Global warming

The need for a new model of development
and the key role of higher education

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Awareness dates from the 70s and 80s thanks to climate modellers
Climate sensitivity (CO$_2$ doubling) between 1.5 et 4.5°C

Deep drilling in Antarctica Vostok (1987)

- Confirmation of the major role of insolation changes
- Link between greenhouse gases and climate (amplifier)
Where are we? : Sixth report : 2021 - 2023

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Governments require information on climate change for negotiations (UNFCCC)


Function is to provide assessments of the science of climate change. Bureau of 30 scientists (from 30 different countries)
Three groups Science, impacts and adaptation, mitigation

Scientific community contributes widely and on a voluntary basis.

Full report, technical summary and summary for policymakers (approved by government representatives) + Synthesis report
The last 8 years have been the warmest years since 1870.
Since the beginning of the industrial era, human activities have led to an increase of greenhouse gases (GHG) which leads to an accumulation of heat in the climate system.

- 2019 : CO₂ (fossils 37 GtC + deforestation 6 + cement 1 ~ 2) ; Other (CH₄, N₂O, .. ~ 12)
- Forcing due to GHG and aerosols has increased by ~ 1% (2.3 W/m²). This increase is due for large part to fossil fuels + agriculture.

IN 2022:
- CO₂: 416 ppm
- CH₄: 1908 ppb
- N₂O: 335 ppm
About two thirds of the increase in greenhouse gas concentration is due to our consumption of fossil fuels.
Warming is uniquevocal and unprecedented
Entirely attributable to our activities (1.09 /1.07°C)

93 % of this additional heat goes in the ocean
(Atmosphere : 1% ; Cryosphere : 3 %, Continental surfaces : 3 %)

Sea level change
3 to 4 mm /yr
Are human activities already modifying Earth’s climate?

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Around the Mediterranean region and in western Europe, heatwaves have increased and this is due to human activities (high level of confidence).
The fact that our scientific community has, over the last 40 years, correctly anticipated climate changes we experience today (rhythm of warming, acceleration of sea level rise, intensification of extremes events, ...) invite us to give credibility to projections of future climate change.
Simulated change at 4 °C global warming
Évolution de la température moyenne globale (°C, par rapport à la période 1850–1900, utilisée en guise d'approximation des niveaux préindustriels)

- **Observée**
- RCP 8,5 (scénario à émissions élevées)
- Chevauchement
- RCP 2,6 (scénario d'atténuation à émissions faibles)

5 categories of risk

**Emitting scenario (8.5)**

**Low emission Scenario (2.6)**

**Degré de risque supplémentaire dû au changement climatique**

- **Indétectable**
- **Moyen**
- **Élevé**
- **Très élevé**

**Ocean acidification, coral reefs**

**Climate extremes : Droughts, floods, heat waves, cyclones**

**Irreversible processes : Sea-level, permafrost**

**Biodiversity, agriculture, ecosystems, pollution, health,**

**Populations : Climate refugees, water resources, food security, security**

**Increase of inequalities**

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Heatwaves
# Heavy precipitation over land

## 10-year event

Frequency and increase in intensity of heavy 1-day precipitation event that occurred once in 10 years on average in a climate without human influence.

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<td>INTENSITY increase</td>
<td>+6.7% wetter</td>
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Agricultural & ecological droughts in drying regions

10-year event
Frequency and increase in intensity of an agricultural and ecological drought event that occurred once in 10 years on average across drying regions in a climate without human influence.

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<td>will likely occur 2.4 times (1.3–5.8)</td>
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<td>Intensity increase</td>
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Droughts
Model projections indicate that the Hadley Circulation will shift its downward branch poleward in both the Hemispheres, with associated drying. Wetter conditions are projected at high latitudes.
Risks of forest fires (scénario A1B : 2041/2070)
Summary of projected changes in crop yields, due to climate change over the 21st century.
D’ici à 2100, deux Européens sur trois seraient affectés par des catastrophes climatiques (+ 3°C)

Forzieri et al., 2017

Multiplication du nombre de décès
d) Global mean sea level change relative to 1900

- Low-likelihood, high-impact storyline, including ice sheet instability processes, under SSP5-8.5

- 2000 years
  - 1.5°C: 2 to 3 m
  - 2.0°C: 2 to 6 m
  - 5.0°C: 19 to 22 m

- SSP 8.5: 2300
- SSP 2.6: Up to 15 m
- Cannot be excluded
Climate Convention (UNFCCC) launched in 1992, Rio Earth Summit

Ultimate objective of the Climate Convention (article 2):

To achieve stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. Such a level should be achieved within a time frame sufficient:

- to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change,
- to ensure that food production is not threatened
- to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner.

First Conference of Parties: COP 1 Berlin 1995
Climate Convention (UNFCCC) : Paris agreement : Article 2

- (a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;

- (b) Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production;

- (c) Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.
Where do we want to go?

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

• Less extreme weather where people live, including extreme heat and rainfall

• Slower rate of sea level rise, more time for adaptation

• Reduced risk of loss of terrestrial and marine biodiversity and species

• Smaller reductions in yields of maize, rice, wheat

• Global population exposed to water shortages up to 50% less
How do we get there?

- Business as usual scenario would lead to a 4 to 5°C warming in 2100

- Current Paris commitments for 2030 would lead to a warming above 3 °C in 2100

- Until 2030, it would be necessary to increase these commitments by a factor of ~ 3 for the 2°C objective, and by a factor of ~ 5 for 1.5°C

Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR)

- All pathways that limit global warming to 1.5 °C with limited or no overshoot use CDR
How do we get there?

- Limiting warming to 1.5°C would require changes on an unprecedented scale

  - Systems transitions
  - Deep emissions cuts in all sectors
  - A range of technologies
  - and behavioural changes
  - Increase investment in low carbon options
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
How do we get there?

- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO$_2$ emissions fall by about 45% by 2030 (from 2010 levels)
  
  \[\textit{Compared to 20\% for 2°C}\]

- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO$_2$ emissions would need to reach ‘net zero’ around 2050
  
  \[\textit{Compared to around 2075 for 2°C}\]

Global warming will lead towards a new model of development
Half a degree matters

Each year matters

Each choice matters

Where are we?

- Easier to adapt to 1.5°C rather than to 2°C
- Neutrality carbon required around 2075 for 2°C but around 2050 for 1.5°C
- More than 100 countries have adopted, in one way or another, carbon neutrality in 2050 (2060 for China; 2070 for India and Saudi Arabia)
- But with the Paris agreement warming will reach around 3°C before 2100. Emissions in 2030 should be divided by a factor of 2.
Climate convention
Only a small part of the recommendations have been taken into account in the 2021 climate law
Sensibiliser et former aux enjeux de la transition écologique et du développement durable dans l’enseignement supérieur

Rapport à Frédérique Vidal, ministre de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l’Innovation

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