IPCC key messages from the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) and from the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C (SR15)

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Human influence on the climate system is clear.

Changes in climate have caused impacts in natural and human systems.

Continued GHG emissions will cause further warming and amplify existing risks.

Multiple pathways exist to *likely* limit warming to below 2°C.







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The window for action is rapidly closing

72% of our carbon budget compatible with a 2°C goal already used and continued emissions at current levels will exhaust the budget within the next 15-30 years





Limiting Temperature Increase to 2°C



Measures exist to achieve the substantial emissions reductions required to limit likely warming to 2°C



A combination of adaptation and substantial, sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions can limit climate change risks



Implementing reductions in greenhouse gas emissions poses substantial technological, economic, social, and institutional challenges

But delaying mitigation will substantially increase the challenges associated with limiting warming to 2°C



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Mitigation Measures



More efficient use of energy



Greater use of low-carbon and no-carbon energy

Many of these technologies exist today



Improved carbon sinks

- Reduced deforestation and improved forest management
 and planting of new forests
- Bio-energy with carbon capture and storage



Lifestyle and behavioral changes

AR5 WGIII SPM



Ambitious Mitigation Is Affordable

- → Economic growth reduced by ~ 0.06% (BAU growth 1.6 - 3%)
- This translates into delayed and not forgone growth
- → Estimated cost does not account for the benefits of reduced climate change
- → Unmitigated climate change would create increasing risks to economic growth

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Equity, ethical, value judgment, economic dimensions are important considerations for actions





Issues of equity, justice, and fairness arise with respect to mitigation and adaptation:

- Different past and future contributions to the accumulation of GHGs in the atmosphere
- Varying challenges and circumstances
- Different capacities to address mitigation and adaptation.

Options for equitable burden-sharing can reduce the potential for the costs of climate action to constrain development.





The Choices We Make Will Create Different Outcomes





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The report in numbers

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Where are we now?

Since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming

- At current rate, would reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2050
- Past emissions alone do not commit the world to 1.5°C

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• Already seeing consequences for people, nature and livelihoods



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WIDESPREAD OBSERVED IMPACTS A CHANGING WORLD

INCREASING MAGNITUDES OF WARMING INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF

SEVERE AND PERVASIVE IMPACTS

RISKS OF CLIMATE CHANGE INCREASE WITH CONTINUED HIGH EMISSIONS

VULNERABILITY AND EXPOSURE AROUND THE WORLD

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EFFECTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

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Adaptation is already occurring

- Combining Traditional and Scientific Knowledge
 Adapting Communications Infrastructure
- - Coastal & Water Management
 - Environmental Protection & Land Planning
 - Disaster Risk Management
- **Development Planning**
- Early Warning Systems
- Mangrove Reforestation
- Water Resources Management
- Disaster Risk Management
- **Basic Public Health**
- Livelihood Diversification
- Ecosystem-Based Adaptation
- Water Resources Management
- Resilient Crop Varieties

Planning for Sea-Level Rise

- Planning for Reduced Water Availability
- International CooperationMarine Spatial Planning

- Municipal-Level Actions
- Adapting Energy & Public Infrastructure

IPCC AR5 - Chapter 24, Asia: Coverage - 51 countries/regions

Source: IPCC, 2013



Where do we want to go?

There are clear benefits at 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Less extreme impacts from extreme weather where people live
- By 2100, global mean sea level rise will be around 10 cm lower but will continue to rise for centuries
- 10 million fewer people exposed to risk of rising seas and less coastal ecosystems exposed

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Where do we want to go?

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Smaller reductions in yields of maize, rice, wheat and sorghum
- Global population exposed to water stress is up to 50% less, also less water stress for ecosystems
- Up to several hundred million fewer people exposed to climate-related risk and susceptible to poverty by 2050
- Lower impact on biodiversity and species

Where do we want to go?

At 1.5°C and even more so at 2°C, there is disproportionately high risk for Arctic, dryland regions, small island developing states and least developed countries

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Lower risk for health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security and economic growth
- A wide range of adaptation options can reduce • climate risks; less adaptation needs at 1.5°C

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 To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO₂ emissions fall by about 45% by 2030 (from 2010 levels)

 \hookrightarrow Compared to 25% for 2°C

- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO₂ emissions would need to reach 'net zero' around 2050
 └→ Compared to around 2070 for 2°C
- Reducing non-CO₂ emissions would have direct and immediate health benefits

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- Limiting warming to 1.5°C would require changes on an unprecedented scale
 - → Deep emissions cuts in all sectors
 - → A range of technologies
 - → Behavioural changes
 - Increased investment in low carbon options

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- Progress in renewables would need to be mirrored in other sectors
- We would need to start taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere
- Implications for food security, ecosystems and biodiversity

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- National pledges are not enough to limit warming to 1.5°C
- Avoiding warming of more than 1.5°C would require CO₂ emissions to decline substantially before 2030

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Four system transitions

"..... require rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems."

Rapid; Far reaching; Unprecedented

How do we get there? 1. Energy system transitions

- Decarbonization of electricity
 - Renewable energy
 - Integration of renewables into energy systems
 - Exiting fossil fuel generation
- Electrification of energy end use
 - Vehicles, Industry, Buildings
- Energy efficiency
 - All sectors
- Adaptation of key infrastructure to climate change

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How do we get there? 2. Industrial transitions

- Energy efficiency
- Electrification and hydrogen
- Industrial carbon capture, utilization and storage
- Bio-based industry
- Circular economy

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How do we get there? 3. Urban and infrastructure transitions

- Land use and urban planning
- Adoption of low–carbon transport fuels (e.g. electricity, hydrogen)
- Shifts to public transportation and sharing. non-motorized transport
- Fuels and technologies that reduce emissions from aviation and shipping
- Smart grids
- Efficient appliances, green infrastructure
- Building codes and standards, Low/zero-carbon buildings

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How do we get there? 4. Land and ecosystem transitions

- Afforestation and reforestation
- Agroforestry
- Sustainable intensification of agriculture
- Conservation agriculture
- Soil management , Livestock management
- Ecosystem restoration and biodiversity management
- Wetland management
- Building on indigenous knowledge and local knowledge

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- SD can support enable the systemic transitions and transformation
- Pathways with low energy demand, low material consumption and low carbon food have the highest co-benefits with sustainable development
- Benefits and trade-offs with SD and balancing social well-being, economic prosperity, environmental protection

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How do we get there? Ethical and fair transitions

- A careful mix of policies will allow mitigation and adaptation to be pursued alongside sustainable development - climate resilient development pathways
- Equity and social justice are core elements of the societal and systems transitions and transformations
- This implies cooperation, multi-level governance, innovation and the re-direction of investment flows

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Urgent and far-reaching action

- Global carbon emissions peak before 2030 in all pathways compatible with 1.5°C warming
- Emissions of carbon dioxide fall by 45% by 2030, reaching net zero around 2050, with deep cuts in methane and other emissions
- Ethical and fair transitions
- Limiting global warming to 1.5°C is not impossible, but political and societal will to accelerate transitions is key

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SPM4 Indicative linkages between mitigation and sustainable development using SDGs

Length shows strength of connection

The overall **size of the coloured bars** depict **the relative potential** for synergies and trade-offs between the sectoral mitigation options and the SDGs.

Shades show level of confidence

The shades depict the level of confidence of the assessed potential for Trade-offs/Synergies

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