scenario Exercise Overview



# Goals

1. Solicit ideas on the **components and trends** Massachusetts should consider
2. Create opportunities for **cross-sector collaboration** to identify key linkages
3. **Address uncertainties** that can be barriers to implementation
4. Create a **foundation for 3-4 scenarios** to be included in modelling effort



# Structure

Breakout Groups – Table Assignments Posted Throughout Room!

## **Small Group Work:**

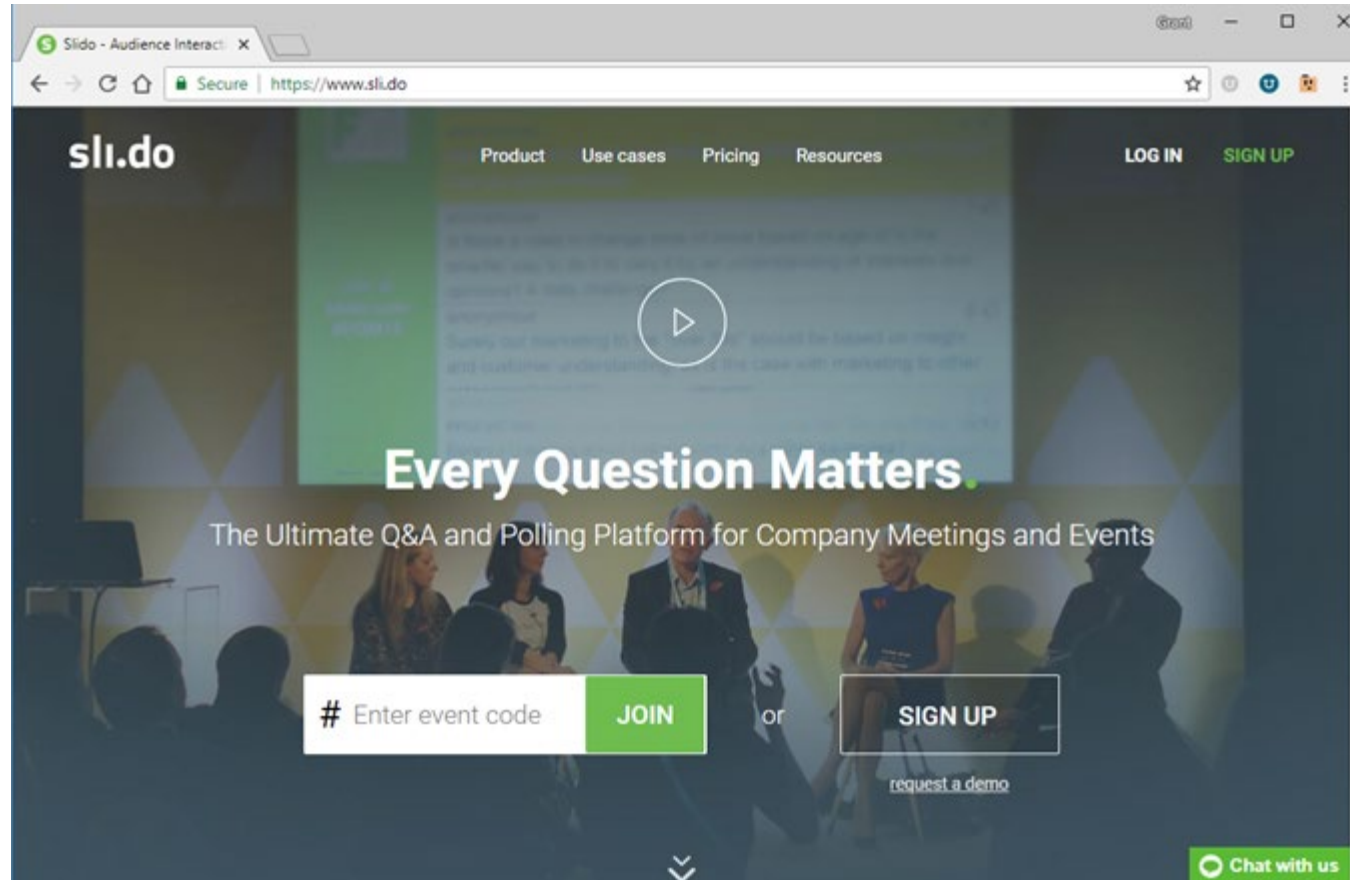
- Step 1: Component Review and Prioritization
  - Enter prioritized components into Slido
- Step 2: Anticipated Trends and Linkages
- Step 3: 2050 Scenario Drafting
  - Enter draft narrative into Slido

## **Report Out**

- Groups present on their top components and narrative
- Participants have opportunity to provide live feedback

# Slido

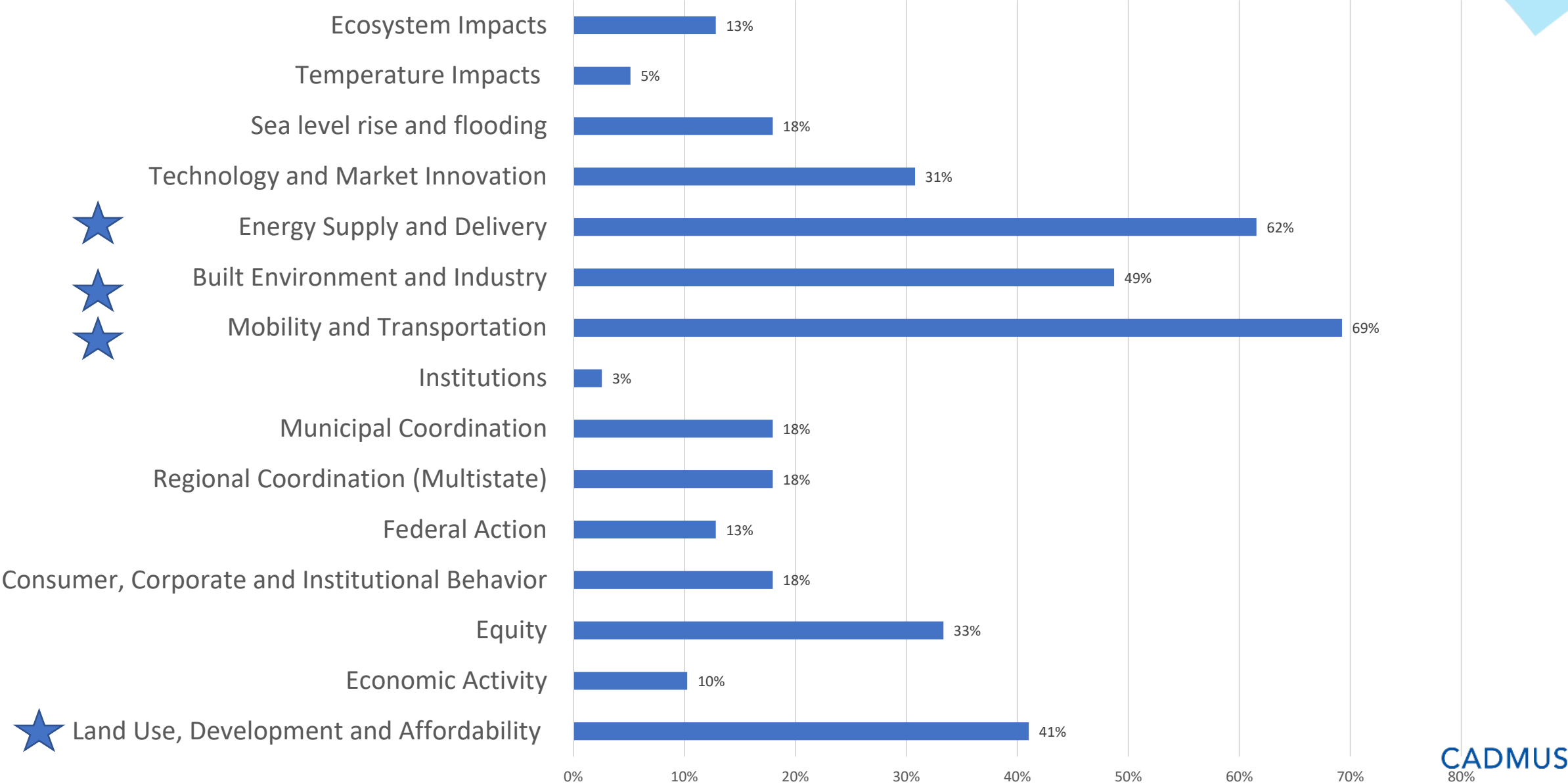
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# Pre-Meeting Survey Results

From your perspective, what are the four most important components for the Commonwealth to consider? (n=39)



# Pre-Meeting Survey Results

# What are major uncertainties that could impact the Commonwealth's path to a low carbon future?

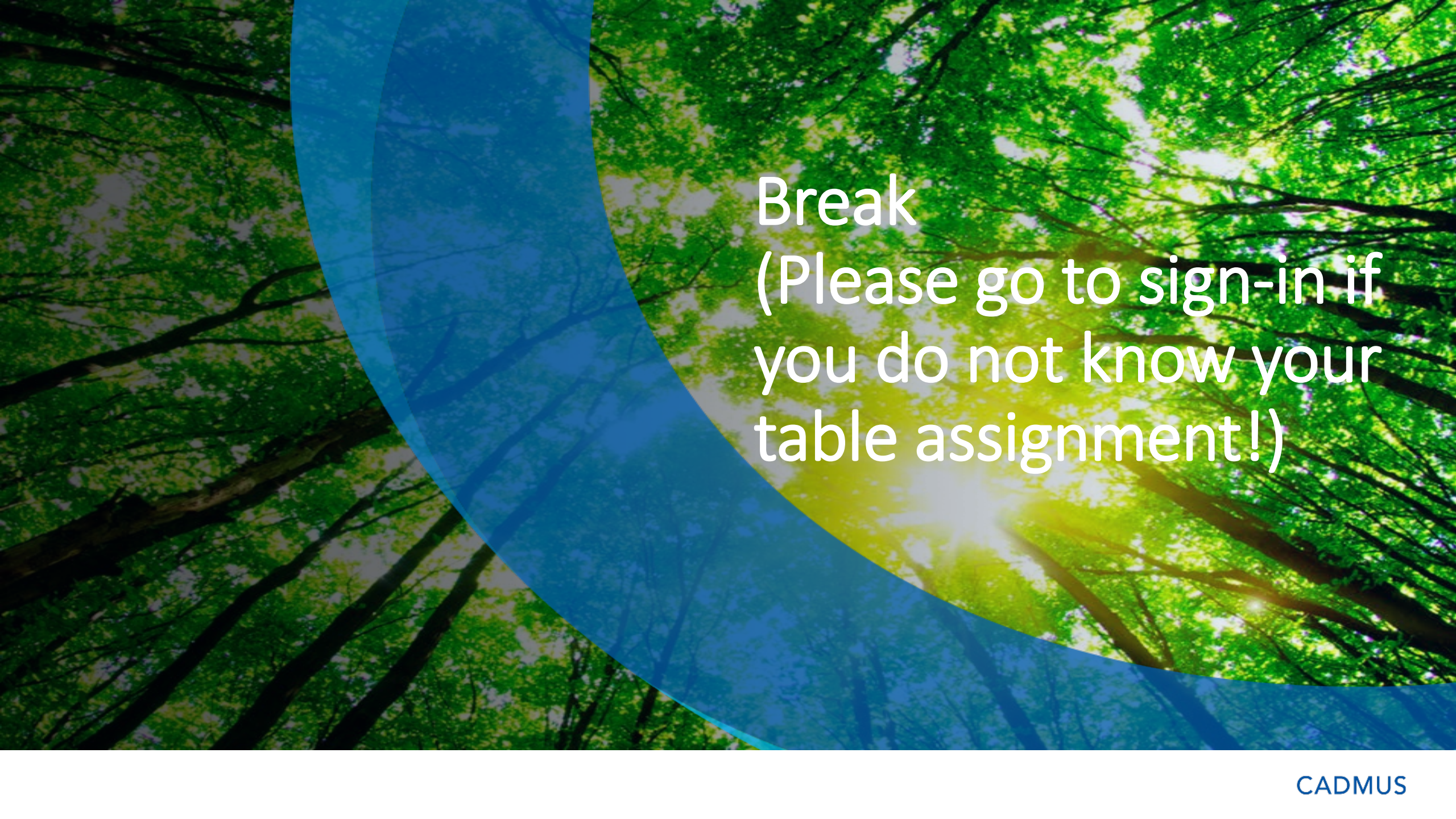




# Reminder: Key Terms

- **Scenario:** An internally consistent storyline outlining driving forces, critical assumptions and uncertainties, and how these forces will impact the future in terms of the Commonwealth's ability to meet the 2050 targets.
- **Component:** A factor that will impact the Commonwealth's ability to decarbonize and is outside of the Administration's direct control.
- **Trend:** Ongoing or anticipated changes to components for which the Commonwealth should plan as they develop strategies for decarbonization.
- **Linkage:** Identification of connections between components that are likely to trend together or in opposition to one another under a particular future scenario
  - (i.e. Land Use, Development, & Affordability and Mobility & Transportation).





Break  
(Please go to sign-in if  
you do not know your  
table assignment!)



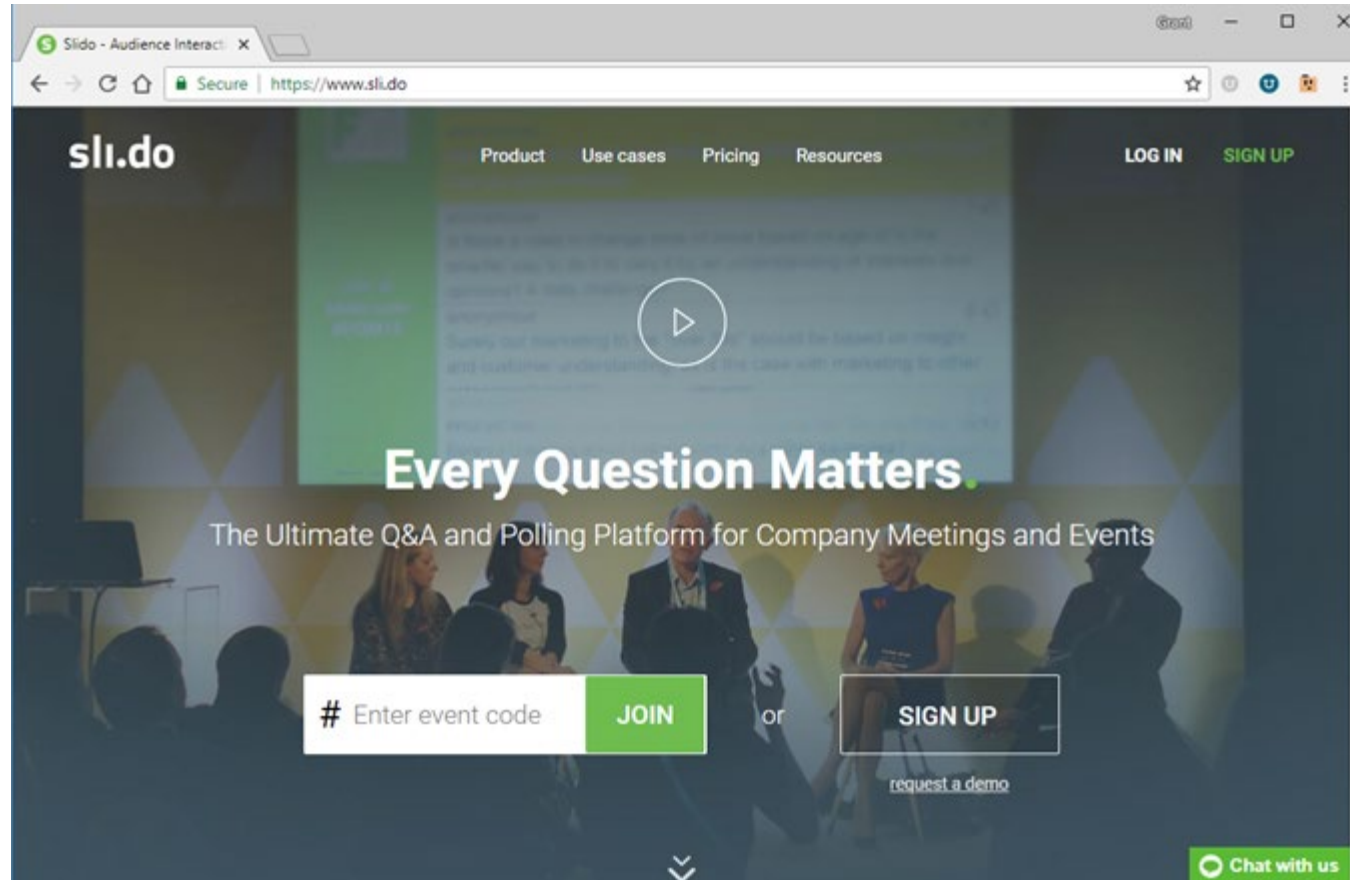
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# Report Outs



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