Mitigation of climate change

governance, policy, collaboration

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But to focus solely on whether it is possible misses one crucial point: the transformation to net-zero economies must happen, and the sooner this global transformation begins the better. Every fraction of a degree avoided counts in terms of lives saved, economies protected, damages avoided, biodiversity conserved and the ability to rapidly bring down any temperature overshoot.

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better to other agreed policy goals both nationally and internationally.

To achieve a better synthesis

between higher-level whole system and grounded bottom-up insights into technologies and other approaches for reducing emissions;

To make wider use of social science disciplines

especially for gaining insight into issues related to lifestyle, behaviour, consumption and socio-technical transitions;

To link climate change mitigation

Climate change mitigation

Climate change adaptation

Just transition

human intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of GHGs; goal is to preserve a biosphere which can sustain human civilisation

process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects in order to moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities

set of principles, processes and practices aimed at ensuring that no one is left behind in the move from a high-carbon to a low-carbon economy

Global Context, Progress and Challenges

economic and technological factors

socio-political issues institutional factors

legal framework and institutions, and the quality of international cooperation

political economy, equity and fairness, social innovation and behaviour change

the emissions intensity of traded products, finance and investment

The transition to a low-carbon economy depends on a wide range of **closely intertwined drivers and constraints**.

A comprehensive understanding of climate mitigation must combine these multiple framework.

The interaction between politics, economics and power relationships is central to explaining why broad commitments do not always translate to urgent action.

constraints (and opportunities) arising from human psychology and the power of incumbent interests

Table ES.1 Total, per capita and historical emissions of selected countries and regions

Note: Emissions are calculated on a territorial basis. LULUCF CO₂ emissions are excluded from current and per capita GHG emissions but are included in historical CO₂ emissions based on the bookkeeping approach. Some members of the African Union are also least developed countries.

Global net anthropogenic GHG emissions during the decade 2010–2019 were **higher than any previous time in human history.**

Globally, households with income **in the top 10% contribute about 36–45% of global GHG** emissions. About two thirds of the top 10% live in Developed Countries and one third in other economies.

Cumulative net CO2 emissions over the last decade (2010–2019) are about the same size as the remaining carbon budget to limit warming to 1.5° C (>67%).

Between 2004 and 2011, **CO2 emissions embodied in trade between developing countries have more than doubled** (from 0.47 to 1.1 Gt) with the centre of trade activities shifting from Europe to Asia.

Globally, gross domestic product (GDP) per capita and population growth remained the strongest drivers of CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion in the last decade.

Emission Trends and Drivers

a. Global net anthropogenic GHG emissions 1990-2019⁽⁵⁾

b. Global anthropogenic GHG emissions and uncertainties by gas - relative to 1990

The solid line indicates central estimate of emissions trends. The shaded area indicates the uncertainty range.

2019 1990-2019 Emissions emissions increase in 2019, $(GtCO₂-eq)$ $(GtCO₂-eq)$ relative to 1990 (%) $CO₂-FFI$ 38 ± 3 15 167 $CO₂-LULUCF 6.6 \pm 4.6$ 1.6 133 $CH₄$ 11 ± 3.2 129 2.4 $\mathsf{N}_2\mathsf{O}$ 2.7 ± 1.6 0.65 133 1.4 ± 0.41 0.97 354 F-gases 59 ± 6.6 21 154 Total

(b) Daily CO₂ emissions in 2020 versus 2019 and the impact of COVID-19 lockdown measures

(a) Global net anthropogenic GHG emissions by region (1990-2019)

Fossil fuel and industry $(CO₂-FFI)$

Net CO₂ from land use, land-use change, forestry (CO₂-LULUCF)

(a) Historical cumulative net anthropogenic CO₂ emissions per region (1850-2019)

Other GHG emissions

(b) Net anthropogenic GHG emissions per capita and for total population, per region (2019)

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Sustainability Strategy for North Rhine-Westphalia

Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature and Consumer Protection of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia

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- industry ties - Active discourse between
	- industry and public

MITIGATION RESPONSES IN SECTORS AND SYSTEMS

1.Energy 2.Urban Systems and other settlements 3.Transport 4.Buildings 5.Industry 6.Agriculture, Forestry, Other land uses, and food systems

Sectors and Systems

2019).

Power Industry: Top emitter at 36%, followed by industry (22%) and transport (18%).

Electricity and Heat: Made up 69% of total energy GHG emissions in 2019, especially in Asia and developed regions.

Emission Trends: Electricity emissions are rising despite wind and solar growth; transport emissions also increasing, with petroleum as the main fuel.

Other (including

bio-energy systems)

Figure 6.3 | Global energy sector CO₂ emissions and global energy supply GHG emission. Source: Panel (a): data from IEA (2020a); other panels: data from Crippa et al. (2021).

Coal: Largest CO₂ source in the energy sector (44% of emissions in

1) Energy

(c) Global energy supply GHG emissions by sector

(a) Global energy sector CO₂ emissions by fuel

(b) Global energy sector CO, emissions by sector

(d) Global energy supply GHG emissions by region

Energy: Mitigation

• Reduce CO₂ emissions by 87-97% by 2050

Low-carbon energy sources to provide up to 97% of electricity

- **Reduce Fossil Fuel Use:** Coal consumption must drop 67-82% by 2030, especially without CCS
- **Increase Renewables:** Solar, wind, and batteries are now cheaper and more accessible than fossil fuels
- **Electrification:** Focus on transport, heating, and cooking sectors
- **Investment needs:** Avoid new fossil fuel investments and Invest in renewables; anticipate "stranded assets" as fossil fuel infrastructure becomes obsolete.

Achieving net-zero emissions will require a large-scale transformation of the energy system, with a shift towards renewable energy and sustainable technologies.

2) Urban Systems and other settlements

As of 2018, 55% of the world population reside in urban settlements while 45% reside in rural settlemenets

Urban areas contribute a major portion of global emissions, with notable increases from 2000 to 2020.

Developed regions showing slower growth or slight declines.

Projected Urban Emissions Growth: Without aggressive mitigation, urban emissions could rise significantly by 2050. With strong efforts (net-zero targets, electrification, renewable energy), cities can lower emissions drastically.

Figure TS.13 | Panel (a): carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions from global urban areas from 1990 to 2100. Urban areas are aggregated to six regional domains; Panel (b): comparison of urban emissions under different urbanisation scenarios (GtCO₂-eq yr⁻¹) for different regions.²¹ {Figures 8.13 and 8.14}

compact design, electrification, and green spaces, which also improve air quality and health;

sustainable planning for rapidly growing cities, and upgrading informal settlements;

governance collaboration and international climate finance for large-scale low-carbon projects.

3) Transport

(b) Transport regional GHG emissions trends

(a) Transport global GHG emissions trends

Figure 10.1 | Global and regional transport greenhouse gas emissions trends. Indirect emissions from electricity and heat consumed in transport are shown in panel (a) and are primarily linked to the electrification of rail systems. These indirect emissions do not include the full lifecycle emissions of transportation systems (e.g., vehicle manufacturing and infrastructure), which are assessed in Section 10.4. International aviation and shipping are included in panel (a) but excluded from panel (b). Indirect emissions from fuel production, vehicle manufacturing and infrastructure construction are not included in the sector total. Source: adapted from Lamb et al. (2021) using data from Minx et al (2021)

• Road vehicles were responsible for 70% of these emissions, with aviation and shipping emissions rising

Emissions growth is faster in developing regions compared to Europe and North America.

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- rapidly.
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- 65% by 2050.
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• In 2019, transport contributed 8.7 $GtCO₂$ -eq in direct emissions (up from 5.0 GtCO₂-eq in 1990).

Without mitigation, transport emissions could increase by

• Effective strategies could cut emissions by 68%, aligning with the 1.5°C climate target.

3) Transport: Mitigation

Reducing emissions requires both demand management and new technologies

Landscape Scale involves creating conditions to make EVs mainstream.

Regime Scale encompasses policy interventions to support demand reduction and efficiency.

Niche Scale focuses on demonstrating advanced technologies, especially in sectors that are harder to decarbonize.

Governance and Infrastructure

Resource Concerns

Legislative and Community Action

4) Buildings

Key drivers:

• Population Growth • Increased Floor Area per Person • Inefficient New Buildings • More Appliances • Reliance on Carbon-Intensive Energy

In 2019, buildings emitted 21% of global GHG emissions, mainly from:

4) Buildings: SER Framework

High-performance construction expected to be mainstream by 2050

4) Buildings: Key Strategies

Key point: Achieving SDG targets requires implementation of ambitious climate mitigation policies which include sufficiency measures to align building design, size and use with SDGs, efficiency measures to ensure high penetration of best available technologies and supplying the remaining energy needs with renewable energy sources.

Figure TS.16 | Contribution of building-sector mitigation policies to meeting Sustainable Development Goals. {Figure 9.18}

Building Codes and Policy:

Mandatory energy codes, carbon taxes, and performance standards for new and existing buildings.

Adaptation and Health:

Climate resilience strategies, like natural ventilation and green roofs, reduce cooling needs and improve health.

COVID-19 Impact:

Highlighted the need for healthy buildings and created opportunities to repurpose unused spaces due to teleworking.

5) Industry

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350

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80% Indirect emissions (heat) 20.0 Indirect emissions (electricity) 20 Indirect N₂O emissions from indust 70% Waste water Landfill and waste incineration 60% Other industry 15 GHG Emissions (GtCO_{2-eq)} 14.1 Food and tobacco (comb) $1990 = 100$ 50% Pulp and paper (comb) 12.4 Chemicals (IPPU) 11.3 10.9 Chemicals (comb) 40% Other non-metallic minerals (IP) 109.0 33.5% 8.6 \equiv Cement (IPPU) 8.0 7.9 30% Non-metallic minerals (comb) ÷ Non-ferrous metals (IPPU) Non-ferrous metals (comb) 20% 16.5% 5 Iron and steel (IPPU) Iron and steel (comb and fugitive) 10% Share of basic materials (waste exc Share of fuel combustion $0%$ Ω Share of IPPU -Share of waste

(a) Industrial emissions by source (left scale) and emissions structure (right scale). Comb - indicates direct emissions from fuel combustion. IPPU – indicates emissions from industrial processes and product use. Indirect emissions from electricity and heat generation are shown on the top. Shares on the right are shown for direct emissions

- 24% of global emissions (34% including indirect emissions)
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- Fastest-growing source of GHGs
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Figure 11.6 | Growth in global demand for selected key materials and global population, 1990-2019. Notes: based on global values, shown indexed to 1990 levels (=100). Steel refers to crude steel production. Aluminium refers to primary aluminium production. Plastic refers to the production of a subset of key thermoplastic resins. Cement and concrete follow similar demand patterns. Sources: 1990-2018: IEA (2020b). 2019-2020: GCCA (2021a); International Aluminium Institute (2021a); Statista (2021b); U.S. Geological Survey (2021); World Bank (2021); World Steel Association (2021).

• Rising demand for materials, especially plastics

• Plastics rely on fossil fuels, complicating decarbonization

5) Industry: Mitigation

Key strategies:

- energy efficiency
- reduced material demand
- circular economy
- carbon capture
- electrification and closed-loop carbon use

Sector-Specific Solutions:

- Steel and Cement: Require recycling, efficient material use, and CCS.
- Chemicals and Pulp: Shifting to bio-based and recycled feedstocks.

Policy Needs:

Effective decarbonization needs clear policies, international cooperation, and incentives for new technologies.

Costs:

- Decarbonizing cement and steel raises production costs but has minimal consumer impact.
- Efficiency and circular flows can offset costs.

Figure 11.7 | Material efficiency (ME) strategies across the value chain. Source: derived from strategies in Allwood et al. (2012).

6) Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)

Figure 7.12 | Historic land sector GHG flux estimates and illustrative AFOLU mitigation pathways to 2050, based on data presented in Sections 7.2, 7.4 and 7.5. Historic trends consider both A anthropogenic (AFOLU) GHG fluxes (GtCO₂-eg yr⁻¹) according to FAOSTAT (FAO 2021a; 2021b) and **B** the estimated natural land CO₂

The AFOLU sector:

- 13-21% of global GHG emissions from 2010- 2019
- crucial for reducing GHGs, providing carbon sinks, and supporting biodiversity

Key Measures could meet 20-30% of 2050's emissions targets :

- Reforestation,
- forest management,
- improved agricultural practices.

Challenges:

financial, governance, and social issues, with a lack of institutional support limiting AFOLU's potential

Need for institutional support

General Mitigation Strategies

Energy Efficiency

Decarbonize Sectors

Behavioral Changes

Circular Economy

KEY CONCEPTS AND EXAMPLES

Why climat policies are important?- Montreal Protocol 1987

Our World in Data

Emissions of ozone-depleting substances, World

Annual consumption of ozone-depleting substances. Emissions of each gas are given in ODP tonnes¹, which accounts for the quantity of gas emitted and how "strong" it is in terms of depleting ozone.

1985- The Vienna Convention for the Protection of the

1987- The Montreal Protocol

Note: In some years, gases can have negative consumption values. This occurs when countries destroy or export gases that were produced in previous years (i.e. stockpiles).

1. Ozone-depleting tonnes (ODP tonnes): Ozone-depleting tonnes measure the total potential of substances to deplete the ozone layer. Some substances that deplete the ozone layer are 'stronger' than others, meaning one tonne will cause greater damage than one tonne of another. ODP tonnes are calculated by multiplying a substance's emissions in tonnes, by its 'ozone-depleting potential'. Ozone-depleting potential measures how much depletion a substance causes relative to CFC-11, which has a value of 1.0. If one tonne of a gas caused twice the depletion of CFC-11, it would have a potential of 2.0.

Thanks to these conventions, it has been possible to significantly reduce emissions of ozone-depleting substances, for example freons (chlorofluorocarbons,

Effective mitigation policy case study- Montreal Protocool 1987

Maximum yearly extent of the ozone hole

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According to Scientific Assessment of the Ozone Depletion: 2022 total column ozone (TCO) is expected to return to 1980 values:

- around 2066 in the Antarctic
- around 2045 in the Arctic
- around 2040 for the near-global average

Climate legislation trends

Panel (a): shares of global GHG emissions under national climate change legislations – in 2010, 2015 and 2020. Climate legislation is defined as an act passed by a parliament that includes the reduction of GHGs in its title or objectives

Emission targets trends

AR6 regions: DEV = Developed countries; APC = Asia and Pacific; EEA = Eastern Europe and West Central Asia; AFR = Africa; LAM = Latin America and the Caribbean; ME = Middle Eas

Panel (b): shares of global GHG emissions under national climate emission targets – in 2010, 2015 and 2020. Emissions reductions targets were taken into account as a legislative target when they were defined in a law or as part of a country's submission under the Kyoto Protocol, or as an executive target when they were included in a national policy or official submissions under the UNFCCC. Targets were included if they were economy-wide or included at least the energy sector. The proportion of national emissions covered are scaled to reflect coverage and whether targets are in GHG or CO2 terms

Case study- Trump's policy on climate

Donald Trump's skeptical approach to climate change has resulted in his withdrawal from the Paris Agreement as well as climate and energy rollbacks, which have hindered efforts to achieve sustainable development and reducing GHG emissions.

Few examples of those rollbacks:

- Repealed requirement for states to track tailpipe emissions from vehicles on federal highways
- Reverted to a weaker 2009 pollution permitting programme for new power plants
- Rolled back the environmental review process for federal infrastructure projects
- Repealed Obama-era calculation of the 'social cost of carbon' that rulemakers used to estimate economic benefits of reducing carbon emissions

U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector, 1990-2022

One of the results of those actions was increase of Carbon Dioxide emission by United States, which we can clearly see on the marked field. Emission only dropped after the COVID-19 pandemic erupted which resulted in the freezing of the industry

Implementation and Enabling Conditions

Institutions and governance

Innovation, Technology Development and Transfer

International Cooperation

Institutions and governance

Regulatory instruments

National mitigation policies

Climate law

Sub-national institutions

International Cooperation

International cooperation is having positive and measurable results

Participation in international agreements and transboundary

International cooperation outside the UNFCCC processes and agreements

sharing of knowledge and experiences between developed and developing countries

Innovation, Technology Development and Transfer

climate mitigation technologies

innovation to direct and organise the processes

A systemic perspective on technological change

International technology cooperation

Synergy of actions

Better and more comprehensive data on innovation indicators

Fraction of public energy research, development and demonstration (RD&D) spending by technology over time for IEA (largely OECD) countries between 1974 and 2018

Technology innovation process and the roles of different public policy instruments

Public policy instruments supporting innovation

Time

Demand-pull instruments in the regulatory instrument category, for instance, can also shape the early stages of the innovation process for several key reasons:

- Creating markets for new technologies
- Reducing risk for innovators and investors
- creating market trends
- creating scale effect
- shaping social norms

Transition dynamics: levels, policies and processes

The relative importance of different 'pillars of policy' differs according to the stage of the transition. The lower panel illustrates growth of innovations which if successful, emerge from niches into an S-shaped dynamic of exponential growth. The diffusion stage often involves new infrastructure and reconfiguration of existing market and regulatory structures. During the phase of more widespread diffusion, growth levels off to linear, then slows as the industry and market matures. The processes displace incumbent technologies/practices which decline, initially slowly, but then at an accelerating pace.

awareness of climate risk

international climate finance access for vulnerable and poor countries

Innovative financing approaches

public climate financing

international cooperation on finance

Breakdown of recent average (downstream) mitigation investments and modelbased investment requirements for 2020–2030 (USD billion) in scenarios that likely limit warming to 2°C or lower

levels can to 2030.

The chart illustrates the gap between actual investment in mitigation measures (2017-2020 average) and investment needs (2020-2030) for scenarios limiting warming to 2°C. Investments globally are currently 3-6 times too small to meet requirements. The chart indicates priorities for costeffective investments, but does not identify sources of funding.

Social equity and justice

Greater contextualisation and granularity in policy approaches (understanding in wide context by society)

Changes in consumption choices

demand-side

Media- double-edged weapon?

Example of climate manipualtion

Effects of policy on GHG emissions and technology deployment

Box TS.13, Table 1 | The effects of policy on GHG emissions, drivers of emissions, and technology deployment.

Note: statements describe the effects of policies across those countries where policies are in place. Unless otherwise noted, all findings are of high confidence.

Impact of policies

GHG emissions

Quiz

1.What is the largest CO2 source in energy sector? 2.Which country emitted the most GHG in 2023? 3.Where was signed the Just Transition Declaration? 4.How large is finacial gap for scenarios limiting warming to 2°C? 5.How policies can shape the early stages of the innovation process? 6.How policy implementation can affect immediate drivers 7.list three Implementation and enabling conditions

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