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### Effect of Crude Oil Price Drop on the Global Energy

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## Background and outline of the study

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Crude oil prices declined sharply in mid-2014. Market fundamentals and psychology both played a role.

### Outline

**Effect on:** 

- The global economy
- Oil producing countries
- Major oil companies
- The natural gas market
- Other energy sectors
- Conclusions
- Policy implications for APEC economies



# Why has crude oil price dropped?

- Weaker supply-demand fundamentals
  - ✓ Slower demand increase after 3Q 2013
  - ✓ Faster supply increase after 2Q 2013
- Bearish sentiment among the market players



#### Source : EIA, Spot prices for crude oil





Source : IEA, Oil Market Report, Table-1

#### **Quarterly Change in Oil Demand**

# Strategic and structural change on supply side



"Even if non-OPEC countries reduced oil production, Saudi Arabia would not reduce oil production in order to maintain the country's share." (Dec. 22, 2014/Saudi)

"If a sanction to Iran due to the doubt about nuclear weapon is lifted, there will be **no change in the plan to increase oil production** and promote exports even if the crude oil price will drop to \$30/bbl. " (Nov. 17, 2015/Iran)





"American shale oil is now playing the role of production adjustment on behalf of OPEC. If the crude oil price goes up, **production of shale oil will rapidly increase**." (Feb. 11, 2015/IEA)

Many elements support oversupplied condition.

- Weaker demand growth.
- Stronger supply, and major suppliers seemed to accept oversupplied condition.

	(\$/bbl)	World Oil O	utlook 2014	World Oil Outlook 2015			
		Nominal	Real(2013)	Nominal	Real(2014)		
	2015	110.0	105.7	55.0			
	2020	110.0	95.4	80.0	70.7		
	2030139.62040177.4		98.5	123.0			
			101.6	160.0	95.0		

Major international organizations (IEA, EIA, OPEC, World Bank, IMF) revised down their crude oil price forecasts. **"Lower price may be prolonged"** 

#### **Projection of OPEC Basket Price**

Source : OPEC, World Oil Outlook 2015



# 1. Global economy (mainly OECD)

#### World Economic Growth Rate

	2013	2014	2015	2016
WEO in Oct. 2014	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%	4.0%
Revise in Jan. 2015		3.1%	3.5%	3.7%
WEO in April 2015			3.5%	3.8%
Revise in July 2015			3.3%	3.8%
WEO in Oct. 2015			3.1%	3.6%

Source : IMF, World Economic Outlook 2014, 2015

#### Monthly Change Rates of CPI in Major Advanced Economies



 Declining crude oil prices not only squeezed oil-producing economies, but adversely affected economies that both consume and produce oil.

 Consumer price indexes in major advanced economies declined in the middle of 2014, as crude oil prices dropped.

Source : Ministry of International Affairs and Communications, Japan, Change Rates of CPI in Major Countries



# 2. Oil producing countries (1)

#### **Review of Economic Growth Outlook in Major Oil-Producing Countries**

	WEO 10/2014		Review	1/2015	Change	
	2015 2016		2015 2016 2015 2016		2015	2016
Saudi Arabia	4.4%	4.4%	2.8%	2.7%	-1.6%	-1.7%
UAE	4.5%	4.4%	3.6%	3.6%	-0.9%	-0.8%
Iran	2.2%	2.2%	0.6%	1.3%	-1.6%	-0.9%
Nigeria	7.3%	7.2%	4.8%	5.2%	-2.5%	-2.0%
Russia	0.5%	1.5%	-3.0%	-1.0%	-3.5%	-2.5%

Source : IMF, World Economic Outlook 10/2014, review 1/2015



 Economic growth outlook in major oil-producing countries deteriorated because of reduced export revenue.

 Oil export revenues were estimated to decline from \$821 billion in 2013 to \$446 billion in 2015, assuming Brent crude oil price dropped from \$109/bbl in 2013 to \$68/bbl in 2015.



# 2. Oil producing countries (2)

#### Oil-Producing Countries' Financial Equilibrium Crude Oil Price



Source : IMF, Regional Economic Outlook Update, Jan. 21, 2015

#### Fiscal Balance / Current Balance in the Middle East Countries

	F (Prop	iscal Balanc ortion of GI	e DP, %)	Current Balance (Proportion of GDP, %)			
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
Saudi Arabia	1.1	-10.1	-6.3	14.1	-1.1	2.8	
UAE	6.0	-3.7	-0.5	12.2	5.4	7.3	
Kuwait	21.9	11.1	10.0	35.3	14.7	18.2	
Qatar	9.2	-1.5	-5.3	23.0	1.0	3.6	
Oman	-1.4	-16.4	-12.4	2.9	-17.6	-13.6	
Bahrain -5.4		-12.1	-11.7	6.6	0.0	0.5	

Source : IMF, based on a review of WEO 1/2015



 Kuwait is the only country that can balance its budget at a crude oil price of \$57/bbl.

- Fiscal balance and current account balance of the oil producing countries will be worse than 2014.
- To supplement these financial deficits, countries may spend down reserve funds, or sell overseas assets.

# 3. Major oil companies

<b>Oil Majors' Account Settlement in</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quarter	in 2015
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	Profit (\$mn)			Upstream (\$mn)			Downstream (\$mn)		
	2Q2015 2Q2014 %		2Q2015	2Q2014	%	2Q2015	2Q2014	%	
ExxonMobil	4,190	8,780	-52	2,078	6,688	-69	2,752	1,552	77
Chevron	571	5,665	-90	-2,219	5,264	na	2,956	721	299
Shell	3,361	5,147	-35	774	3,820	-80	2,746	1,271	116
Total	2,797	3,024	-8	1,051	3,022	-65	1,992	675	72
BP	-6,266	3,182	na	228	4,049	-94	1,628	933	74

Source : Petroleum Argus, July 31, 2015, August 7, 2015

#### How did they respond to tougher business environment?



# 4. Natural gas market

	•	Importing countries are enjoying lower natural gas prices because of:
Lower prices		<ul> <li>Growing unconventional gas supply in United States.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Price formulas that link natural gas and oil prices in Asia and Europe.</li> </ul>
	•	Underinvestment reflecting lower gas price in:
Future concerns		<ul> <li>Upstream sector may create tighter supply-demand market after 2020.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Midstream sector may create congestion of transportation capacity, and thus possibly affect supply in the future.</li> </ul>





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### **5. Other energy sectors**

# Coal Renewables

Nuclear

- The coal price is not affected by the crude oil price drop. Its change is basically dominated by its fundamentals.
- Policy has greater effect on introduction of renewable energy than market mechanism.
   Therefore, it has not been affected by lower crude oil price.
  - Nuclear power and oil-fired power have a totally different role and use in electricity supply. Therefore, nuclear power has not been affected by lower crude oil price.

#### CO<sub>2</sub> emission

- Higher oil consumption driven by lower crude oil prices will push up CO2 emissions.
- However, changes in the economic growth rate have a greater impact on the increase or decrease in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions than changes in the crude oil prices. (by EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2015).



Source : EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2015



### Conclusions

### **Effect on Trade Account**

- Lower oil prices benefit all consumers.
- In oil exporting countries, lower oil prices result in large losses to the trade account.
- The same can be said for natural gas importing and exporting countries where the natural gas price is linked to oil price.

### **Effect on Energy Choice**

• Electricity and renewables are not much affected.

### **Effect on Energy Security**

• Less investment may affect mid- to long-term energy security.



### Continue to strengthen efforts to diversify energy and economy

- Crude oil importing economies should further strengthen efforts to diversify energy supply to enhance energy security.
- Crude oil exporting economies should further strengthen efforts to diversify their economic base.

### Adhere to policies to act against climate change

- Lower oil prices will lead to higher demand for oil. Member economies are encouraged to continue efforts to implement climate change mitigation policies.
- Low oil prices are a good opportunity to remove energy price subsidies.





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