Global Warming of 1.5°C

An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.







Where are we now?

Since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately 1°C of global warming.

- Already seeing consequences for people, nature and livelihoods
- At current rate, would reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052
- Past emissions alone do not commit the world to 1.5°C









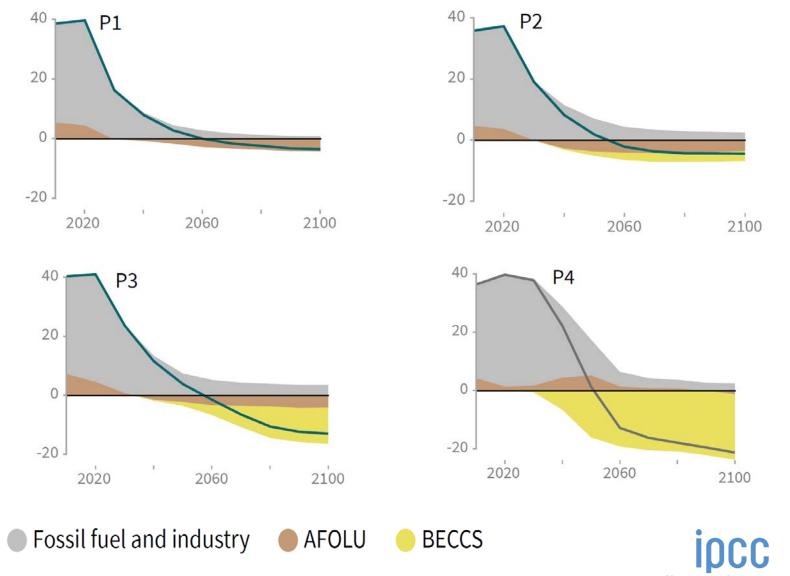
What are the implications?

- National ambitions expressed in the last three years will not be enough on their own to limit global warming to 1.5°C
- Currently tracking towards 3°C by 2100, with warming continuing afterwards
- In all pathways that limit global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot, CO₂ emissions fall substantially by 2030





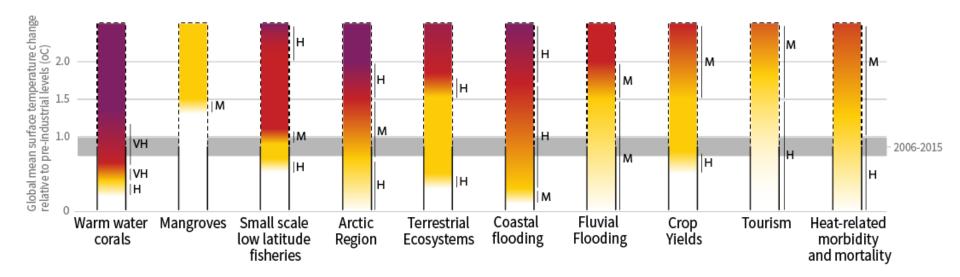
Different pathways and mitigation strategies could limit global warming to 1.5°C



SPM2

How the level of global warming affects impacts and/or risks associated with the Reasons for Concern (RFCs) and selected natural, managed and human systems

Impacts and risks for selected natural, managed and human systems



Confidence level for transition: L=Low, M=Medium, H=High and VH=Very high







Limiting warming to 1.5°C

Would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all systems

- → A range of technologies and behavioural changes
- Scale up in annual investment in low carbon energy and energy efficiency by factor of five by 2050
 - Renewables supply 70-85% of electricity in 2050
 - Coal declines steeply, ~zero in electricity by 2050
- Oil and especially gas persist longer gas use rises by 2050 in some pathways
 - Deep emissions cuts in transport and buildings
 - Changes in land use and urban planning





Mind the Enabling Conditions!

Section D: Strengthening the Global Response in the Context of Sustainable Development and Efforts to Eradicate Poverty

4.1. Strenghtening action in a specific macroeconomic context

A menu of climate actions BUT the main lesson of the 'C' section is:

C2.7. Modelled pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot project a wide range of global average discounted marginal abatement costs over the 21st century. They are roughly 3-4 times higher than in pathways limiting global warming to below 2°C (high confidence).

- Necessity of reframing the 'possibility' question: no way out without using climate action as a lever to reducing the 'fault lines' of the world economy: in a context of short term world tensions,
 - gap between propensity to save and propensity to invest
 - fragility of the financial intermediation system
 - Too export dependent development strategy;
 - A large funding gap on infrastructures (IMF)
 - the traps of non targetted 'quantitative easing' and of 'growth austerity'

• D4. Headline

 Limiting global warming of 1.5°C is characterised by system transitions that are projected to involve an increase of adaptation and mitigation investments, and an overall redirection of world investments. Challenges include mobilising public finances and private savings, and reducing the sectoral and geographic mismatch between capital flows and financial needs. Addressing these challenges, and designing fit-for purpose synergetic policy instruments, can help strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, and manage the potential adverse effects of these transitions (high confidence). Adaptation finance continues to be a serious knowledge gap. {2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.2, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5}

D 4.1. Limiting global warming of 1.5°C in the context of sustainable development and poverty reduction, is projected to involve additional investments in infrastructure sectors (e.g. energy, transportation, buildings, water and telecommunication) estimated annually (between 2015 and 2035) to about 0.6% of global GDP) (medium confidence). They could also involve an overall redirection of investments within these sectors, over the next two decades and reducing the sectoral and geographic mismatch between capital flows and financial needs. In the energy sector, this is characterised by a 15% increase of the investments assessed for achieving the NDCs and a doubling of investment in low-carbon energy technologies, energy efficiency and energy storage. Over the same period, investments in conventional fuel supply chains are projected to be 20% lower than current levels (medium confidence). {2.5.2, 4.4.5, Box 4.8}

D 4.2. Mobilising these additional investments implies redirecting an estimated 2.5% of world savings, towards low carbon investments. Both public and private investment will be needed. Derisking these low carbon investments, is key to increase their volume and facilitate the greater involvement of financial sector actors. This would enable mitigation activities to access to capital markets at low interest rates, and enable the emergence of new low-carbon asset classes. (high *confidence*) {2.5.2, 4.4.5}

 D4.3. Adaptation finance consistent with global warming of 1.5°C is difficult to quantify and compare with 2°C. Knowledge gaps include insufficient data to calculate specific climate resilience-enhancing investments, as in the provision of currently underinvested basic infrastructure. Estimates of the costs of adaptation may be lower at global warming of 1.5°C than for 2°C. But this would be higher than the USD 22.5 billion (2014) estimates of bilateral and multilateral funding for climate change adaptation (medium confidence). Currently, 18-25% of climate finance flows to adaptation in developing countries (high *confidence*) {4.4.5, 4.6}

D4.4. The overall systems transition could be enabled by *policy* packages that mitigate the adverse impacts of higher marginal cost of abated emissions, in projected 1.5°C pathways, on growth and social welfare (high confidence) {1.3.3, 2.3.4, 2.3.5, 2.5.1.}. These policy packages imply an evolution of the fiscal and financial systems: explicit or implicit carbon pricing, reforms of the subsidies and other pricing policies (real estates, land, tolls), de-risking devices, new financial products. They should strengthen the efficacy of associated enabling policies that include performance standards, technology policies and transfers, and financial instruments to derisk investments. They could also include compensating transfers and facilitating finance to new low-carbon asset classes. Cross-Chapter Box 8 in Chapter 3 and 11 in Chapter 4, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 4.4.5, 5.5.2}

How much mitigation investment in energy and other infrastructure? (Source: Box 4.8)

Estimated annualized mitigation investment (2015-2035 in Trillion US\$ 2010MER)

1.8% 1.9% 2.1%
2.1%
2.2%
2.3%
2.7%
2.53%
1.6%
4.0%
5.4%
6.0%

CONCLUSION: une étape vers

• Un AR6 remettant 'sur les bons rails' les discussions sur l'articulation entre actions de court terme et objectifs de long terme

• Un rapport 'd'un nouveau type' sur la finance suite à une demande du 'Green Climate Fund' aux auteurs du Groupe III du rapport du Giec sur 1°5 C ...(livraison à la COP 25 de Madrid)

• Une plus grande maîtrise de la 'traduction' des rapports du GIEC dans un contexte ...