

Insights on Climate Change and Sustainable Finance

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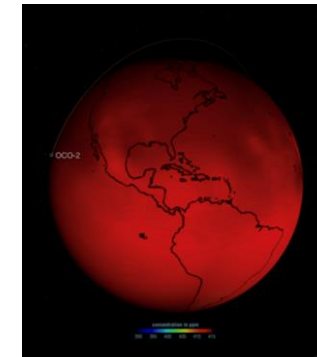
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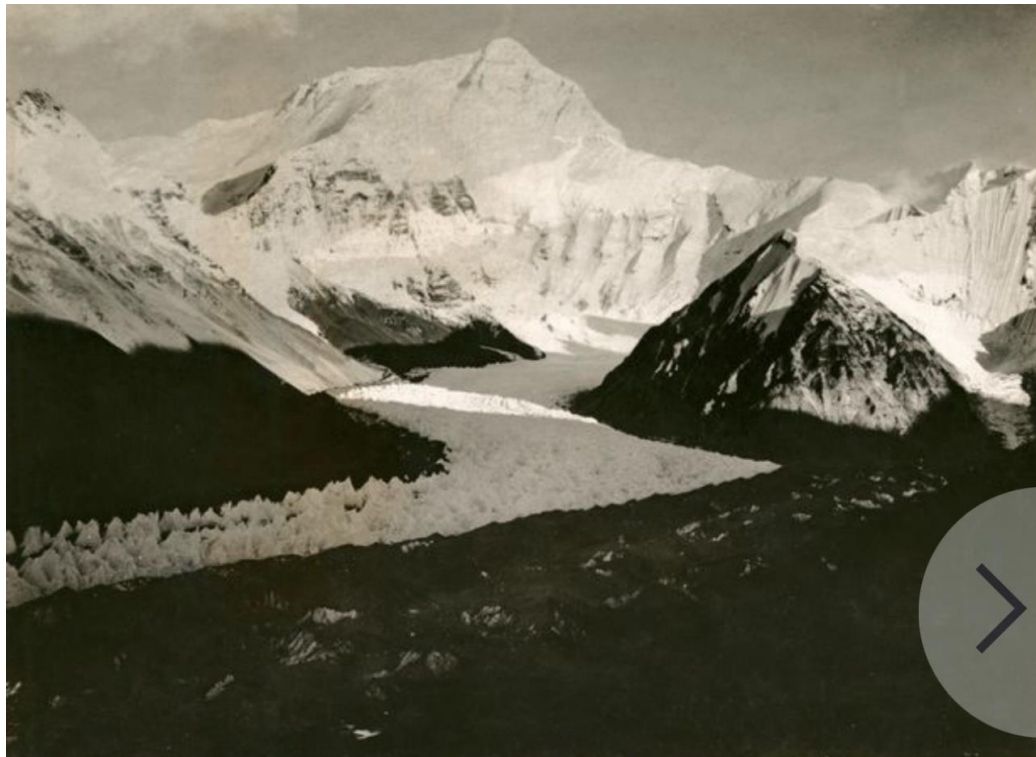
“Climate change is spawning a host of long-term and short-term effects that affect businesses broadly and fundamentally. The World Economic Forum ranks climate risks among the top five business risks, saying “climate change is striking **harder and more rapidly than many expected.**”

Source: TCFD Guidance on Scenario Analysis, October 2020

Global Warming Wake-up Call No.1



Researchers drill the highest ice core ever recovered at 27,000 feet elevation with the summit of Mount Everest in the background. (Image credit: Dirk Collins, National Geographic)



Mount Everest covered in heavy snow, taken in May 1921 on an expedition (📷 Image: Royal Geographical Society via Getty Images)



The summit of Mt Everest in May 2019 with noticeably less snow, where climbers queued for hours (📷 Image: AFP/Getty Images)

Global Warming Wake-up Call No. 2: Melting of World Second Largest Ice Sheet in Greenland



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Climate change: For 25th year in a row, Greenland ice sheet shrinks



© WMO/Karolin Eichler | The polar bear's natural habitat is disappearing as ice caps melt due to climate change.



Melting of the Greenland ice sheet is one of the main causes of the global rise in sea level

JONATHAN NACKSTRAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Climate change: Greenland's biggest ice shelf breaking up as temperatures soar

Ben Webster, Environment Editor

Monday September 14 2020, 5.00pm, The Times

My First-hand Experience of Climate Change Effects in Greenland in 16-23 July 2022:

View from the Airplane



The Greenland Glacier Story and My Personal 5-days Sea Journey in Greenland starting 18 July 2022 - incidentally the highest melting day in Greenland this year

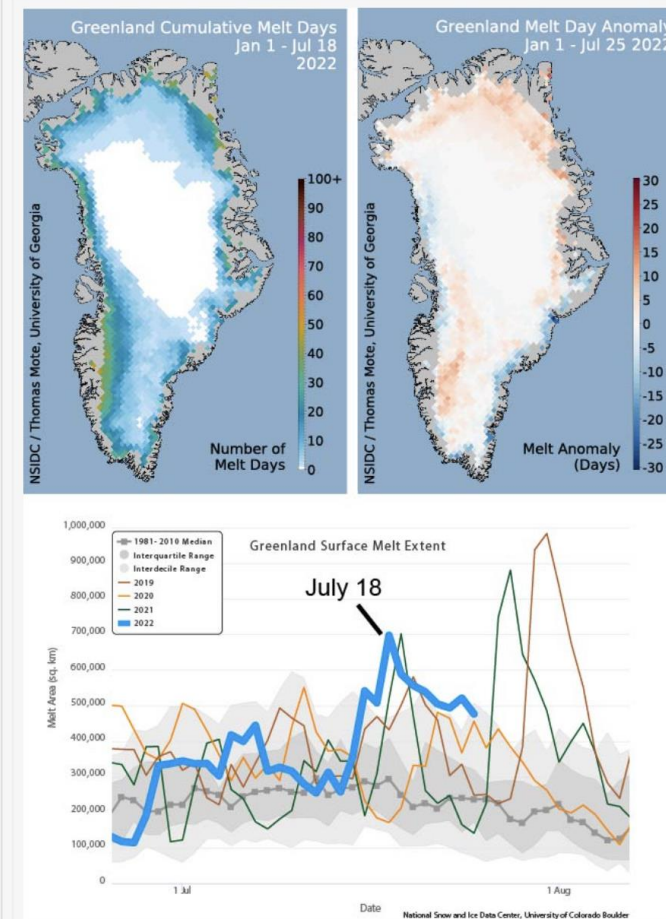
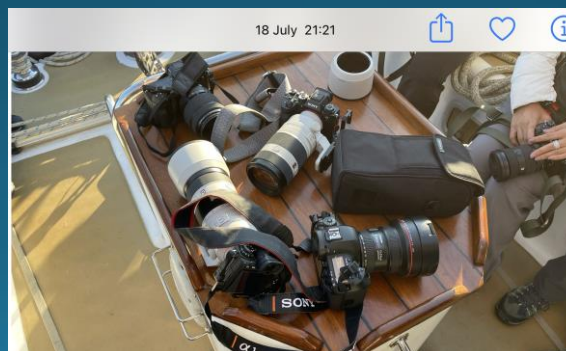


Figure 1. The top left map shows cumulative melt days on the Greenland Ice Sheet for the spring 2022 melt season. The top right map shows the difference from the 1981 to 2010 average melt days for the same period. The bottom graph illustrates daily melt area for Greenland from May 25 through August 6, 2022, with daily melt area for the preceding three years. The grey lines and bands depict the average daily melt area for 1981 to 2010, the inter-quartile range, and the interdecile range.

Credit: National Snow and Ice Data Center/T. Mote, University of Georgia

[High-resolution image](#)

The Greenland Glacier Story

The Breaking of Ice from Greenland Ice Sheet (the Second Largest in the World)

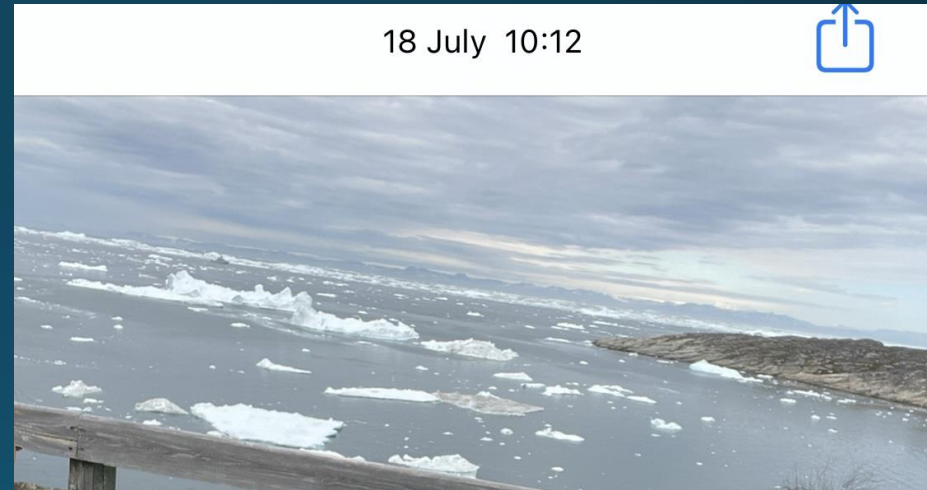
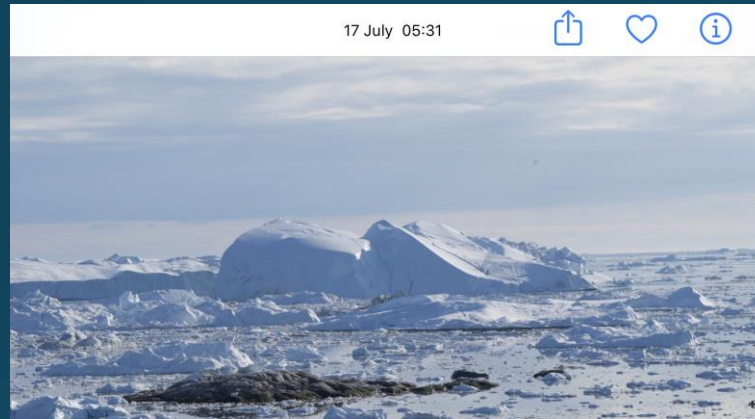
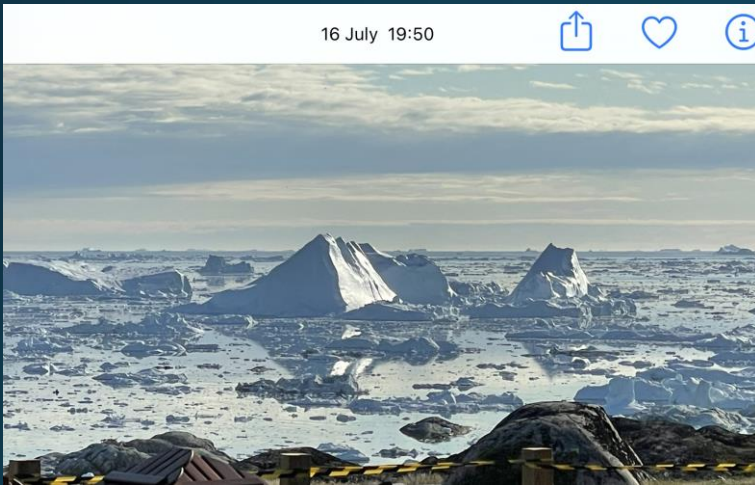
- showing signs the Vicious Cycle of Ice Melting: more cracks, more ice breaks, less support to the glacier edges, more ice breaks etc;
- More ice melting, less reflection, more heat absorbed by the sea, more ice melting etc



The Greenland Glacier Story

Real Example of Climate Change Effect

Ilulissat Glacier: The Fastest Glacier in the World !



- Iceberg Mountains come and go in one or two days – **Vicious Cycle of Ice Melting !**
- The earlier the melting, the darker the glacier, more heat absorbed, more ice melts etc
- Faster movement of icebergs stirs up the ocean, ice melts **faster**

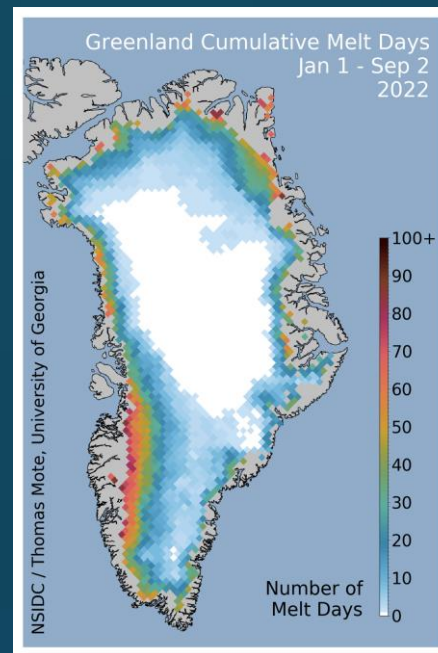
Huge Iceberg Mountain Floating and Moving in the Sea

- Evidence of Considerable Breaking and Melting of Icesheet
- If the Greenland sheet fully melts, sea level in the world would rise by **about 7.4 metres**, affecting the whole world



Ilulissat Icefjord: World Heritage Site

The Greenland Story – Real Example of Climate Change Effect: Greenland Ice Sheet Melting Alone to Cause Sea Level to Rise 274 to 782 mm ! Predicted sea level rise already exceeds recent predictions



Greenland ice loss will raise sea levels by nearly one foot by 2100, study shows

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KEY POINTS

- A massive ice sheet in Greenland is set to raise global sea levels by nearly a foot by 2100, in a melting event driven by human-caused climate change, according to a study published on Monday.
- The findings in the *Journal Nature Climate Change* show that 3.3% of Greenland's ice sheet will melt, the equivalent of 110 trillion tons of ice.
- The study's forecast of 10 inches of sea level rise is more than twice as much sea level rise as researchers have previously calculated from the melting of Greenland's ice sheet.

Icebergs float in the Baffin Bay near Pluffif, Greenland on July 15, 2022 as captured from the ground during a NASA mission along with University of Texas scientists to measure melting Arctic sea ice. New observations from ICESAT-2 show remarkable Arctic Sea ice thinning in just three years.

Greenland ice sheet climate disequilibrium and committed sea-level rise

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Ice loss from the Greenland ice sheet is one of the largest sources of contemporary sea-level rise (SLR). While process-based models place timescales on Greenland's deglaciation, their confidence is obscured by model shortcomings including imprecise atmospheric and oceanic couplings. Here, we present a complementary approach resolving ice sheet disequilibrium with climate constrained by satellite-derived bare-ice extent, tidewater sector ice flow discharge and surface mass balance data. We find that Greenland ice imbalance with the recent (2000-2019) climate commits at least 274 ± 68 mm SLR from $59 \pm 15 \times 10^3$ km² ice retreat, equivalent to $3.3 \pm 0.9\%$ volume loss, regardless of twenty-first-century climate pathways. This is a result of increasing mass turnover from precipitation, ice flow discharge and meltwater run-off. The high-melt year of 2012 applied in perpetuity yields an ice loss commitment of 782 ± 135 mm SLR, serving as an ominous prognosis for Greenland's trajectory through a twenty-first century of warming.

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研究：停化石燃料難阻海面升 世紀末之前 格陵蘭融冰恐致水位增27厘米

一項研究顯示，就算人類現在開始停止燃燒化石燃料，全球暖化問題仍會令各地冰蓋「無可避免地」繼續融化，單是格陵蘭的融冰就會使海平面上升最少27厘米，較聯合國去年的一項研究估算更差。法新社報道，主因格陵蘭和南極冰層融化而上升的海平面，將在未來數世紀讓世界地圖重繪，最終還可能淹沒目前數億人居住的土地。

美國太空總署（NASA）表示，北極地區的升溫速度比地球其他地區更快，格陵蘭冰蓋融化是目前海洋膨脹的主因。冰川學家在《自然氣候變化》期刊（*Nature Climate Change*）發表的新研究發現，繼開未來任何化石燃料使用不談，迄今的暖化將導致格陵蘭3.3%冰蓋（相當於110萬億噸冰）融化，使海平面上升27.4厘米。這是科學家首次計算出全球暖化導致的格陵蘭冰蓋流失量「最小值」。

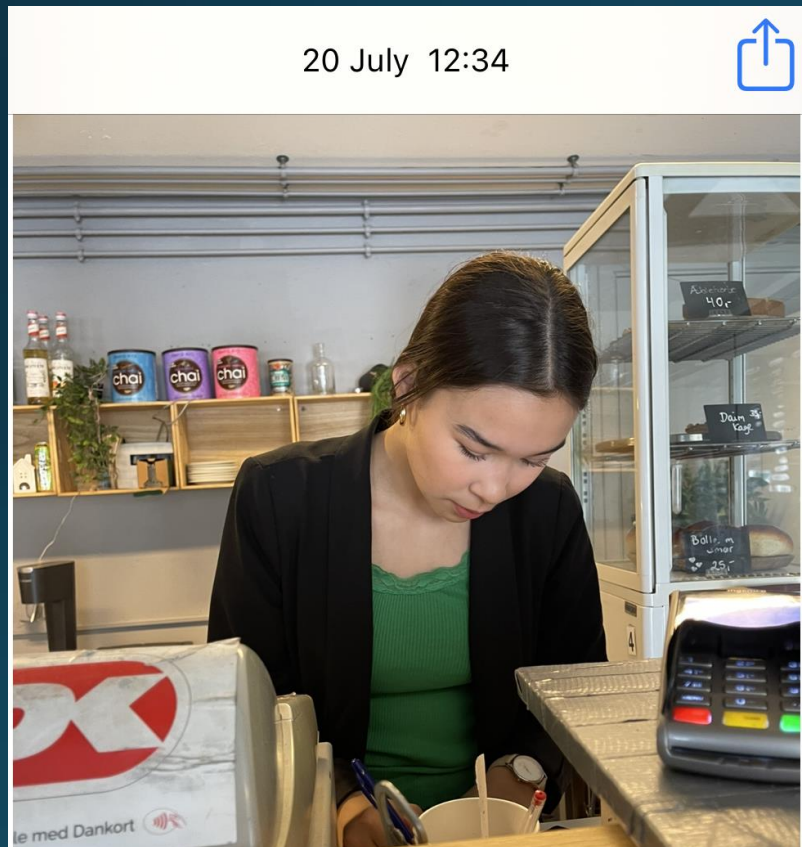
淹沒低窪海岸線 加劇洪水風暴潮
研究人員無法判定上述情況發生的確切時間，但他們說可能會在2100年或之前出現。

研究主要作者、丹麥和格陵蘭國家地質調查局的博克斯（Jason Box）說，這結果只是最低程度的估計，還未考慮日後的暖化。如果2012年觀察到的冰層大規模融冰每年發生，估計海平面可上升78厘米，足以淹沒大片低窪海岸線，並加劇洪水風暴潮。研究報告作者說，應把這當作「對格陵蘭21世紀暖化軌跡的不祥預兆」。

聯合國政府間氣候變化專門委員會去年在一份重要氣候科學報告中稱，在最高排放情況下，格陵蘭冰蓋融化將在2100年或之前導致海平面上升18厘米。換言之，今次報告的預測更為悲觀，有關研究只計算格陵蘭融冰，而是不可能出現的「現在即時停止燃燒化石燃料」假設下推斷。

（法新社/衛報/CNN/獨立報）

Dilemma: Development Aspirations of Indigenous People in Greenland and Anarctic Versus Minimisation of Climate Change Impacts to the World. How to strike a balance and channel necessary funds to meet the needs of indigenous people ?



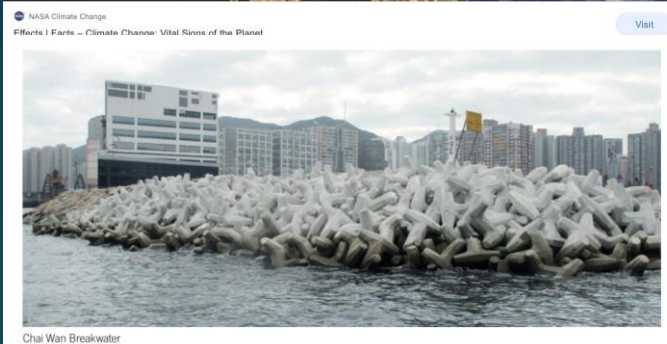
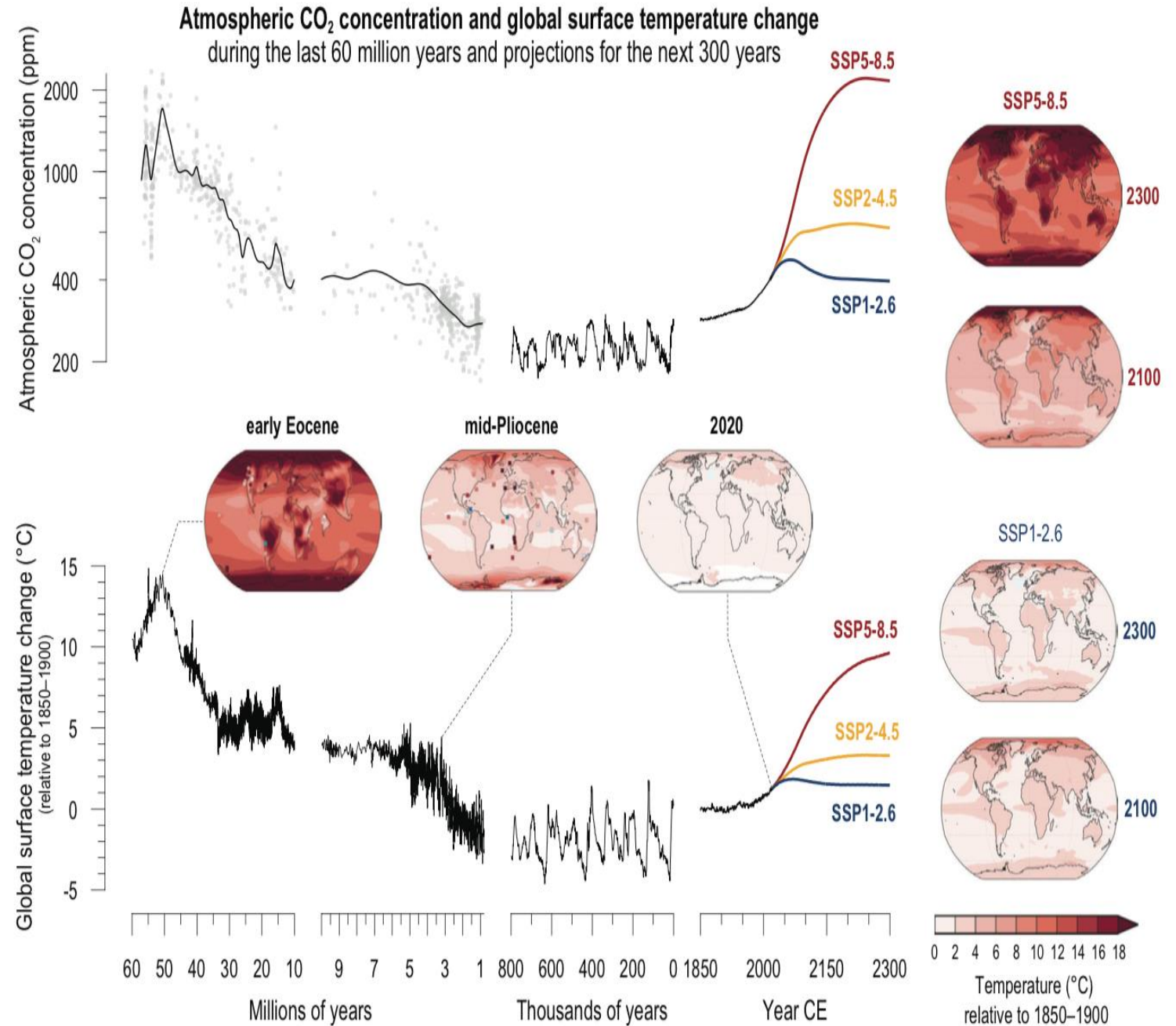


Diagram illustrating a vertical pile with two soil springs (SP1 and SP5) and a height scale from 0 m to 9 m.

- The pile is represented by a vertical bar.
- Spring SP1 is located at the base (0 m) with a value of 2.6.
- Spring SP5 is located at a height of 6.5 m with a value of 8.5.
- A red oval highlights the section of the pile between approximately 4 m and 7 m.
- A red arrow points upwards from the base, indicating a direction of force or movement.

The projections for each of the five scenarios are shown in colour. Shades represent uncertainty ranges — more detail is provided for each panel below. The black curves represent the historical simulations (panels a, b, c) or the observations (panel d). Historical values are included in all graphs to provide context for the projected future changes.

Realities and Scenarios of Global Warming



Realities and Scenarios of Sea Level Rise

Three selected global climate indicators covary across multiple paleoclimate reference periods

(a)

Reference period (*See Interactive Atlas for climate model output)	Age	CO ₂ (ppm)	Temperature (°C)	Sea level (m)
Recent past	1995–2014 CE	360 → 397	0.66 to 1.00	0.15 to 0.25
Approximate pre-industrial	1850–1900 CE	286 → 296	-0.15 to +0.11	-0.03 to 0.00
Last Millennium	850–1850 CE	278 to 285	-0.14 ~ 0.24	-0.05 to 0.03
Mid-Holocene*	6.5–5.5 ka	260 to 268	0.2 to 1.0	-3.5 to +0.5
Last Deglacial Transition	18–11 ka	193 → 271	not assessed	-120 → -50
Last Glacial Maximum*	23–19 ka	188 to 194	-5 to -7	-134 to -125
Last Interglacial*	129–116 ka	266 to 282	0.5 to 1.5	5 to 10
Mid-Pliocene Warm Period*	3.3–3.0 Ma	360 to 420	2.5 to 4.0	5 to 25
Early Eocene	53–49 Ma	1150 to 2500	10 to 18	70 to 76
Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum	55.9–55.7 Ma	900 → 2000	10 to 25	not assessed

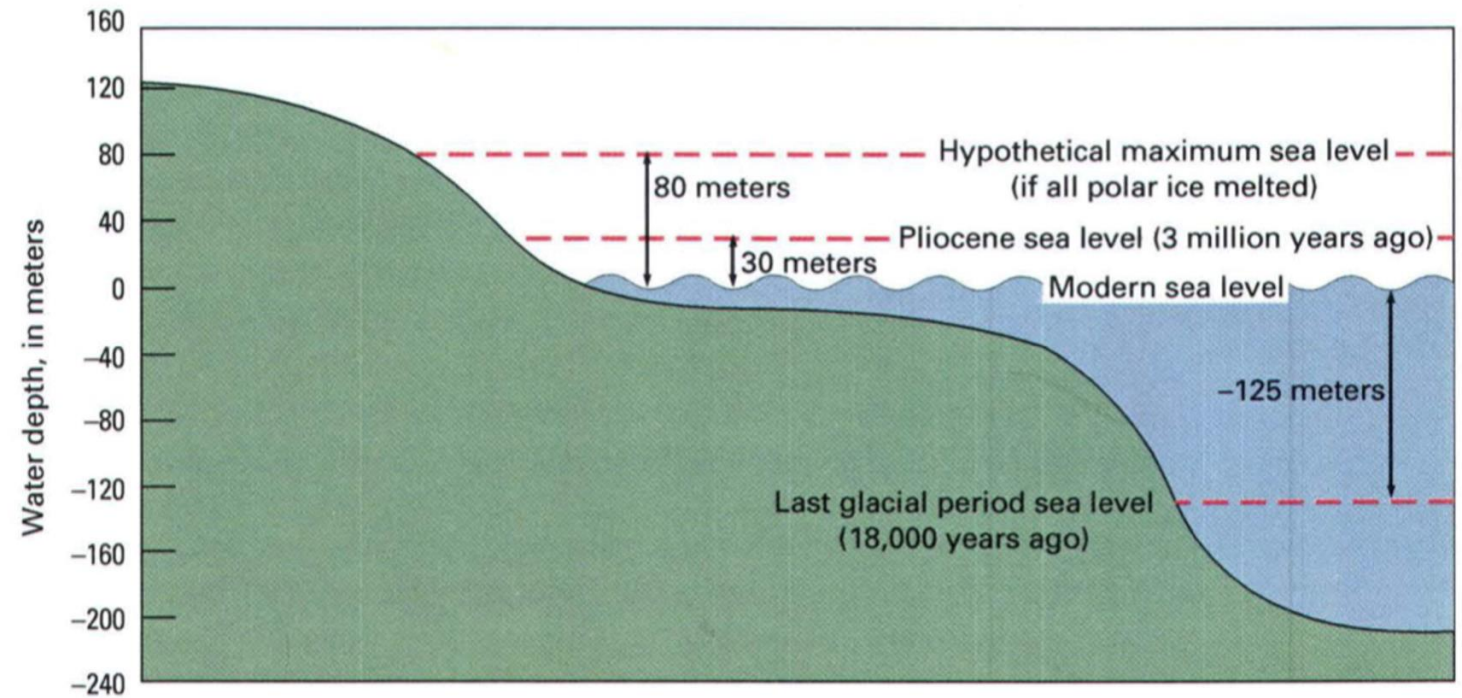
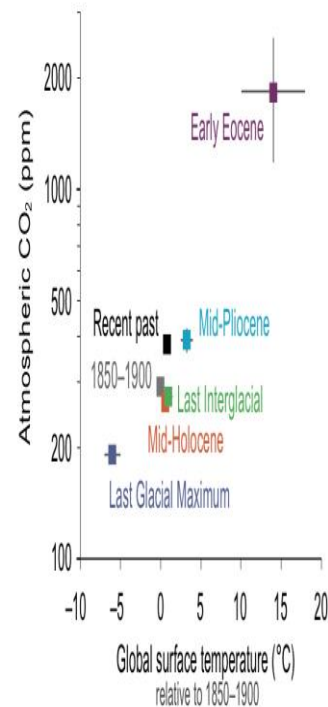
X to Y: very likely range (caveats in Figure 2.34)

X → Y: start to end of period, with no stated uncertainty

X ~ Y: lowest and highest values, with not stated uncertainty



(b)

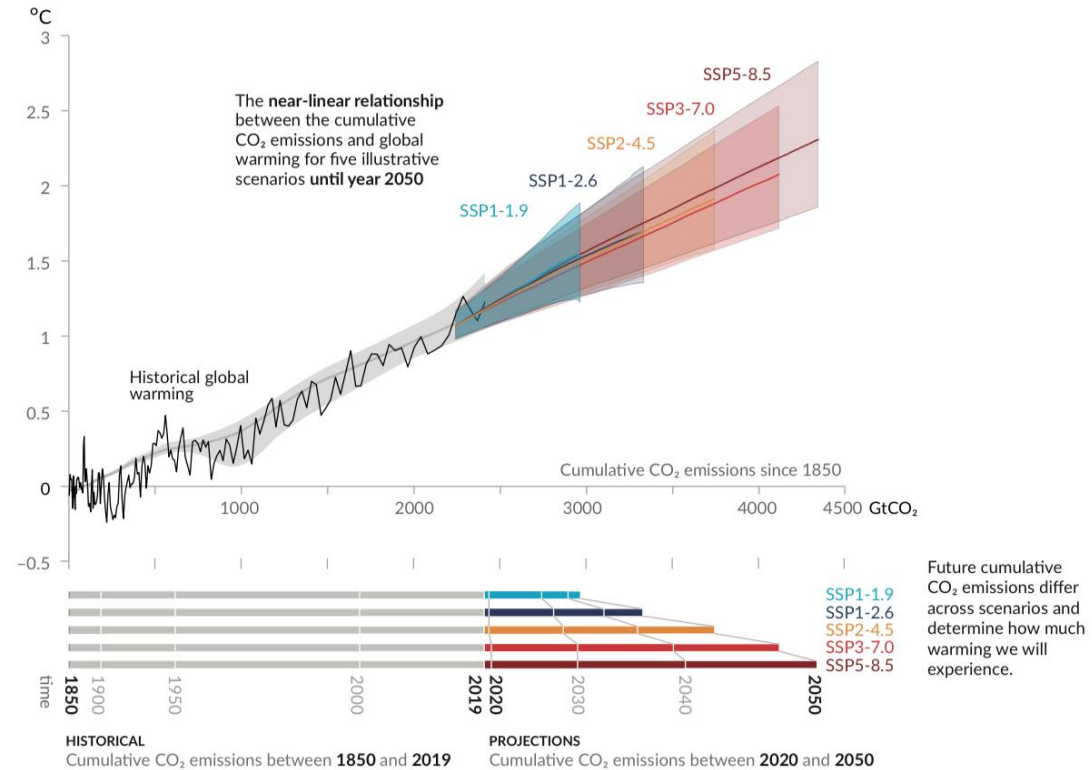


Sea level can fluctuate as a result of changes in the volume of ice sheets in polar regions and mountain glaciers. During the last glacial period, sea level fell to about 125 meters below its present level. Sea level rose to about 30 meters above the present level during global warmth 3 million years ago.

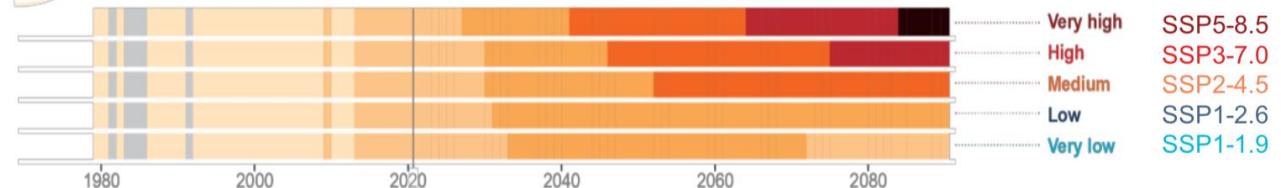
Cumulative Impact of Carbon Footprint and Cross- generational Impacts

Every tonne of CO₂ emissions adds to global warming

Global surface temperature increase since 1850–1900 (°C) as a function of cumulative CO₂ emissions (GtCO₂)



Global warming since 1850–1900 (°C)



(Infographic TS.1)

Today



酷熱日數和熱夜
Very hot days
and hot nights



寒冷日數
Cold days



溫度
Temperature



極端降雨
越來越頻繁

Heavy precipitation
more frequent



熱帶氣旋

強度及其相關降雨

Tropical cyclone
intensity and related
rainfall



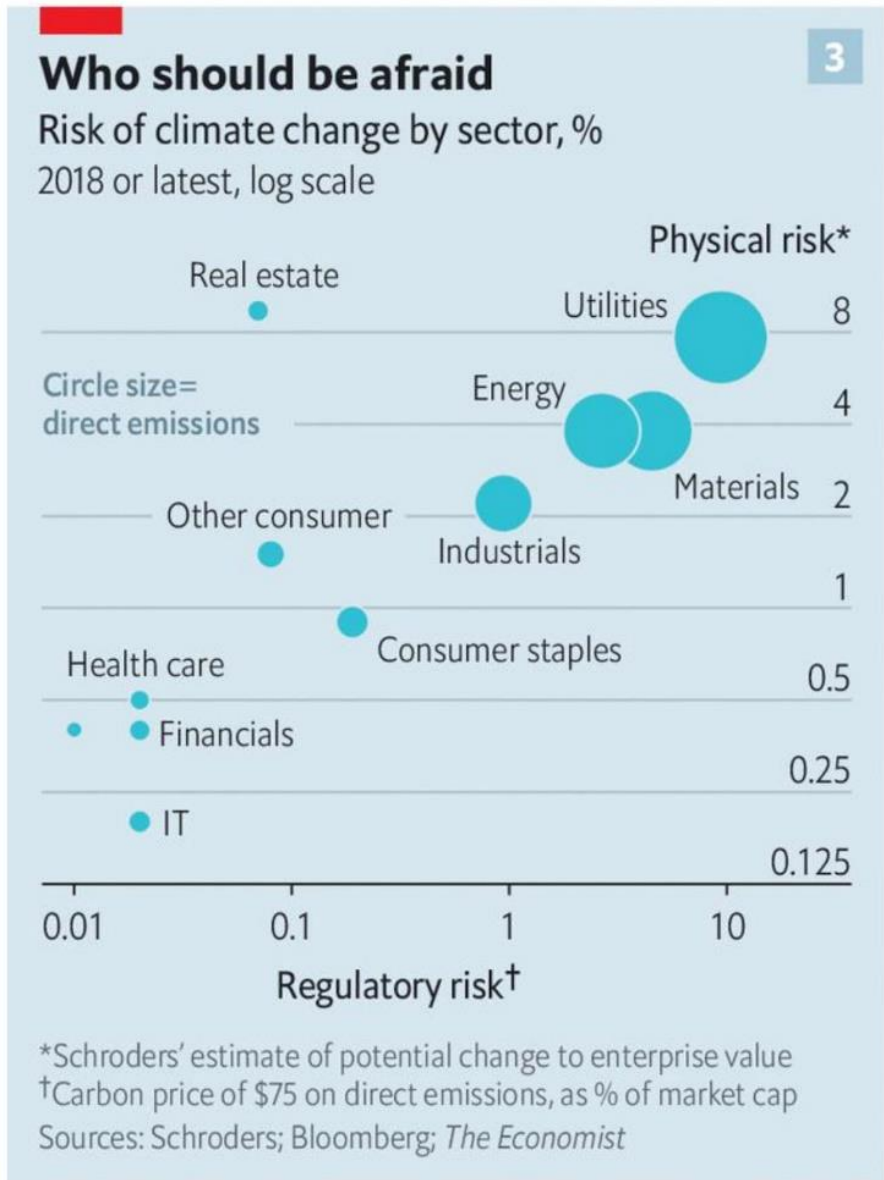
平均海平面
Mean sea level



風暴潮威脅
Storm surge risk



Economist'S Article on Climate Change: How much can financiers do about climate change ?



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Hotting up – How much can financiers do about climate change? | Briefing | The Economist



Hotting up

How much can financiers do about climate change?

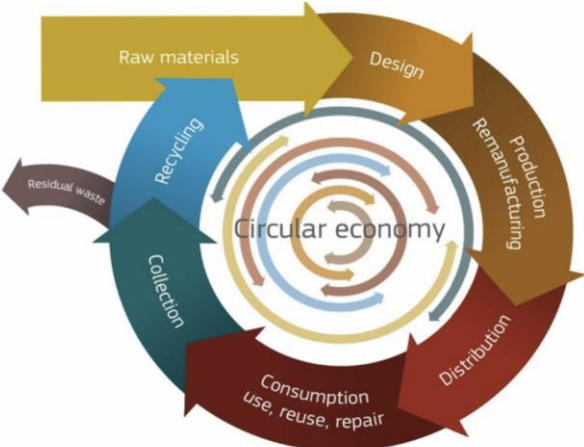
The role that green investing can play must not be misunderstood or overstated

Briefing

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Global Drivers of Sustainable Finance

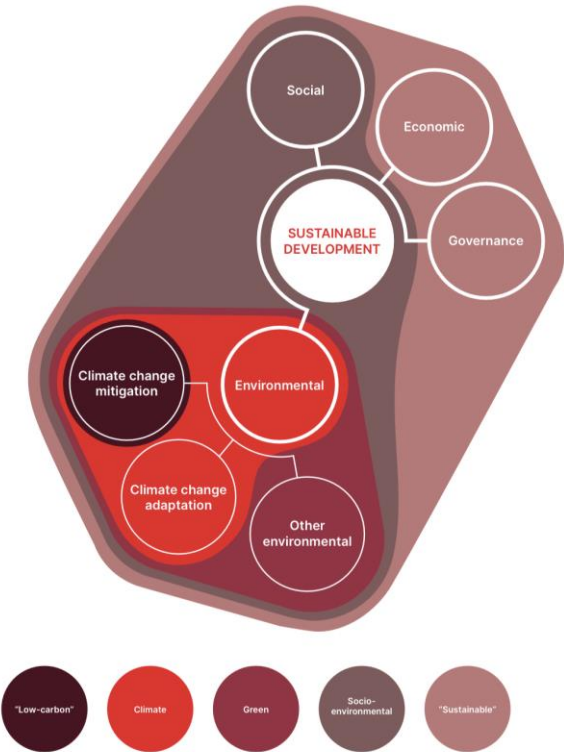
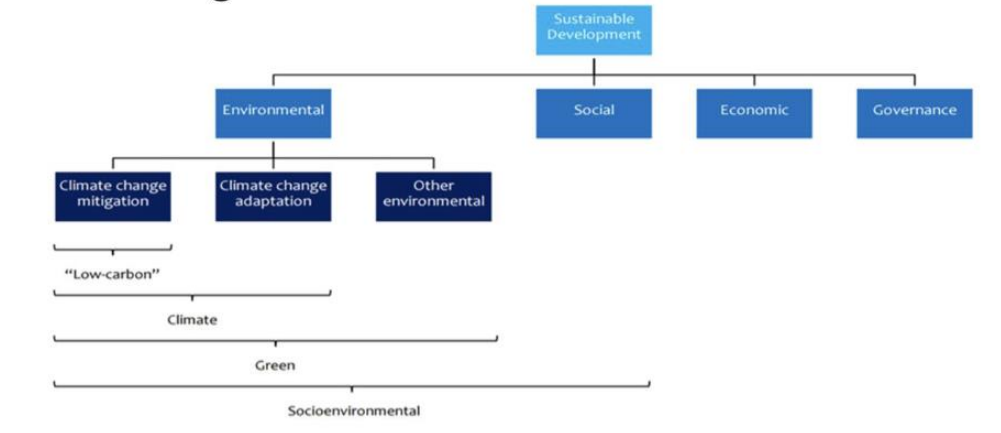


United Nation Environment Programme's and ISO 32210 Definition and Clarifications on Sustainable, Green and Climate Finance

Linkages between climate,
green and sustainable finance

ISO/TC 322 Scope

“Standardization in the field of sustainable finance to integrate sustainability considerations including environmental, social and governance practices in the financing of economic activities”



Note: Colour-coded by grouping Source: Inspired by UNEP

- **Sustainable finance** includes environmental, social, governance and economic aspects.
- **Green finance** includes climate finance but excludes social and economic aspects.
- **Climate finance** is a subset of environmental (green) finance.

Climate Finance in Paris Agreement

Article 2

1. This Agreement, in enhancing the implementation of the Convention, including its objective, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, including by:

(a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing 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; and

(c) Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

2. This Agreement will be implemented to reflect equity and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances.



Why the Paris Agreement is a model for 21st century global governance



Not So Encouraging Progress Since Paris Agreement; Need a lot more funds and a lot more urgent actions !



Finance

Public climate finance, including \$100 billion that developed countries have agreed to provide to developing countries each year, supports critical infrastructure for adaptation, resilience and the new renewable energy-based economy.

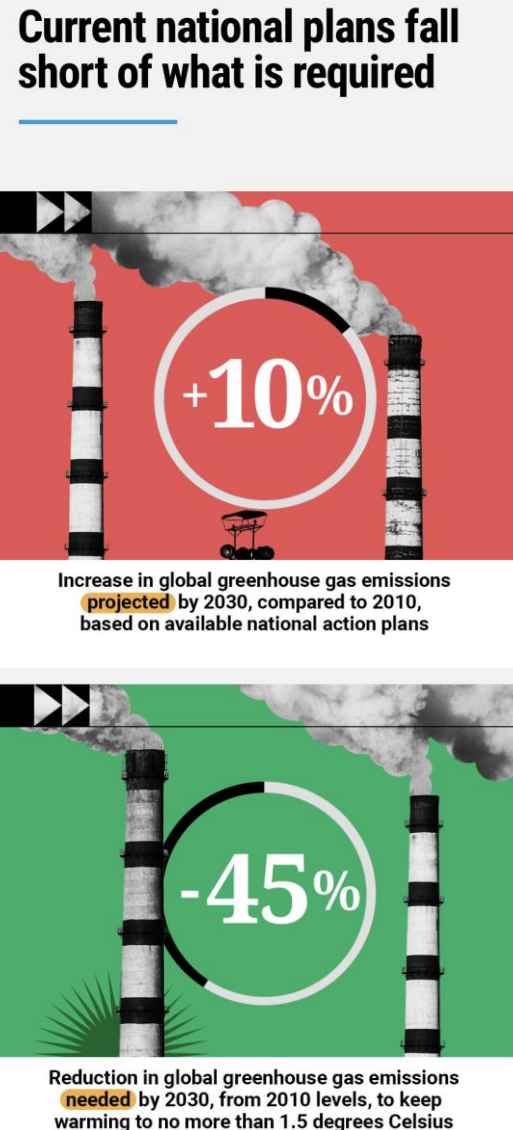
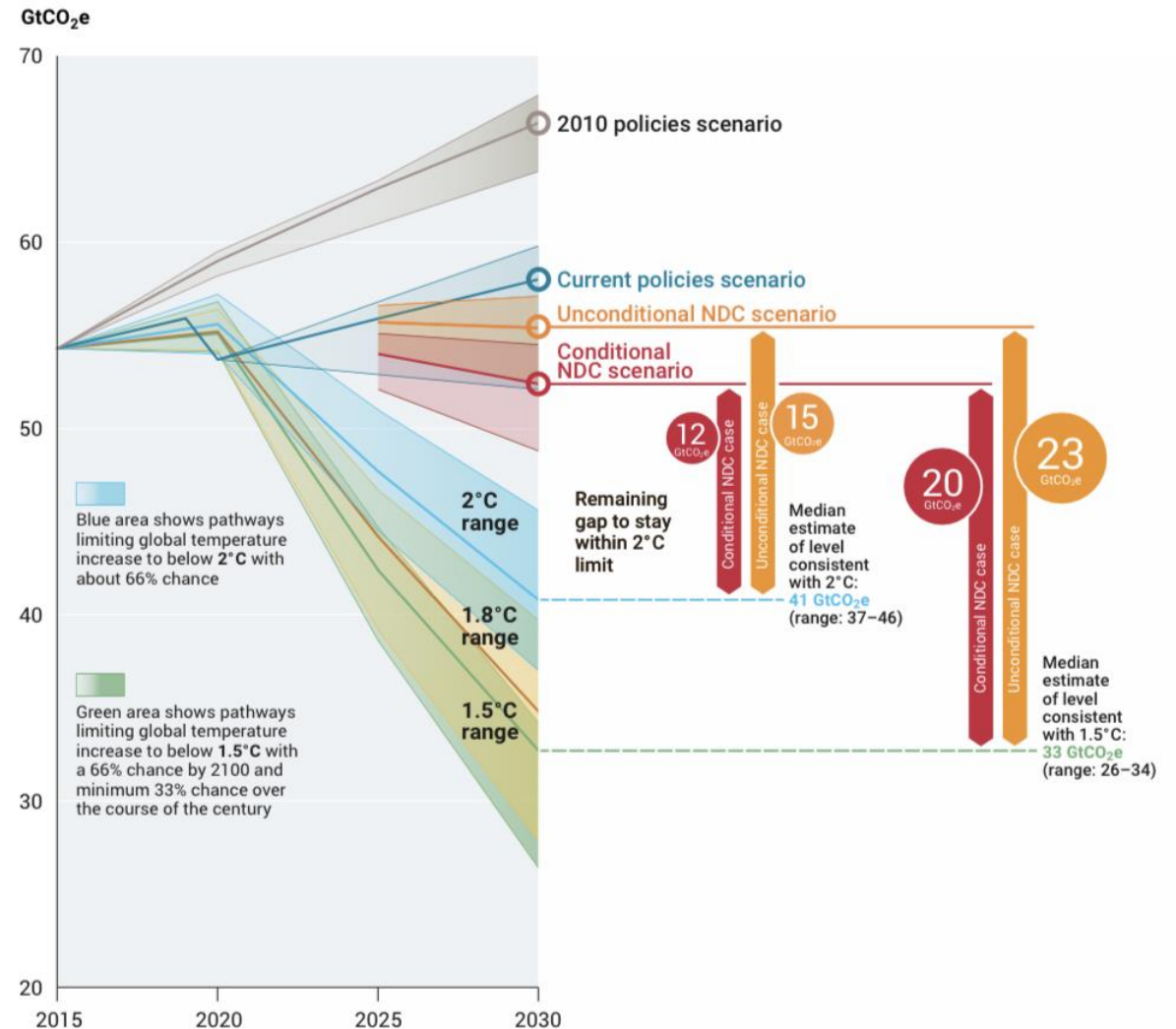
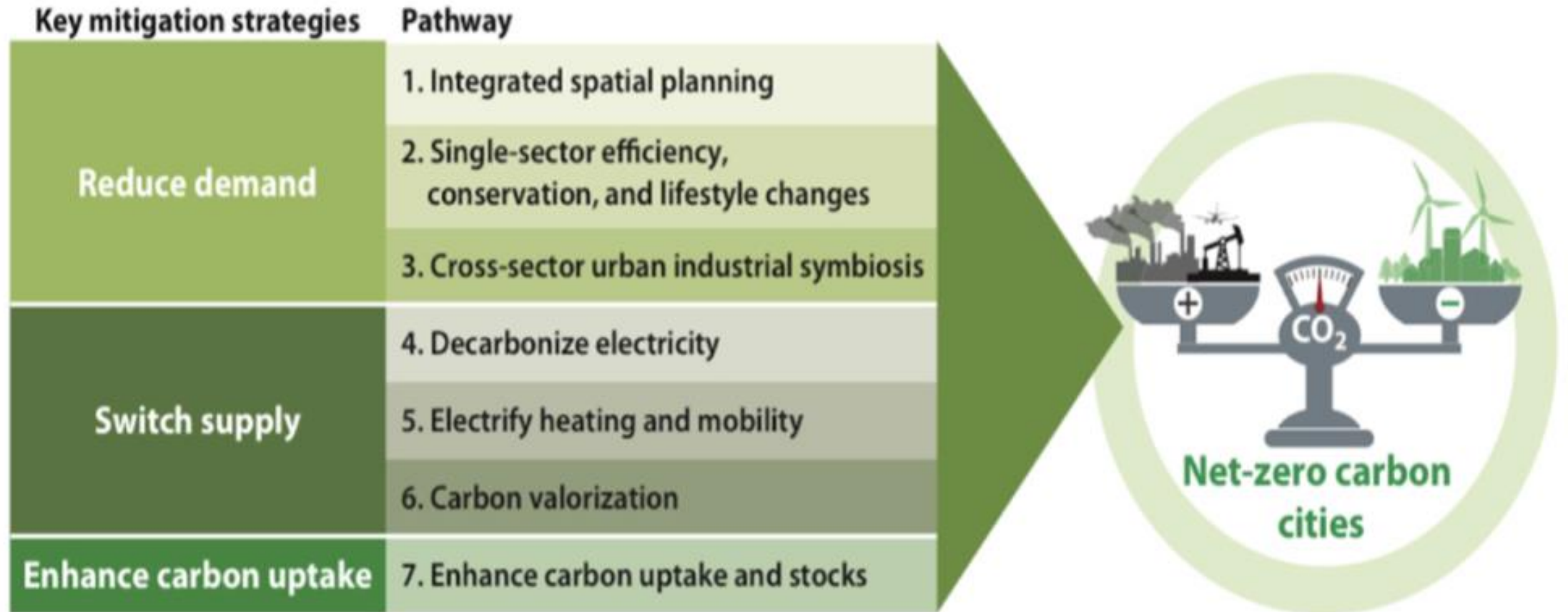


Figure ES.3 Global GHG emissions under different scenarios and the emissions gap in 2030 (median estimate and tenth to ninetieth percentile range)



Towards a carbon-neutral community; but channelling of adequate fund is a pre-requisite



The Important Role of Climate Finance to Channel Investment to Low Greenhouse Gas Emission and Climate-resilient development

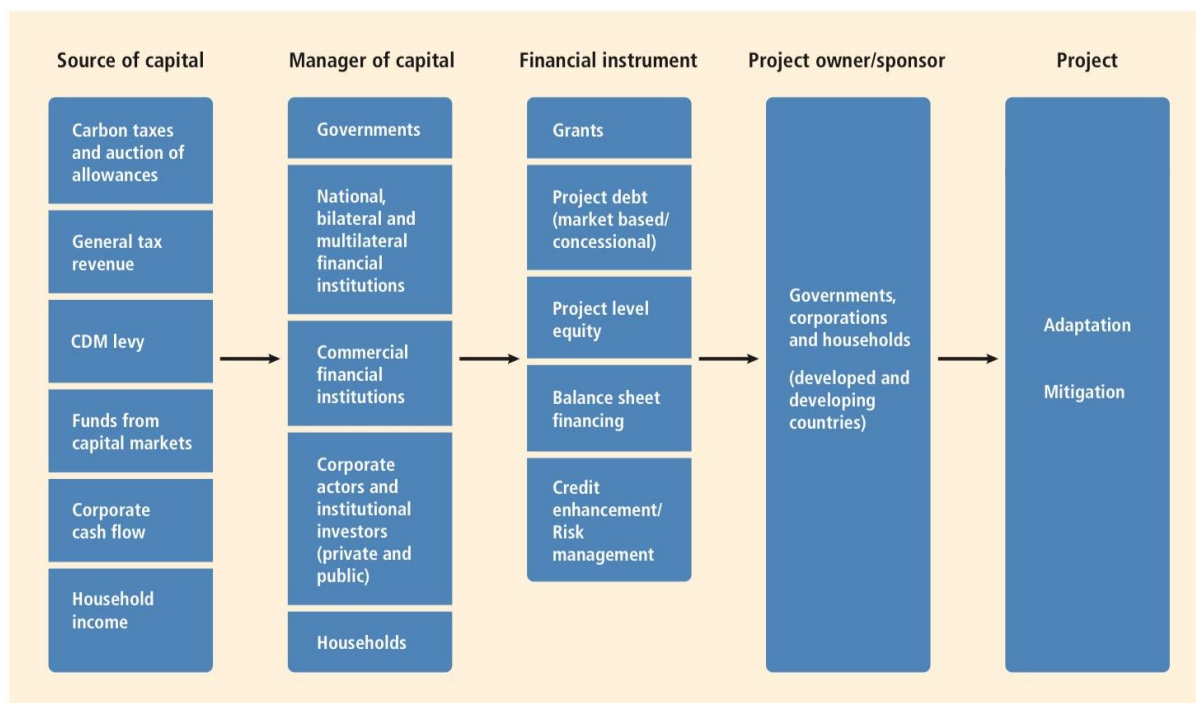


Figure 4.5 | Overview of climate finance flows. Note: Capital should be understood to include all relevant financial flows. The size of the boxes is not related to the magnitude of the financial flow. (WGIII Figure TS.40)

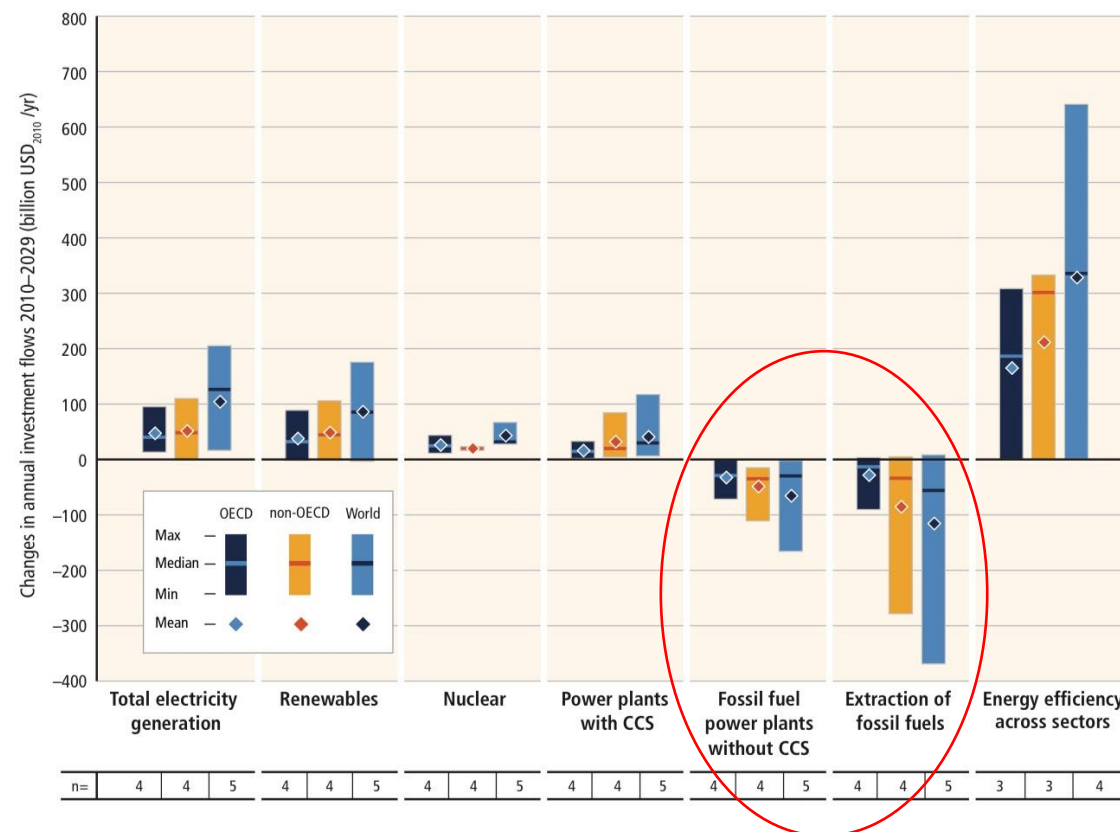


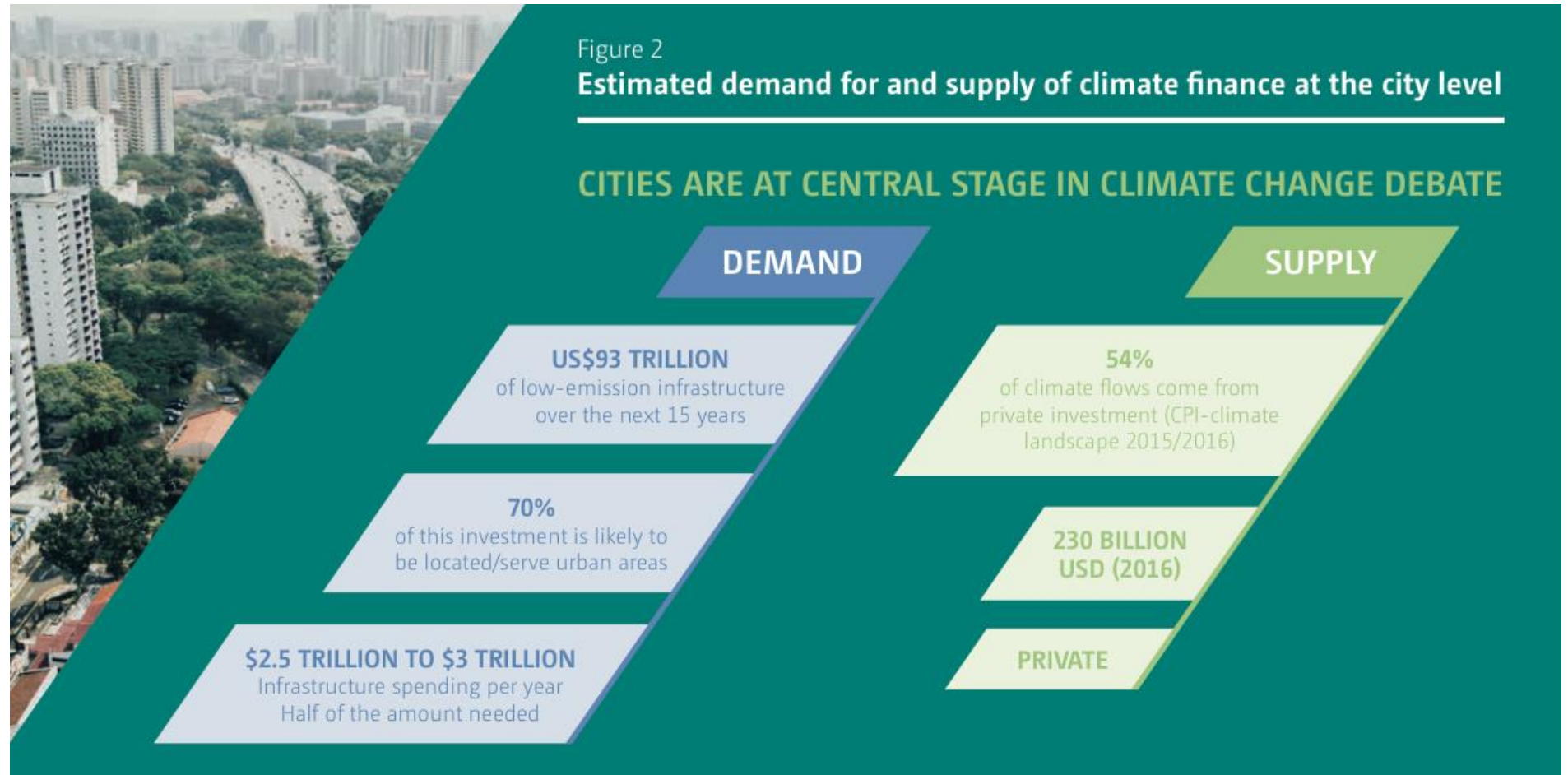
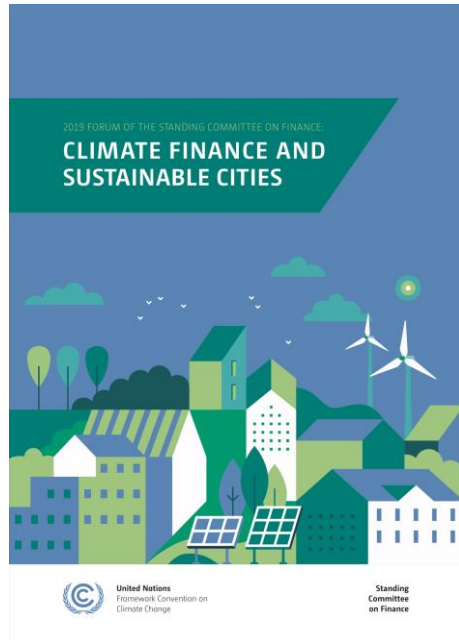
Figure 4.4 | Change in annual investment flows from the average baseline level over the next two decades (2010 to 2029) for mitigation scenarios that stabilize concentrations (without overshoot) within the range of approximately 430 to 530 ppm CO₂-eq by 2100. Total electricity generation (leftmost column) is the sum of renewable and nuclear energy, power plants with CCS, and fossil-fuel power plants without CCS. The vertical bars indicate the range between the minimum and maximum estimate; the horizontal bar indicates the median. The numbers in the bottom row show the total number of studies in the literature used in the assessment. Individual technologies shown are found to be used in different model scenarios in either a complementary or a synergistic way, depending largely on technology-specific assumptions and the timing and ambition level of the phase-in of global climate policies. (WGIII Figure SPM.9)

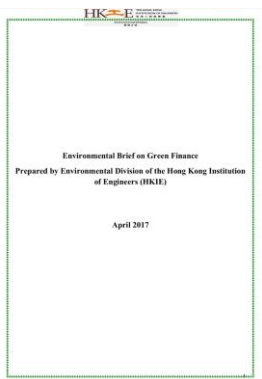
Unsettled issues and uncertainties

- Nuclear ?
- Natural gas (still fossil fuel) as a transition ?
- Brown, grey and green hydrogen
- Technical and economic viability of large scale carbon capture and storage

Source: IPCC

Sustainable Cities and Climate Finance Needs





Green Finance Task Force of Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Professional Report on Green Finance in Hong Kong, April 2017

- **Why environmental engineers:** green finance and green industry go hand in hand; mission to pursue environmental sustainability through holistic and synergistic approach; well placed because of multi-disciplinary strengths, expertise and experiences on classifying and management green projects and project finance,
- **Aspire to show environmental leadership, nurture expertise, and build capacity**

“Green Finance: represents a shift in the global economy’s transition to sustainability through the financing of public and private green investments and policies that support sustainable development.”



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Examples of Recommendations in HKIE Green Finance Taskforce Report April 2017

Need specific policy reform on green finance

Clear policy signals and enabling framework

Banks to enhance their green finance instruments

Capacity building needs of green finance professionals

Promote social benefits of green finance

Green Finance Development in Hong Kong during 2017-2022

Government’s green finance policy and green bond grant etc

Government green bond and strategic plan

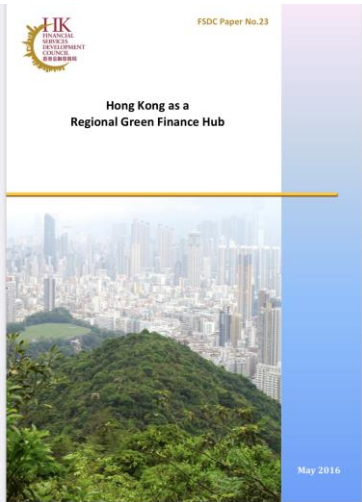
Banks and financial institutions taking an active role in enabling green finance

Various institutions issuing guidelines and providing training courses

Government’s retail green bond to enable citizens to participate

Hong Kong's Journey on Green and Sustainable Finance

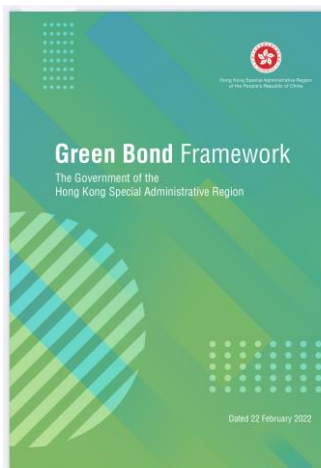
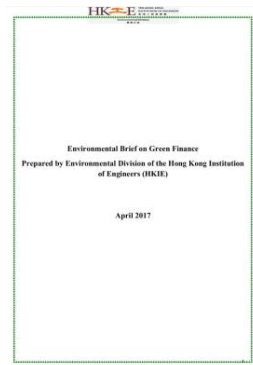
Landmark trip by a delegation of FSTB/EPD/SFC/HKMA to Shenzhen to discuss green finance in mid 2017



2015 Paris Agreement with Climate Finance & 2016 G20 Summit with Green Finance Focus

2016
FSDC's Report on Green Finance

April 2017
HKIE's Green Finance Task Force Report



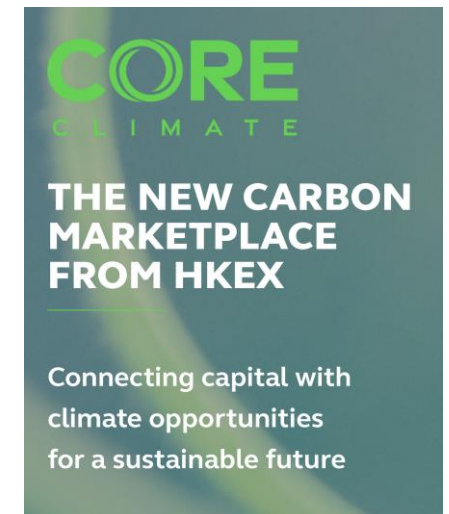
Oct 2017 Policy Address's Commitment on Making Hong Kong a Green Finance Centre

2017-2022

- Issuance of First Government Green Bond
- Green Bond Grant Scheme
- Setting up Cross-Agency Steering Group
- Issuance of retail green bond
- Launch of Core Climate – voluntary carbon trading platform
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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) and the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) co-hosted a press conference today (17 December) on the launching of Strategic Plan by the Green and Sustainable Finance Cross-Agency Steering Group. The press conference was co-hosted by Mr Eddie Yue, Chief Executive of the HKMA (second from left) and Mr Ashley Alder, Chief Executive Officer of the SFC (second from right); and was joined by Mr Daryl Ho, Executive Director (Banking Policy) of the HKMA (first from left) and Ms Julia Leung, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Intermediaries of the SFC (first from right).



Government Policies on Climate Change and Green/Sustainable Finance

“Explore the feasibility of the Government issuing a green bond to promote the development of green finance and to demonstrate the Government’s commitment to promote sustainable economic development.” (pg 18)

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Policy Agenda
2017

“To demonstrate the Government’s commitment to promoting green finance, I propose to launch a green bond issuance programme with a borrowing ceiling of \$100 billion. The sums borrowed will be credited to the Capital Works Reserve Fund to provide funding for green public works projects of the Government. The measure will encourage more issuers to arrange financing for their green projects through our capital markets.”

Financial
Secretary
Budget Speech
2018-19

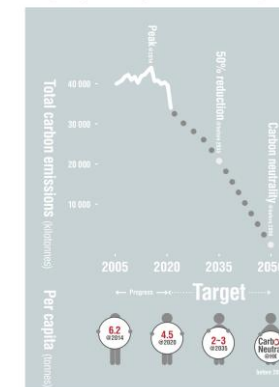
PRC to promote comprehensive green transformation ...and endeavor to have carbon dioxide peak before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060

PRC Outline of
14th 5-years
Plan

Hong Kong SAR
will strive to
achieve carbon
neutrality before
2050

Chief Executive
Policy Address
2020

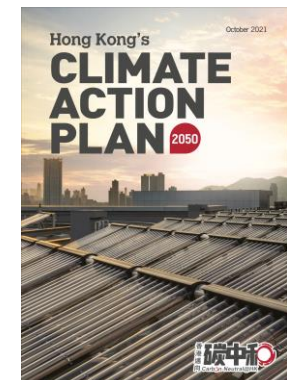
Hong Kong's Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality



Four decarbonisation strategies



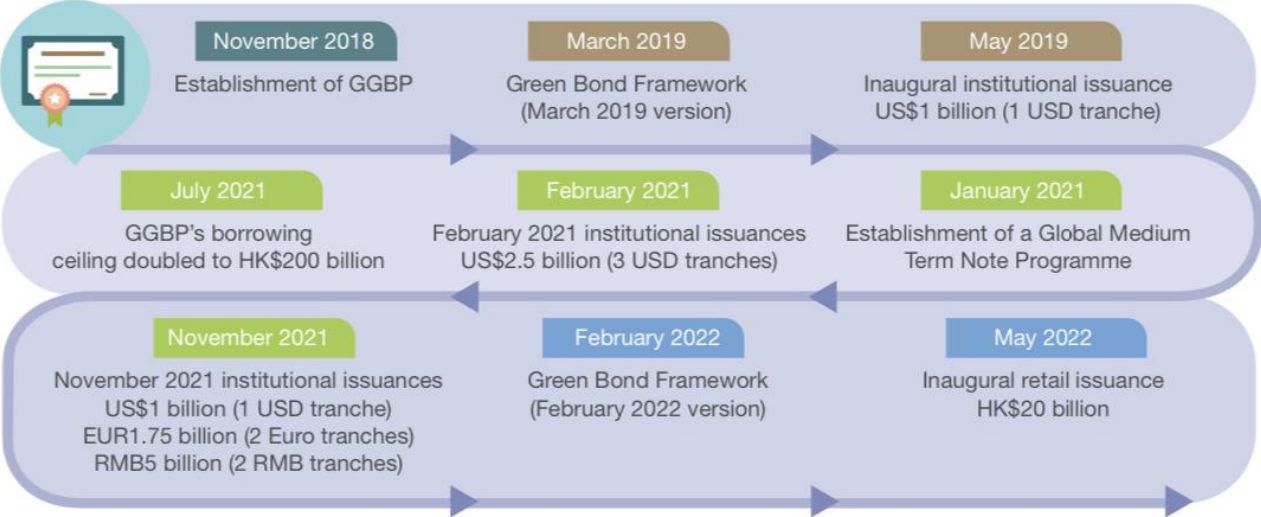
Government
Policy Blueprint
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Change Action
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Hong Kong's Government Green Bond Issuances

Government Green Bond Issuances

Milestone



Cumulative Government Green Bond Issuances:

Close to
US\$
10 billion

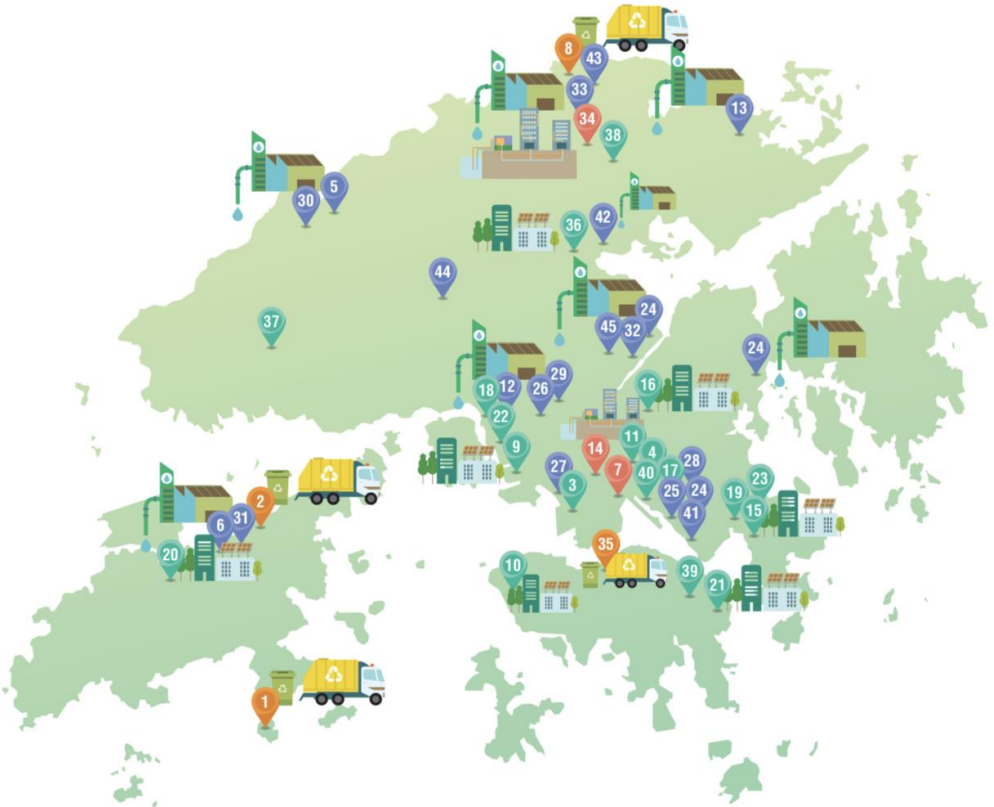
Institutional:

~US\$
7.3 billion

Retail:

HK\$
20 billion
(~US\$ 2.6 billion)

Geographical Locations of the Projects Financed



Essentials of A Pragmatic Framework for Climate Change and Sustainable Finance Management Based on over 30 years of experiences

What-If Dimension

Realities



Scenarios

Temporal Dimension

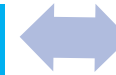
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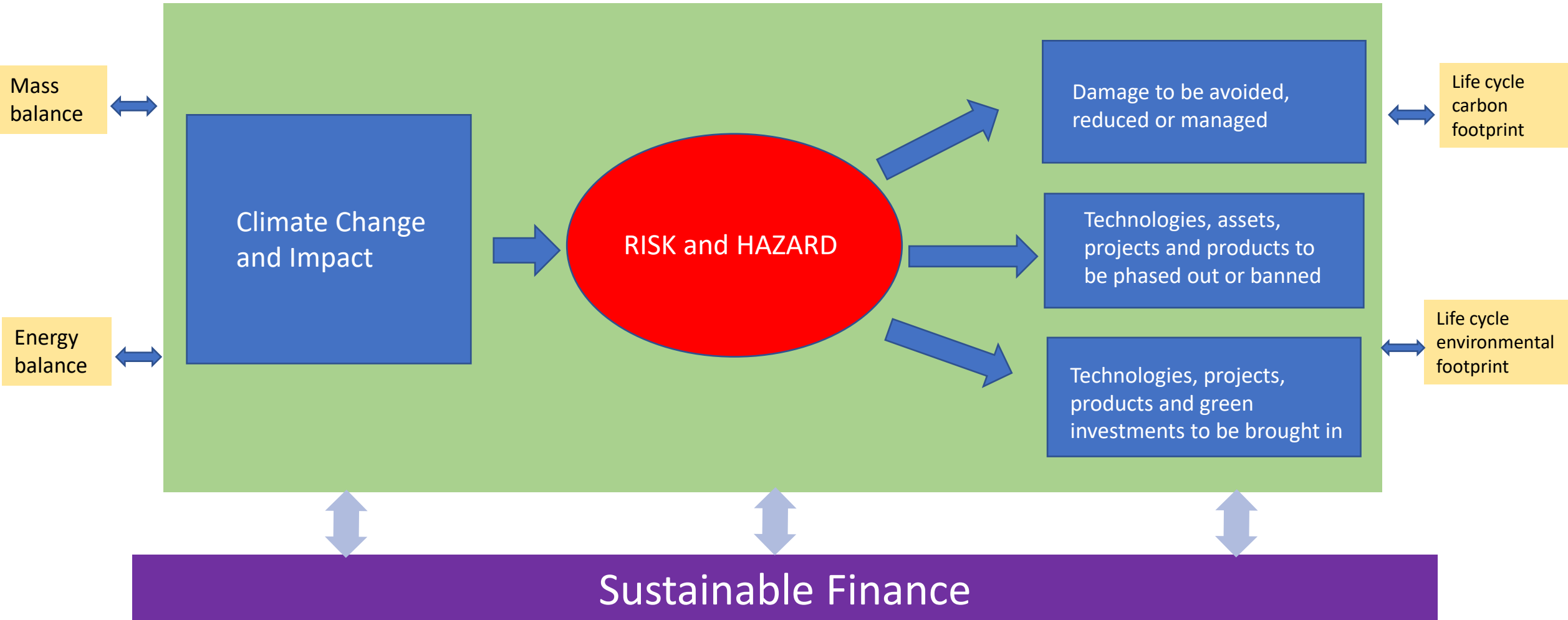
Future

Spatial Dimension

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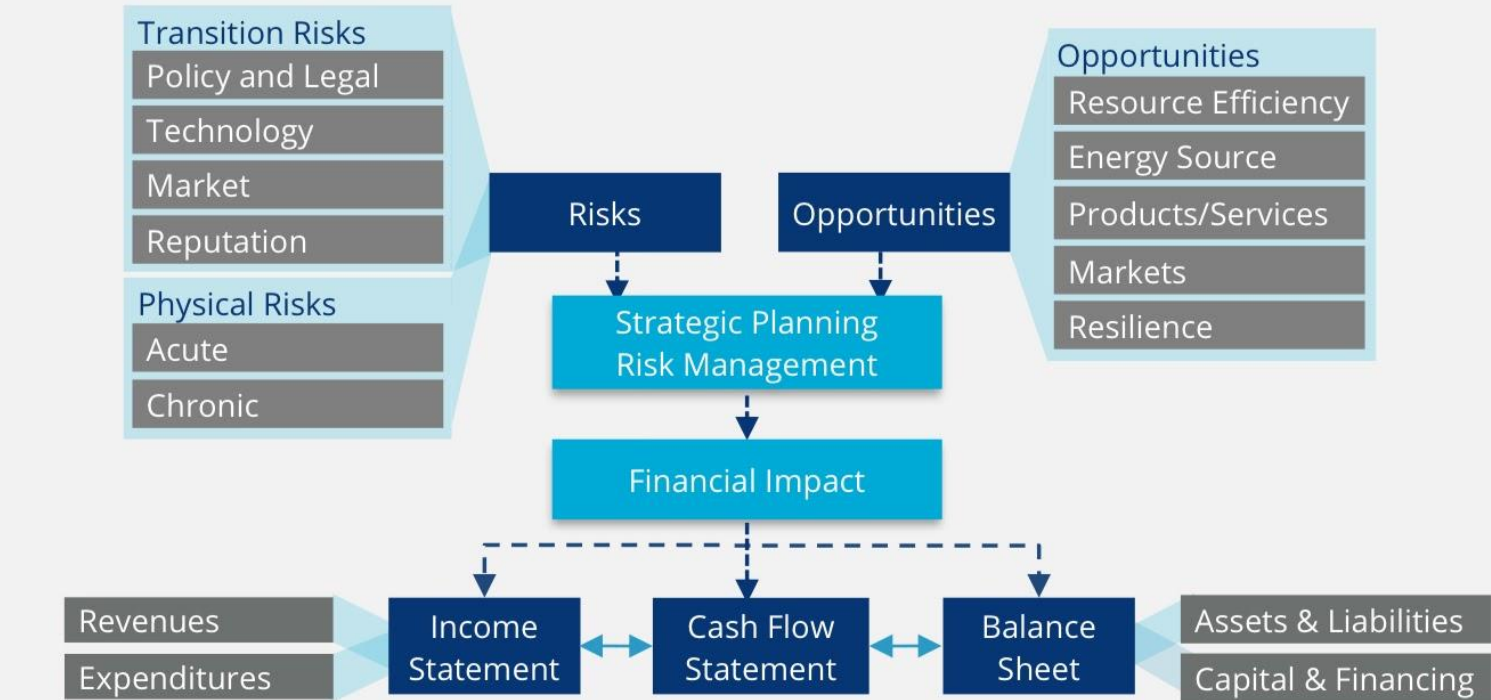


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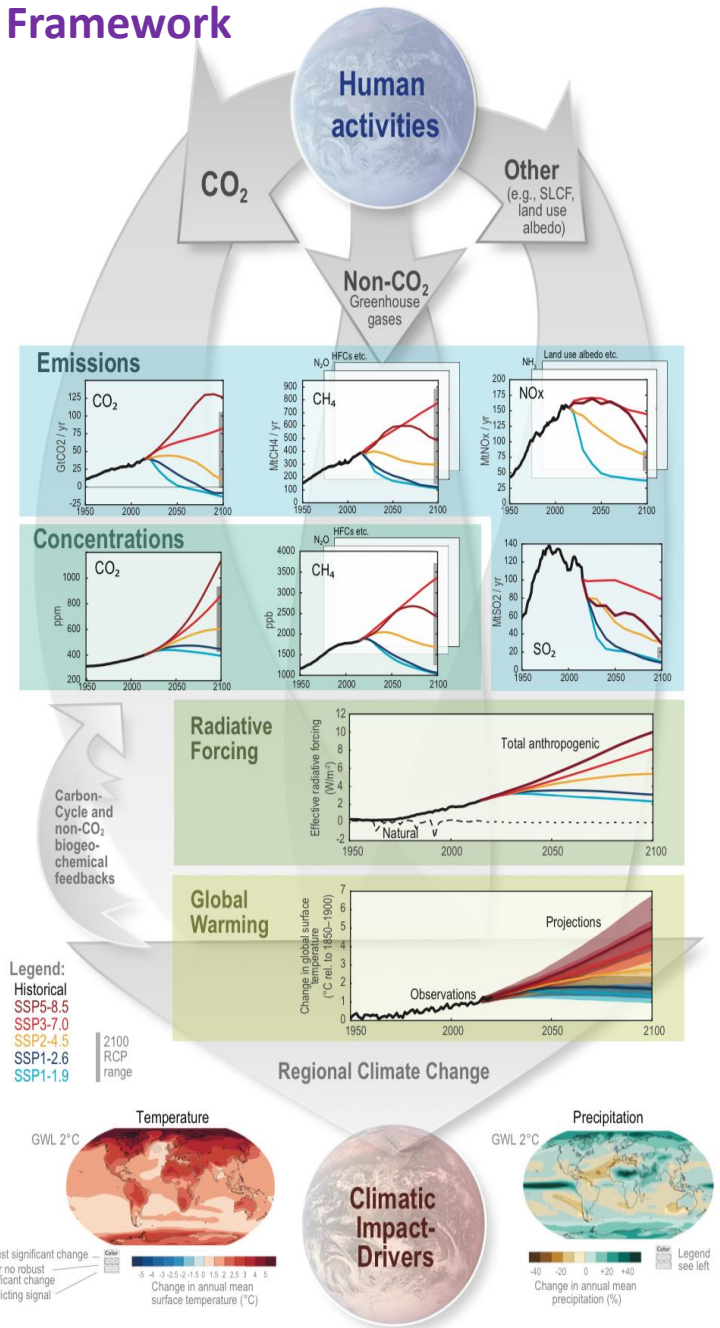


TFCD's Climate Related Financial Disclosures and IPCC's Climate Change Casual Relationships Risk and Hazard Management: Need for *Proactive and Upfront Screening and Scoping* of Scenarios, Impacts, Linkages, Risks and Opportunities

Figure 1
Climate-Related Risks, Opportunities, and Financial Impact

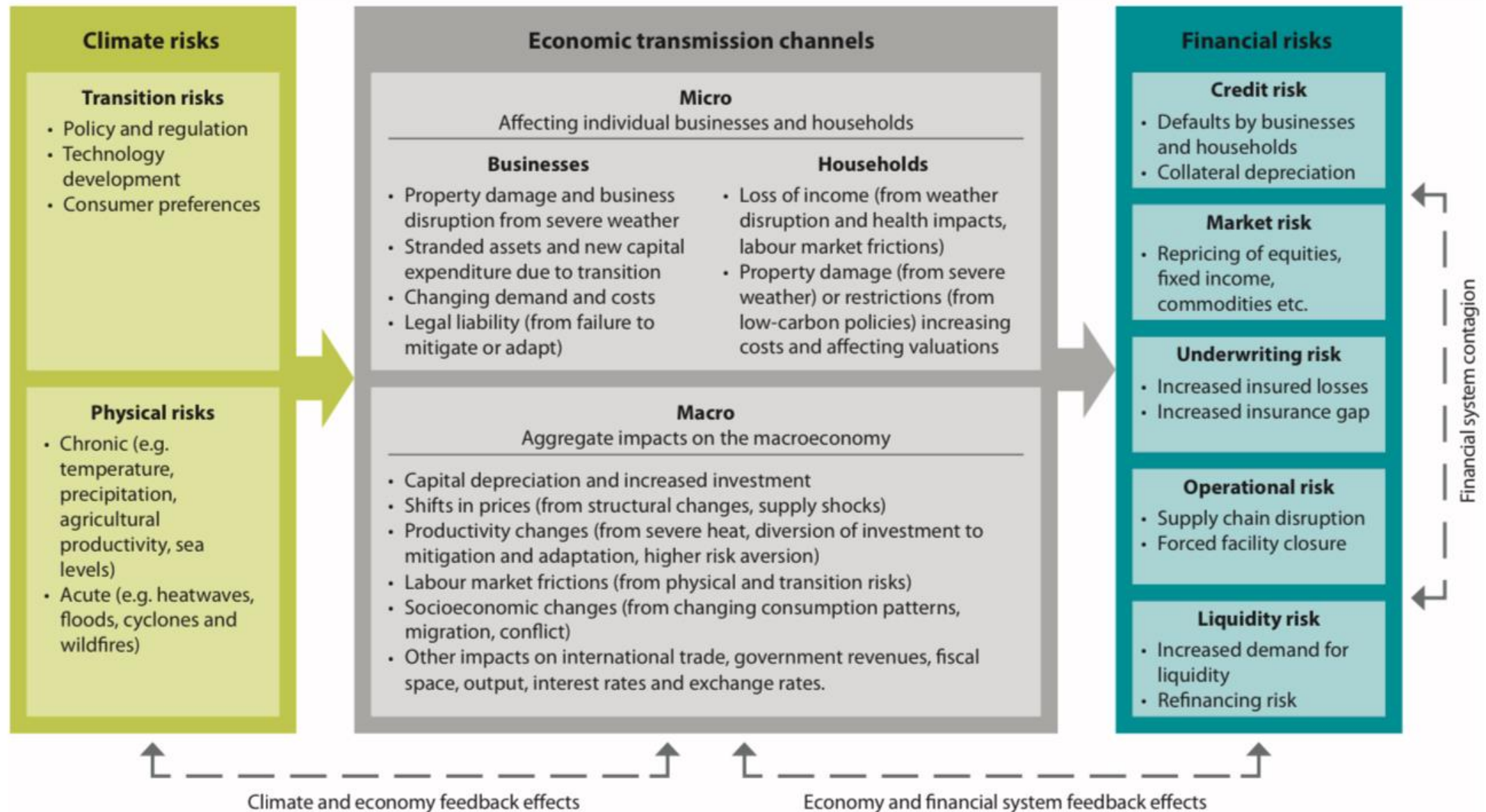


IPCC's Climate Change Cause-Effects Framework



Transmission channels

Climate risks to financial risks



Climate Change and Sustainable Finance

Threats and Challenges based on International Experiences

Three Major Threats

- Threat of “Greenwashing”
- Threat of Misallocation of Capital to Ineffective and/or Inefficient Technologies and Projects
- Threat of Information Overload, Misinformation and Digression

Three Major Challenges

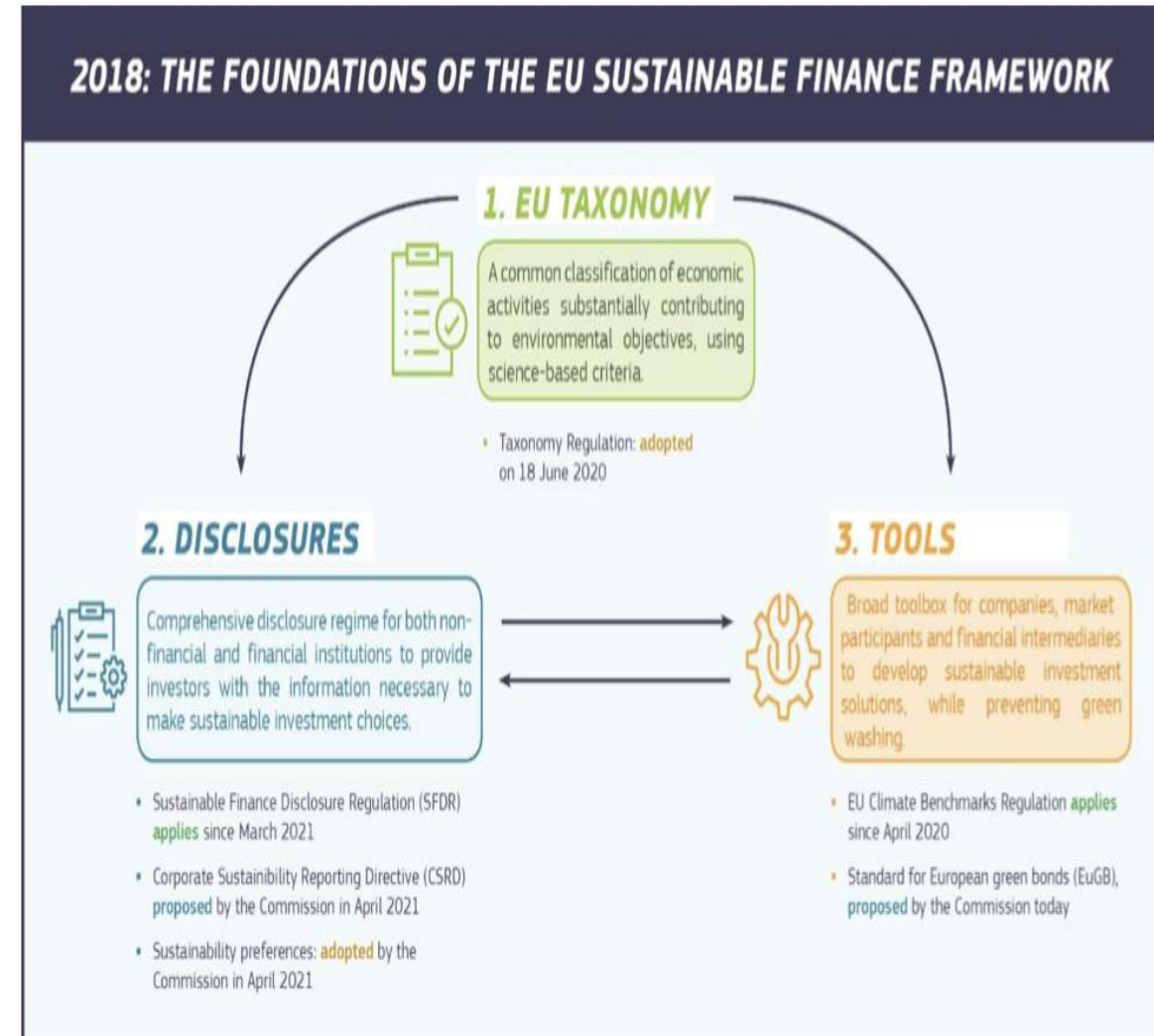
- Challenge of Climate Change Scenario and Risk Analysis and Management
- Challenge of Scope 3 Carbon/Environmental Footprint
- Challenge of Verifying Claims, Monitoring, Tracking and Adaptive Management

1. What is a green investment (taxonomy issue) ? EU Sustainable Finance Framework

UNEP's First Attempt in 2016 on Taxonomy on Green Investment



Fig.1 Environmental Scope of Green Finance (G20, 2016; UNEP)



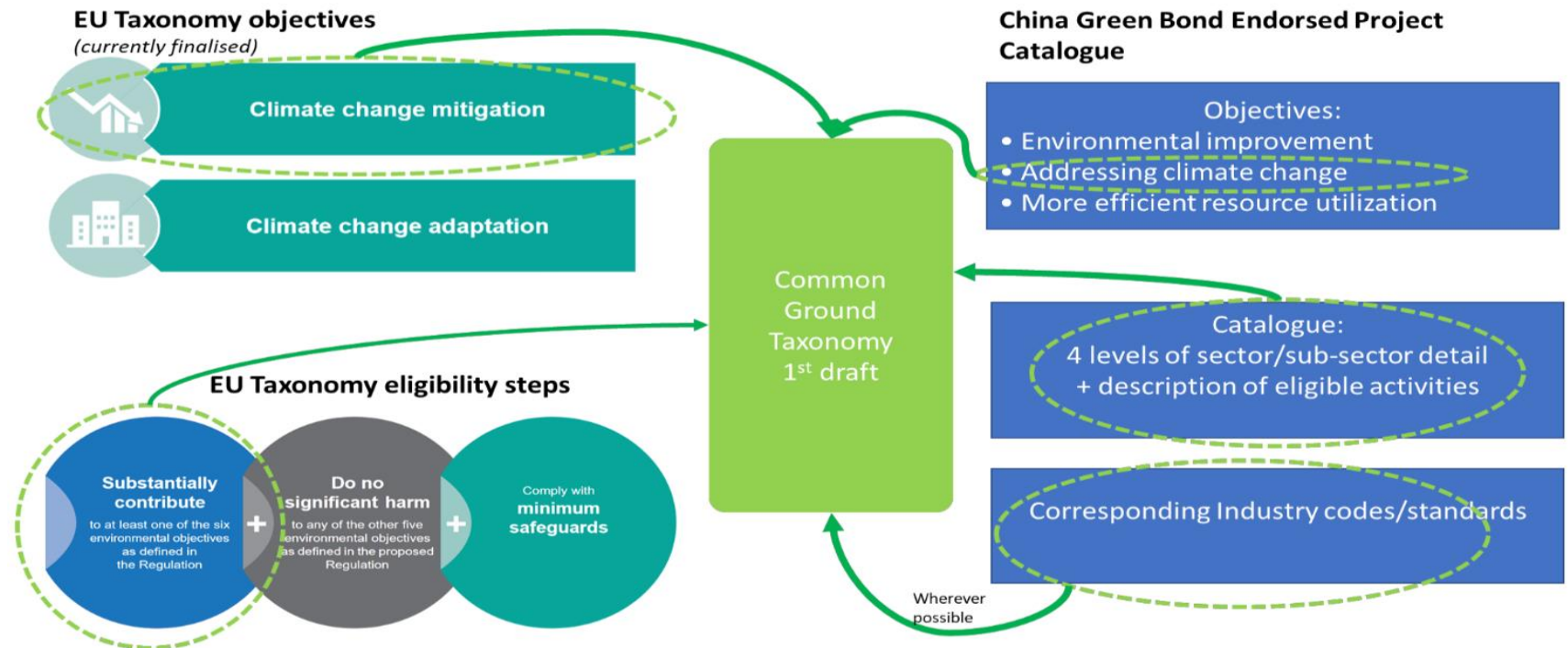
What is a Green investment ?

EU Taxonomy on Sustainable Finance



Unsettled Issues

- Fossil gas
- Nuclear



Applying the taxonomy, is gasification technology a *green* or *grey* investment ?



Credit: Enkern
Enkern's plant in Edmonton, Alberta, makes ethanol from municipal waste.

This gasification plant is in operation

Trash to treasure

More than a dozen gasification projects seek to turn waste into energy, fuels, and chemicals.

COMPANY	PROJECT LOCATION	COMPLETION DATE	OUTPUT	FEEDSTOCK
Aries Clean Energy	Lebanon, Tennessee	2016	Electricity and biochar	Sludge and woody biomass
	Linden, New Jersey	2020	Electricity and biochar	Sludge
	Lost Hills, California	2021	Electricity and biochar	Agricultural biomass
Enkern	Edmonton, Alberta	2017	Ethanol	Municipal waste
	Minneapolis	TBD	Ethanol	Municipal waste
	Tarragona, Spain	TBD ^a	Methanol	Household and industrial waste
	China	100 facilities by 2035 ^b	Methanol and/or ethanol	Noncompostable, nonrecyclable waste
	Rotterdam, Netherlands	TBD ^c	Methanol	Noncompostable, nonrecyclable waste, including plastics
	Varenes, Quebec	TBD	Methanol and/or ethanol	Noncompostable, nonrecyclable waste and biomass
Envergent Technologies	Undisclosed	TBD ^d	Fuel oil, gasoline, and diesel	Woody biomass
Fulcrum BioEnergy	McCarran, Nevada	2020	Synthetic crude for fuel	Household garbage
	Gary, Indiana	2022	Renewable crude, jet fuel, and diesel	Household garbage
Red Rock Biofuels	Lakeview, Oregon	2020	Naphtha, jet fuel, and diesel	Woody biomass
Sierra Energy	Monterey, California	2018	Electricity and diesel	Municipal waste
Total	Dunkerque, France	2020 ^e	Jet fuel and diesel	Woody biomass
Velocys	Immingham, England	mid-2020s ^f	Jet fuel and diesel	Household and office waste
	Natchez, Mississippi	2024	Jet fuel and gasoline	Woody biomass

Sources: Companies. Notes: TBD means to be determined. List is not comprehensive. a In partnership with Suez. b License deal with Sinobioway Group. c In partnership with Air Liquide, Nouryon, Shell, and Port of Rotterdam. d A joint venture between Ensyn and Honeywell UOP. Production via pyrolysis. e In partnership with Avril, Axens, the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), IFP Energies nouvelles, and Thyssenkrupp Industrial Solutions. f In partnership with British Airways and Shell.

High costs and technology challenges have doomed six gasification projects since 2011.

COMPANY	PROJECT LOCATION	YEAR CANCELED	GOAL
Air Products and Chemicals	Teesside, England	2016	Energy from municipal waste
Choren Industrietechnik	Freiberg, Germany	2011	Electricity and diesel from woody biomass
Göteborg Energi	Göteborg, Sweden	2018	Synthetic natural gas from woody biomass
KiOR	Columbus, Mississippi	2014	Gasoline, diesel, and heating oil from woody biomass
Range Fuels	Soperton, Georgia	2011	Methanol from woody biomass
Sundrop Fuels	Alexandria, Louisiana	2017	Gasoline from woody biomass and natural gas

Sources: Companies, C&EN research



Members of the delegation received a briefing on the operation of APP's pilot plasma gasification plant

Government and Legislative Council Joint Visit to UK waste to energy facilities in 2014 including gasification technologies

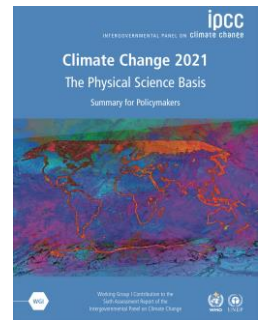
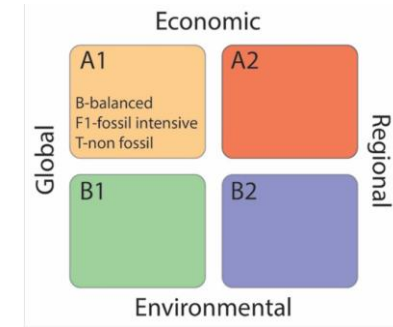
Air Products Tees Valley Site – December 2013



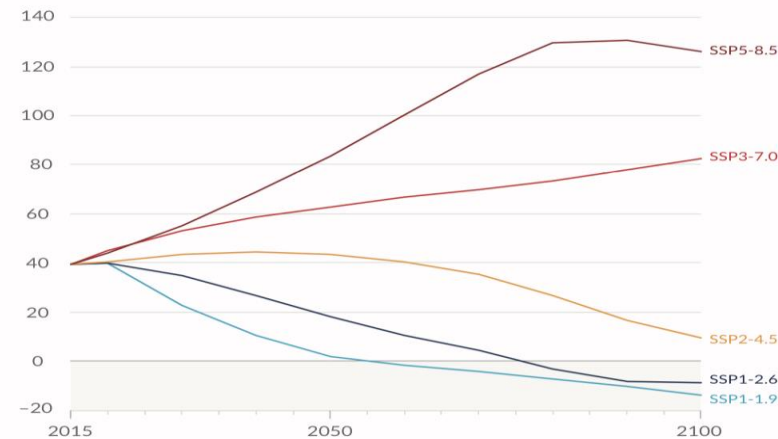
Aerial view of Air Products' waste-to-energy facilities in Teesside

This gasification project was cancelled in 2016

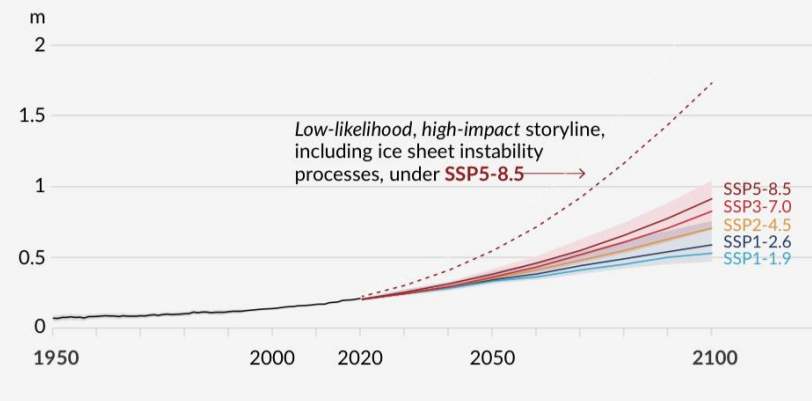
2. Scenario Analysis Issue : IPCC Five Illustrative Socio-economic Pathway Scenarios: What do these scenarios mean to you ?



Carbon dioxide (GtCO₂/yr)



d) Global mean sea level change relative to 1900



[Cross-Chapter Box 2.3, 4.3, 4.4, Cross-Chapter Box 13.1]

Scenario	Near term, 2021–2040		Mid-term, 2041–2060		Long term, 2081–2100	
	Best estimate (°C)	Very likely range (°C)	Best estimate (°C)	Very likely range (°C)	Best estimate (°C)	Very likely range (°C)
SSP1-1.9	1.5	1.2 to 1.7	1.6	1.2 to 2.0	1.4	1.0 to 1.8
SSP1-2.6	1.5	1.2 to 1.8	1.7	1.3 to 2.2	1.8	1.3 to 2.4
SSP2-4.5	1.5	1.2 to 1.8	2.0	1.6 to 2.5	2.7	2.1 to 3.5
SSP3-7.0	1.5	1.2 to 1.8	2.1	1.7 to 2.6	3.6	2.8 to 4.6
SSP5-8.5	1.6	1.3 to 1.9	2.4	1.9 to 3.0	4.4	3.3 to 5.7

SSP5-8.5

- Shared socio economic pathway scenario with radiative force 8.5 Wm⁻²
- High energy consumption lifestyle
- High fossil fuel usage
- Low cooperation on funds and technologies

Basically **BUSINESSES AS USUAL**

SSP1-1.9

- Shared socio economic pathway scenario with radiative force 1.9 Wm⁻²
- Very low energy consumption lifestyle
- Near zero fossil fuel usage
- Full cooperation on funds and technologies

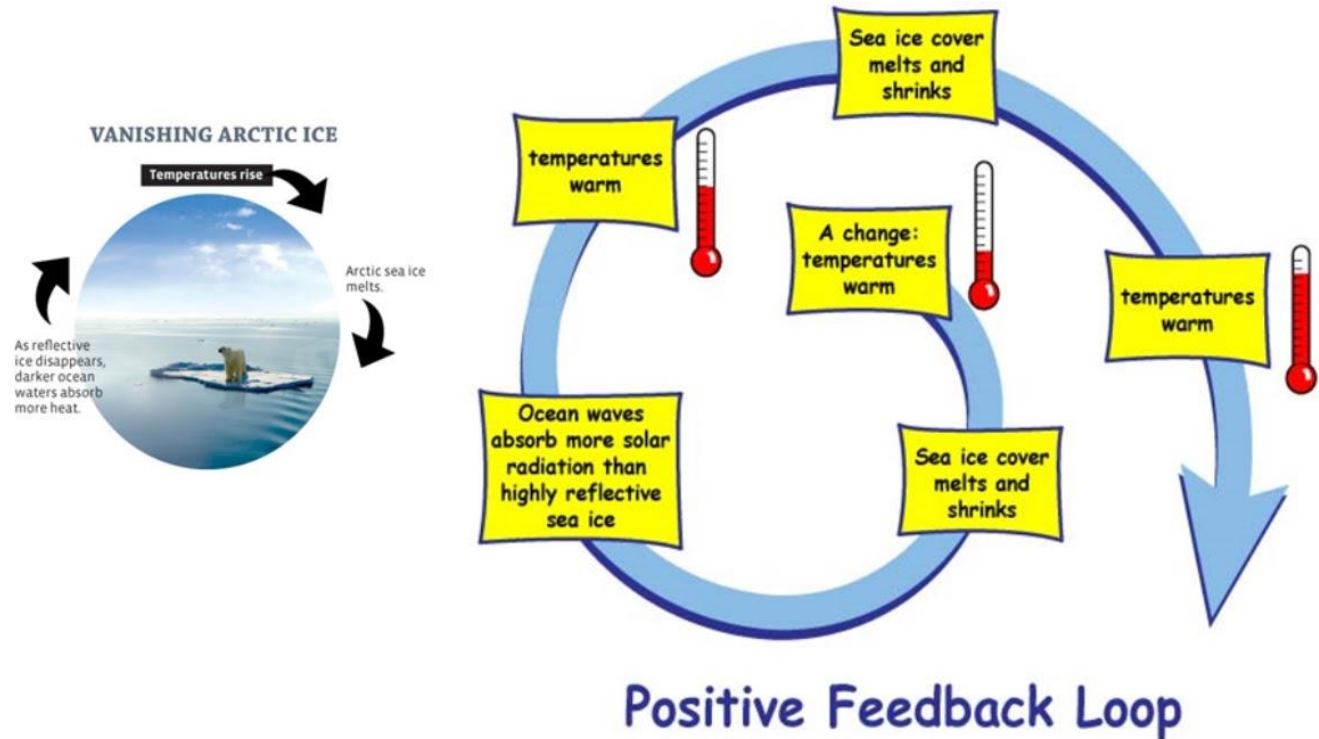
DRACONIAN/FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT

Ice Sheet Instability: Climate Feedback Processes and Mechanisms

What is climate feedback ?

processes that can either amplify or diminish the effects of climate forcings. A feedback that increases an initial warming is called a "positive feedback." A feedback that reduces an initial warming is a "negative feedback."

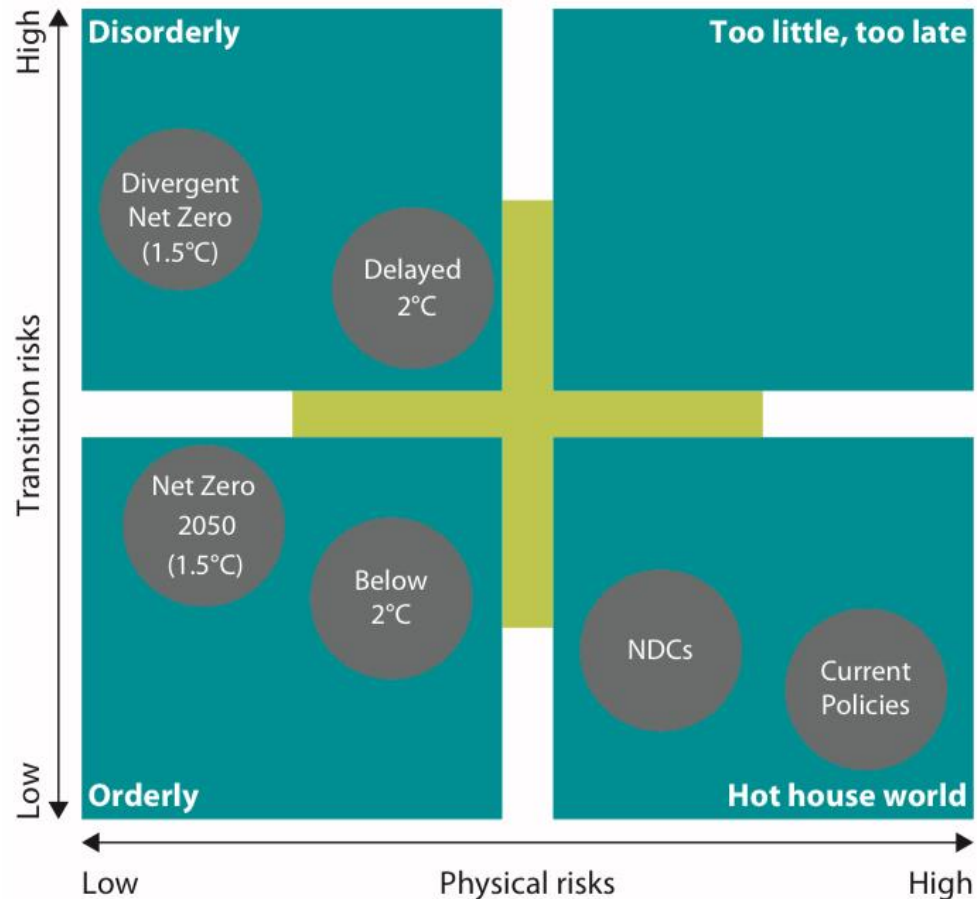
A +ve feedback self perpetuating and accelerating feedback loop



Source: Climate Emergency Institute



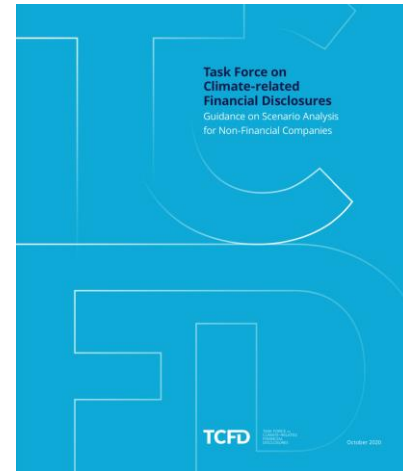
NGFS scenarios framework



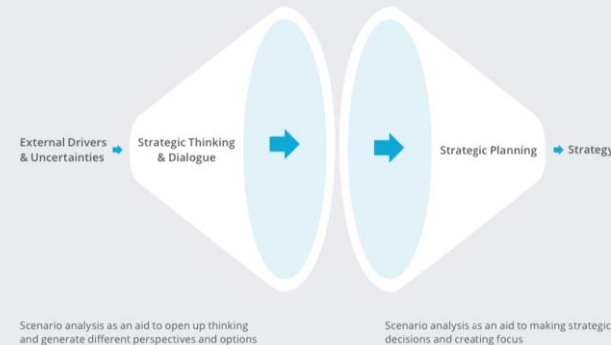
"No matter how well we prepare ourselves, when the imagined future becomes the very real present, it never fails to surprise."

– Alan AtKisson, *Believing Cassandra*

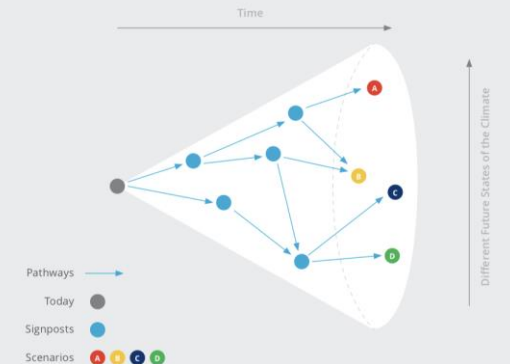
STEEP Model of Driving Forces



The Role of Scenarios in the Strategic Management Process



Scenario Signposts



Scenario Analysis for Central Bankers

Scenarios at a glance

Scenarios are characterised by their overall level of physical and transition risk. This is driven by the level of policy ambition, policy timing, coordination and technology levers.

Category	Scenario	Physical risk		Transition risk		
		Policy ambition	Policy reaction	Technology change	Carbon dioxide removal ⁻	Regional policy variation ⁺
Orderly	Net Zero 2050	1.4°C	Immediate and smooth	Fast change	Medium-high use	Medium variation
	Below 2°C	1.6°C	Immediate and smooth	Moderate change	Medium-high use	Low variation
Disorderly	Divergent Net Zero	1.4°C	Immediate but divergent across sectors	Fast change	Low-medium use	Medium variation
	Delayed Transition	1.6 °C	Delayed	Slow / Fast change	Low-medium use	High variation
Hot house world	Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)	2.6°C	NDCs	Slow change	Low-medium use	Medium variation
	Current Policies	3°C +	Non-currente policies	Slow change	Low use	Low variation

Colour coding indicates whether the characteristic makes the scenario more or less severe from a macro-financial risk perspective[^]

- Lower risk
- Moderate risk
- Higher risk

Hong Kong's Recent Scenario Planning for Climate Change Induced Flooding

(based on medium GHG concentration scenario: Is this adequate ?)

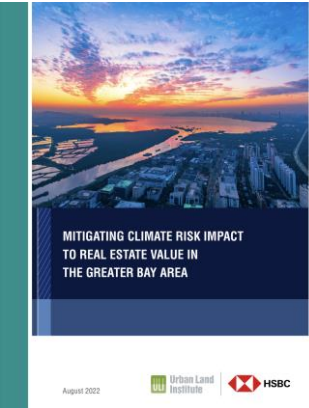


Diagram 2-1: Representation of Climate Change Projections in terms of SLR

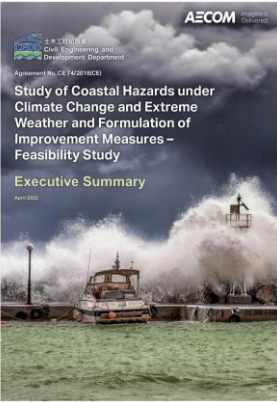
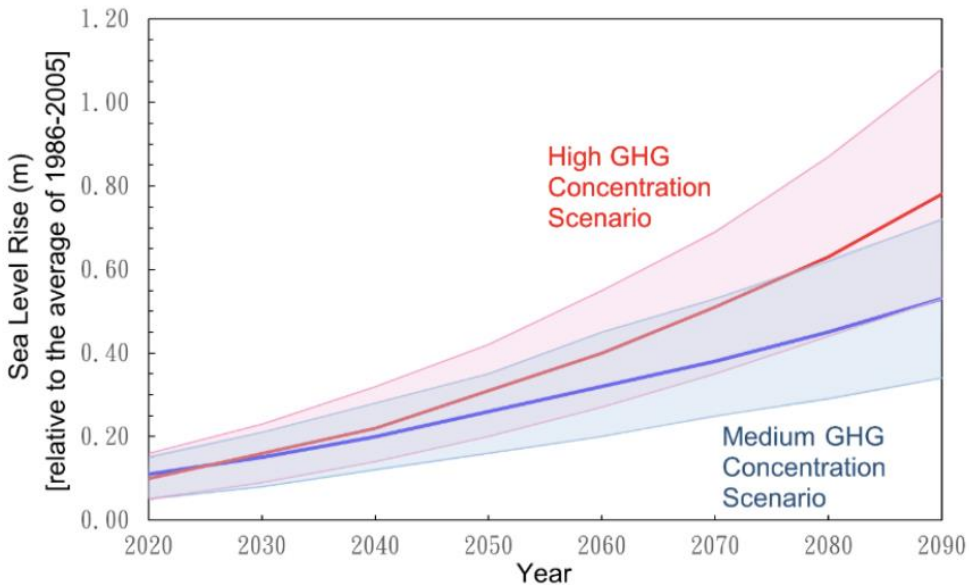
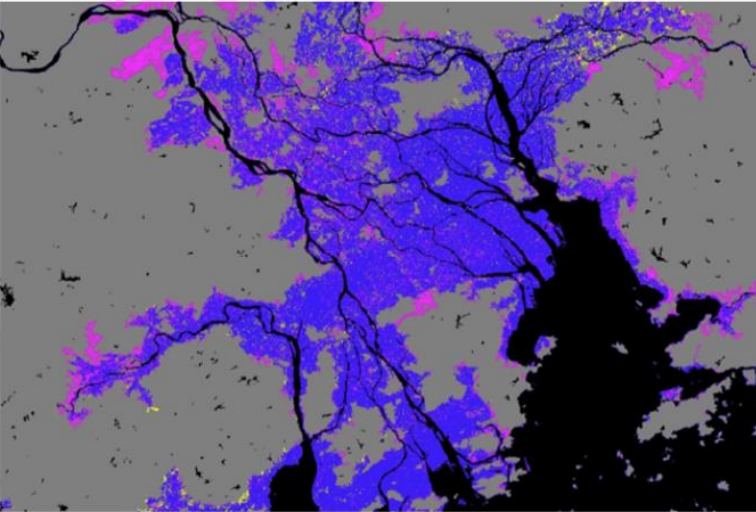
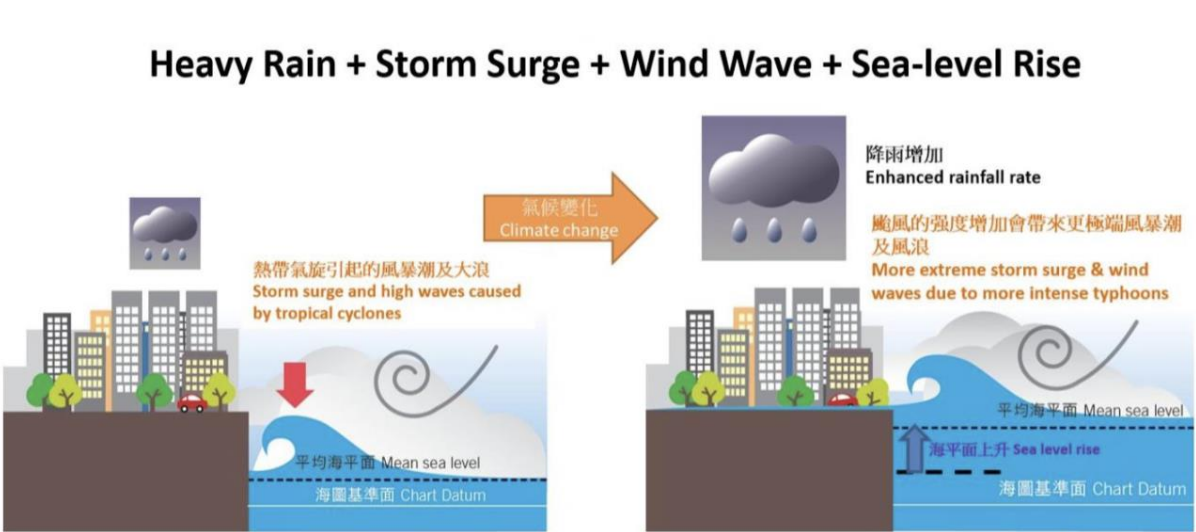


FIGURE 2 Sea-Level Rise Projections for the Pearl River Delta



Source: Scott A. Kulp and Benjamin A. Strauss, "New elevation data triple estimates of global vulnerability to sea-level rise and coastal flooding," *Nature Communications* 10 (2019).

Reference: The Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



Climate Scenario Analysis

The Climate Crisis

A Guide for Local Authorities on
Planning for Climate Change



- “**Reasonable worst-case scenarios** should be drawn up from climate impact data: Local authorities are confronted by a wide range of climate impact data, which is often expressed as probabilistic outcomes depending on future carbon emissions trajectories. This can be bewildering and very hard to communicate to the public. Environment agencies provide advice on the handling of factors such as climate change (flood risk) allowances. Local authorities may wish to consider the development of reasonable worse-case scenarios as a means of considering local climate impacts based on this data. This can be a useful way of understanding the need for new policy responses and engaging communities in a meaningful debate about their future. In practice this means always acting within the science set out by government in, for example, the UK Climate Projections and the latest UK Climate Risk Assessment. It then means that local planning authorities should consider using ‘**credible maximum climate change scenarios such as ‘High++’** when considering particularly vulnerable locations or sensitive development.” (The Climate Crisis pg 32)

3. Scope 3 Emission Issue: true and full impacts; not easy, but if there is a will, there is a way !



- ISO 14064-1: 2006** **Mandatory**
- Scope 1 - Direct GHG emissions and removals
 - Scope 2 - Energy indirect GHG emissions
 - Scope 3 - Other indirect GHG emissions
- ISO 14064-1: 2018** **Optional**
- Scope 1 → Category 1
 - Scope 2 → Category 2
 - Scope 3 → Categories 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Mandatory if significant**



Figure 2-1. Overview of GHG Protocol scopes and emissions across the value chain

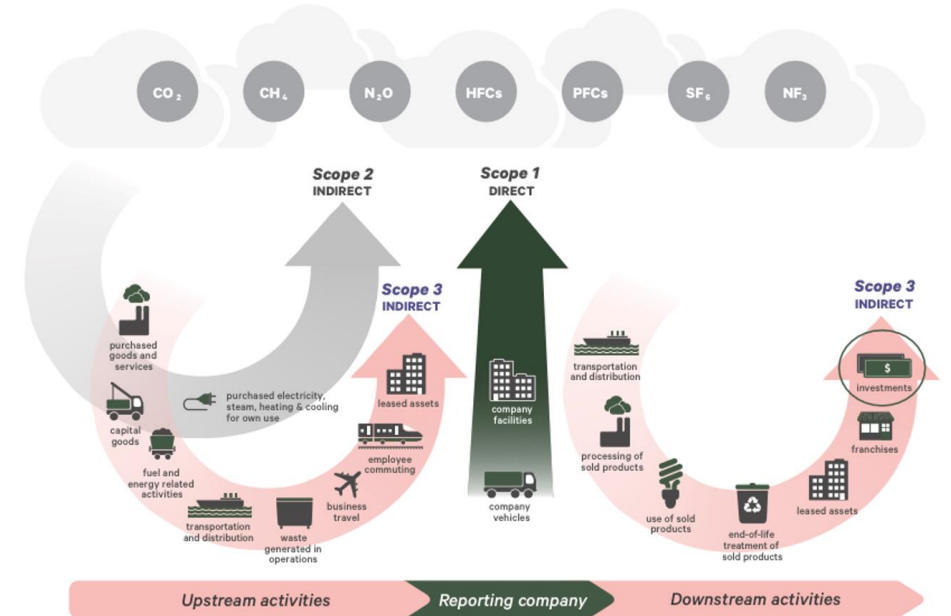


Figure 1-1. Measuring financed emissions as the foundation for other initiatives



Source: (PCAF, 2020)

Table [5.3] List of scope 3 categories

Upstream or downstream	Scope 3 category
Upstream scope 3 emissions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchased goods and services 2. Capital goods 3. Fuel- and energy-related activities (not included in scope 1 or scope 2) 4. Upstream transportation and distribution 5. Waste generated in operations 6. Business travel 7. Employee commuting 8. Upstream leased assets
Downstream scope 3 emissions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Downstream transportation and distribution 10. Processing of sold products 11. Use of sold products 12. End-of-life treatment of sold products 13. Downstream leased assets 14. Franchises 15. Investments



Figure [1.1] Different data types used for different calculation methods

Calculation Method	Product life cycle stages	Notes on data used
	All other upstream emissions from production of product	Supplier's scope 1 & 2 emissions
Supplier-specific method	Supplier-specific data	Supplier-specific data
Hybrid method	Supplier-specific data or average data, or a combination of both	Supplier-specific data
Average-data method	Average data	Average data
Spend-based method	Average data	Average data

Notes on data used:

- All data is specific to the supplier's product
- Scope 1 & 2 data specific to supplier's product, all other upstream emissions either supplier specific or average
- All emissions are based on secondary process data
- All emissions are based on secondary EEIO data

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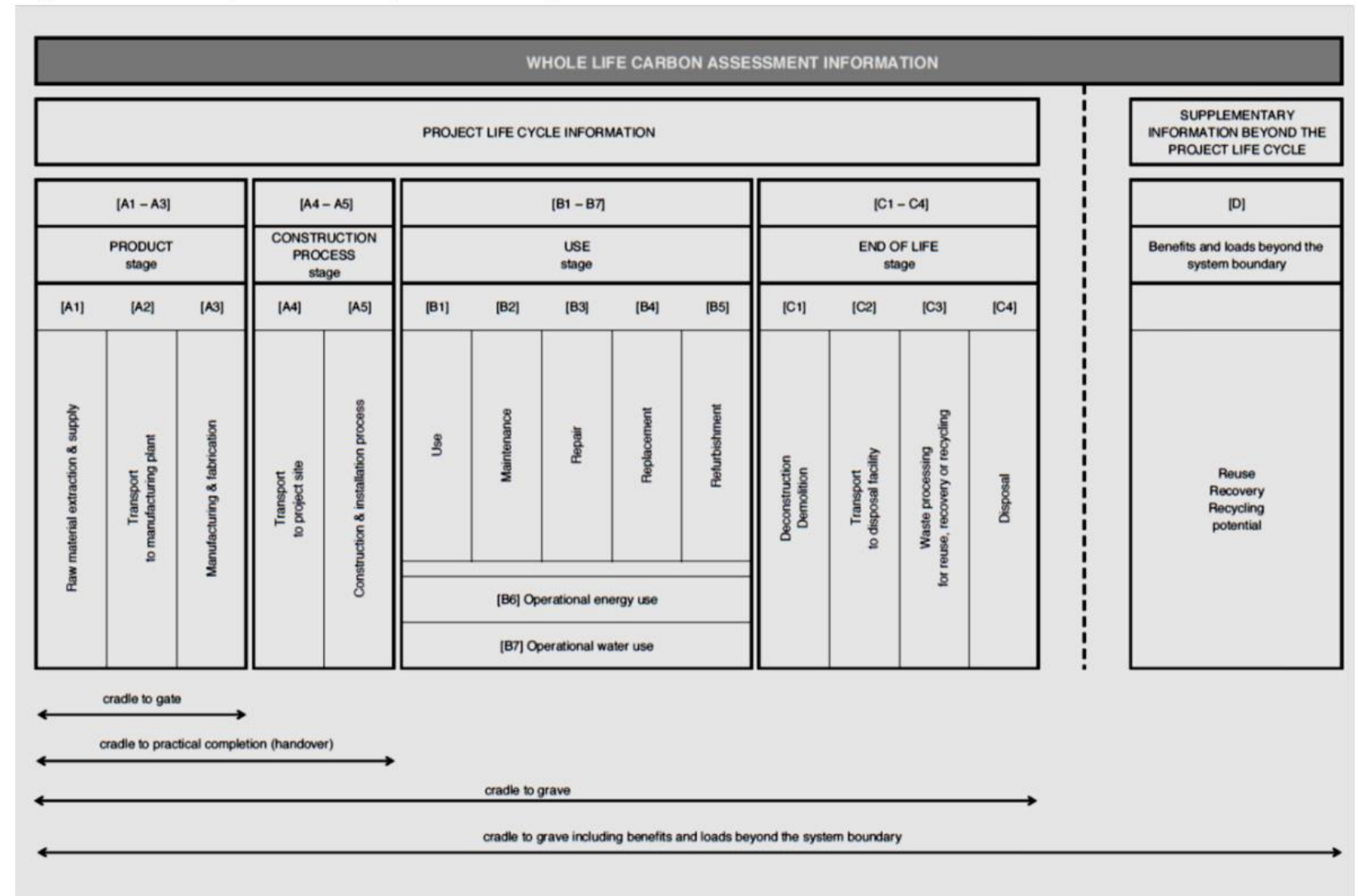
London Plan Guidance

Whole Life-Cycle Carbon Assessments

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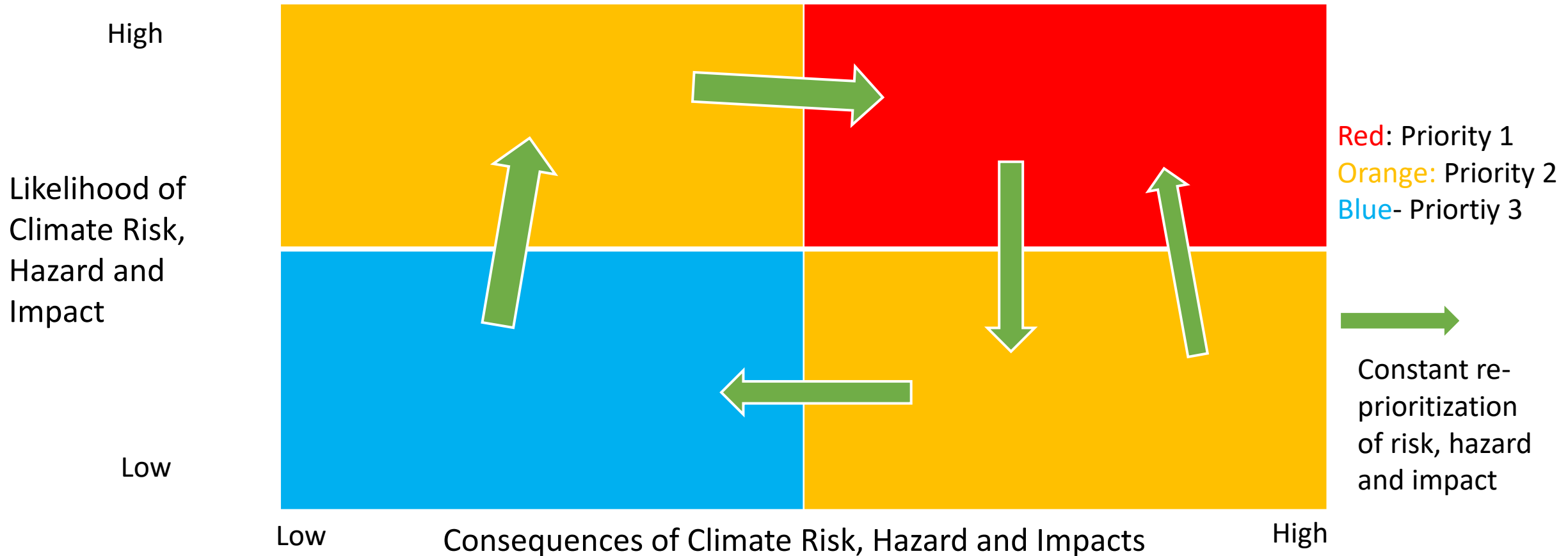
Whole Life-Cycle Carbon Assessments – London Plan Guidance

Figure 2.1 Life-cycle modules (BS EN 15978)



Practical Tip on Managing Risk and Hazard from Personal Experiences over the Past 37 years :

- (a) Upfront & Proactive *Screening and Scoping* of Risk and Hazards and Constant Prioritisation and Re-prioritization of risks and hazards
- (b) Making Hidden Assumptions Explicit for Flexible and Adaptive Management
- (c) Plan for reasonable worst cases, have an emergency plan for worst worst case, but **ACT NOW** on commonalities and preventive measures



Remarks by UN Secretary General on Closing of UNFCCC COP 27 in Egypt

“The world still needs a giant leap on climate ambition”

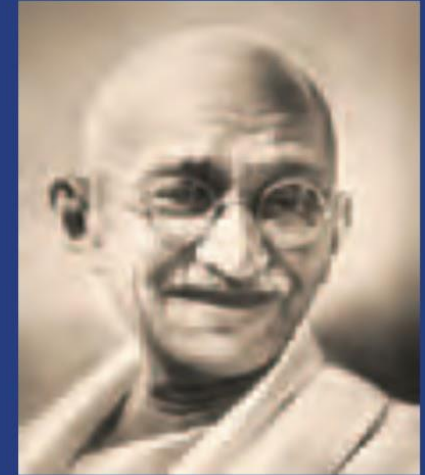
“The red line we must not cross is the line that takes our planet over the 1.5 degree temperature limit.”

“We can and must win this battle for our lives.”

United Nation Secretary-General
Antonio Guterres
20 November 2022

Concluding Remarks

- ✓ Be a proactive and innovative manager to channel and manage funds to deal with climate change
- ✓ Be a climate change leader and enabler for our sustainable world !



*The difference between what we do
and what we are capable of doing
would suffice to solve
most of the world's problems.*

–Mahatma Gandhi

Thank you !

