# **ORNL** capabilities in support of international development



- World-class facilities for transportation technologies, earth-systems modeling, bioenergy, and materials R&D
- Quantification of costs and benefits of options for energy security, supplies, and technologies
- Strategic-planning, policy, technical, and economic analyses
- Integration of human needs, energy, and environmental sustainability
- Assessment of climate-change impacts and adaptation strategies
- Systems approach that integrates renewable resources with building technologies, smart grids, and markets
- Valuation of ecosystem services
- Development of effective public–private partnerships
- Multidisciplinary approach to project design, environmental impact assessment, mitigation, and evaluation

# Oak Ridge National Laboratory International Capabilities

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### **Facilities and Capabilities**

#### International programs

- 100+ staff with international field experience
- Global, regional, and bilateral projects with 70+ nations
- Environmental sciences
  - Landscape ecology
  - Ecological risk
  - Bioenergy systems
  - Biodiversity and aquatic systems
  - Soils, nutrients, and macro/micro ecology
  - Energy-environment-development interactions
- Buildings technologies
  - Commercial, residential, industrial applications
  - Whole-system design tools
  - Advanced components and materials

#### • Materials and engineering

- High Temperature Materials Laboratory
- National Transportation Research Center
- Accelerated testing and characterization
- Advanced energy storage
- Information and communication systems
  - Data quality, storage, retrieval, and management tools and techniques
  - Audit feedback for continual improvement
  - "Everest" visualization facilities
- Multidisciplinary and strategic analyses
  - Environmental impact assessments
  - Agricultural and resource economics
  - Market analysis and market transformation strategies
  - Energy security and development

## Outcomes

- Support sustainable development adapted to local needs
  - Provide policy and technology options to solve supply and demand problems
  - Carry out program design, monitoring, evaluation, and capacitybuilding
  - Develop leadership for the global impact, adaptation, and vulnerability community
- Establish low-cost, sustainable biomass production systems
  - Optimize use of wastes and of agriculture and forestry residues
  - Develop improved energy crop systems (switchgrass, poplar, and willow)
  - Characterize resource supplies, costs, and impacts
  - Develop sustainability metrics

#### Deploy intelligent buildings and grid technologies

- Apply tools, sensors, and controls for zero-energy residential, commercial, and industrial buildings
- Improve effectiveness of weatherization programs
- Deploy appropriate technologies for low-income housing
- Optimize renewable-supply, demand, and grid management
- Accelerate market penetration of clean, efficient vehicle technologies
- Provide high-performance materials (hydrophobic, nanomanufactured carbon fiber), improved combustion, and controls
- Integrate residential and transport energy systems
- Support policy with planning, logistic analysis, and modeling
- Enable more-electric, more efficient transportation systems
- Expand hydro power production without new dams
- Improve Information for Policy and Decisions
  - Deploy the ORNL Knowledge Discovery Framework
  - Clarify issues affecting bioenergy futures
  - Advance scientific and public understanding of land-use change
  - Develop tools for sustainable site planning and design