## Supplementary Information for

## Contrasting suitability and ambition in regional carbon mitigation

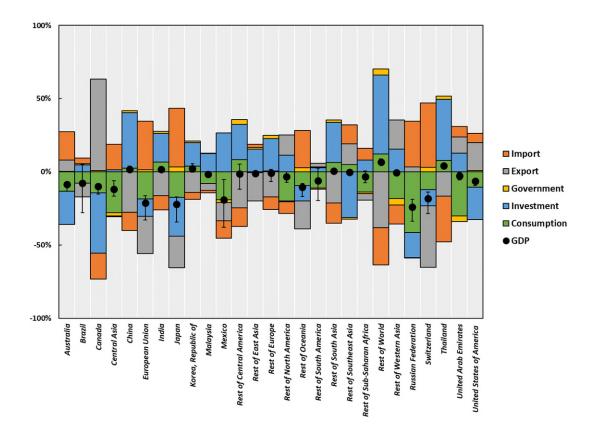
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						Country-level social cost of carbon			Simulated GTAP-E mo
	SSP1	SSP4 SSP2 SSP3 SSP5	Potential	Contrast the spatial distribution		Mitigatio			
Baseline	~5.5 W/m <sup>2</sup>	~6.4 W/m <sup>2</sup>	~6.5 W/m <sup>2</sup>	~7.2 W/m <sup>2</sup>	~8.5 W/m <sup>2</sup>	Benefit		Contrast the regional	Cost
RCP6.0	RSM	RSM	RSM	RSM	RSM	normalized with the Min-max	RS	ranking M	normalized with the Min-max
RCP4.5	RSM	RSM	RSM	RSM	RSM	method			method
RCP3.4							each r	region	
RCP2.6							hree categories: high, medium and low	Contrast the regional ranking	
RCP1.9							NDC Aml each r		

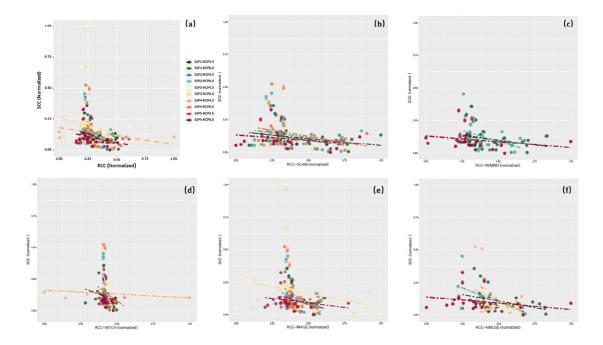
(b)

**Supplementary Figure 1: Scenarios and framework in this study.** (a) A total of 23 scenarios (shown in grey) used to calculate the RCC (average reduction cost of carbon), relative to the reference scenario SSP5-RCP8.5 (SSP5-Baseline, shown in red). The values in the first row indicate the rough amount of radiative forcing under "Baseline" for each SSP. Ten scenarios indicated with "*RSM*" have both RCC and SCC (social cost of carbon) results available to calculate RSM (relative suitability of mitigation). (b) Methodological framework of this study.

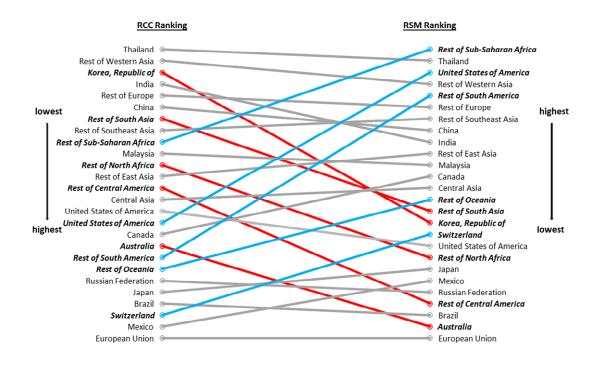
## (a)



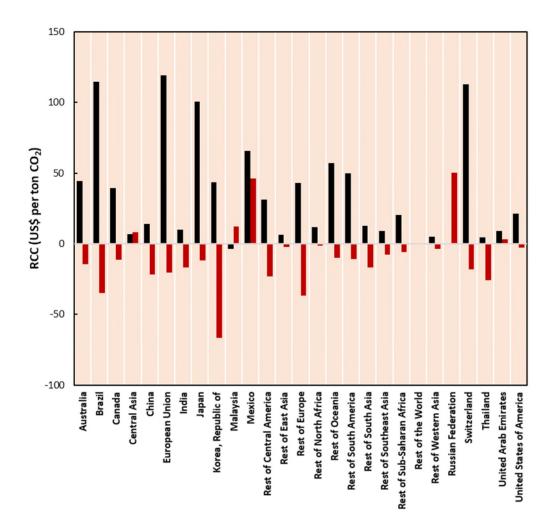
Supplementary Figure 2. Decomposition of GDP change for each region on the expenditure side under SSP2-RCP 4.5. The error bar represents the maximum and minimum GDP change based on results from five IAMs.



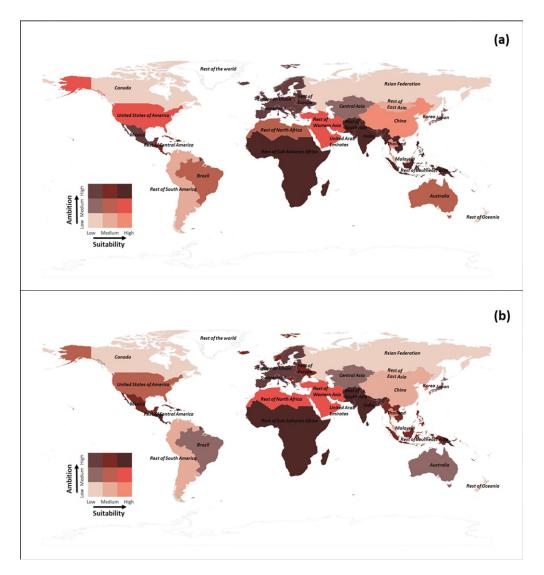
Supplementary Figure 3: Contrasting regional RCC (average reduction cost of carbon) and SCC (social cost of carbon) under each mitigation scenario. (a) Results are averaged over five IAMs. (b-f) Results are based on each IAMs. The dashed lines indicate linear fitting.



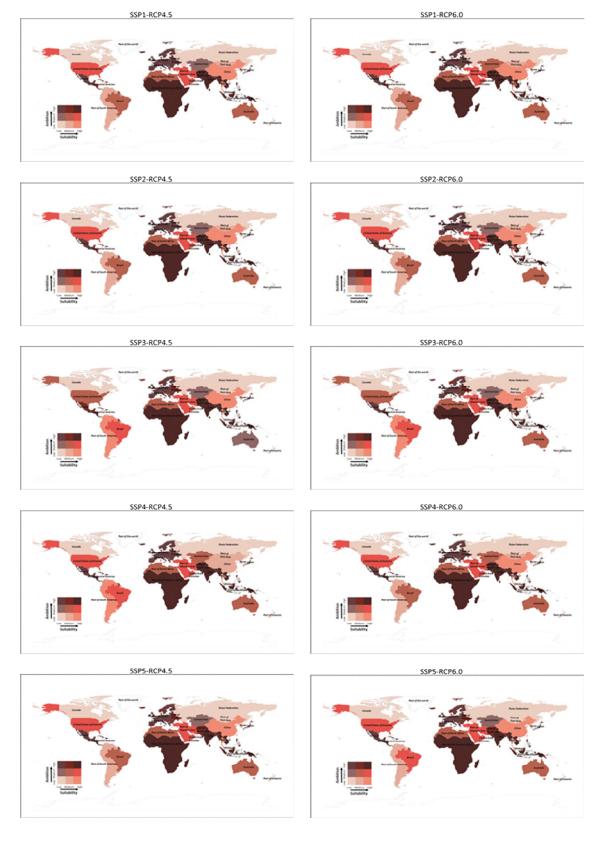
**Supplementary Figure 4: Contrasting the regional ranking of RCC (average reduction cost of carbon) and RSM (relative suitability of mitigation) under SSP2-RCP4.5.** Regions with gray lines have small differences (within 5) in ranking between RCC and RSM. Regions with blue or red line denote larger differences in ranking between RCC and RSM.



Supplementary Figure 5: The decomposition of RCC (average reduction cost of carbon) for each region under SSP2-RCP4.5. The black bar represents the contribution to RCC from one region itself, and the red bar represents the contributions to RCC from the sum of other regions. More detailed results can be found in Supplementary Data 5.



**Supplementary Figure 6: Comparison of RSM (relative suitability of mitigation) based on SCC (social cost of carbon) by Ricke et al and Yang et al.** (a) Contrasting suitability and ambition of carbon mitigation among 27 emitting countries and regions with RSM constructed based on SCC by Ricke et al. (b) Contrasting suitability and ambition of carbon mitigation among 27 emitting countries and regions with RSM constructed based on SCC by Yang et al.



Supplementary Figure 7: Comparison of RSM (relative suitability of mitigation) and NDC (national determined contribution) ambition for each region under each mitigation scenario. For both RSM and ambition scores, "High" represents the top 1/3 among the 27 regions, "Medium" represents the middle 1/3, and "Low" represents the bottom 1/3.