

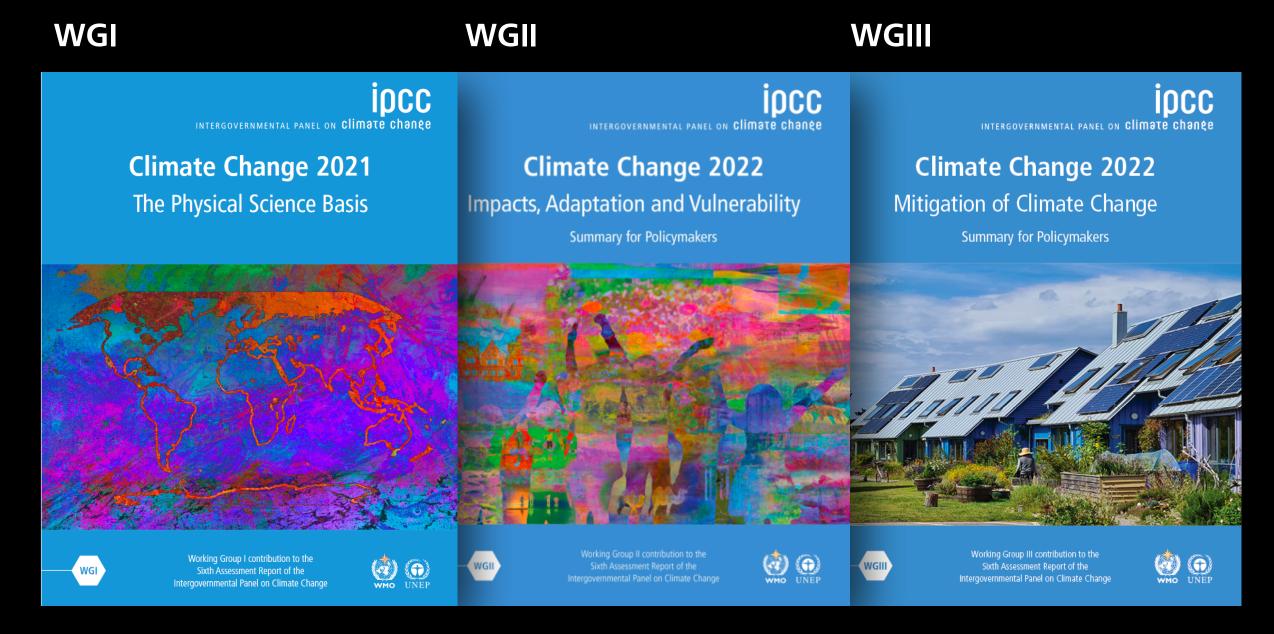
Synthesis Report

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The State of Knowledge about Climate Change



AR6 Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis

Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change

Special Report



Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate

Climate Change and Land

Global Warming of 1.5 °C



The warning

Pace and scale of climate action are insufficient to tackle climate change



Adverse impacts from human-caused change will intensify

Water scarcity and food production









Health and wellbeing









Cities, settlements and infrastructure









Ecosystem structure, species range shifts and changes in timing

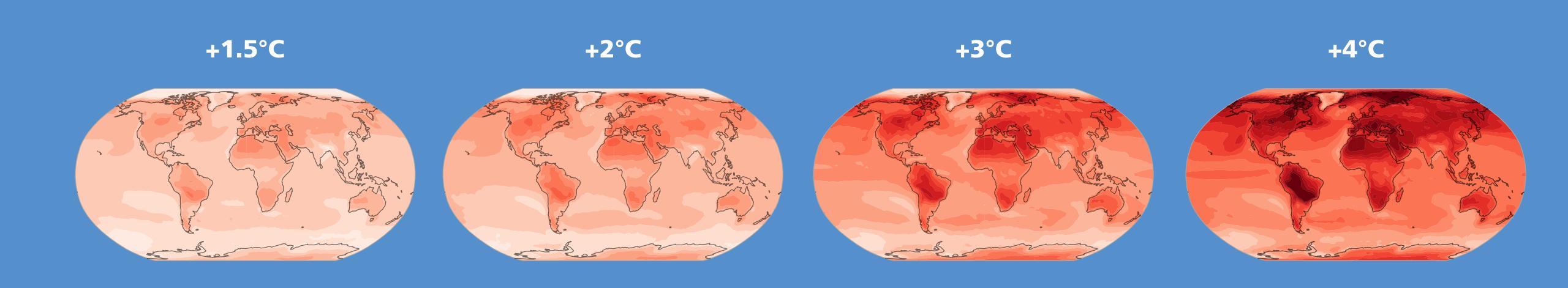








Extremes become more widespread and pronounced with every increment of warming





The hope



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Mainstreaming effective and equitable climate action now will reduce losses and damages for nature and people.

Climate action provides co-benefits.

Multiple, feasible and effective options are available to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to human-caused climate change.



The challenge

- Cut emissions quickly, sharply to create a safer, sustainable world
- Scale up practices and infrastructure to enhance resilience
- Cut global GHG emissions by nearly half by 2030
- Action required along numerous dimensions



The path forward is clear

Tried and tested options available now

Need to be designed for diverse contexts

Need to be scaled up and applied widely



Fairness is one of the solutions

- Those who contributed the least to climate change are often the most vulnerable to its impacts.
- Millions exposed to acute food insecurity, reduced water security.
- Biggest impacts in parts of Africa, Asia,
 Central/South America, LDCs, Small Islands,
 Arctic.
- People in highly vulnerable areas up to 15x more likely to die in floods, droughts, storms (compared to those in in most resilient areas)



Increased financing for climate action

- 3-6 times the current climate investment
- But there is enough global financing to rapidly reduce emissions
- Developing countries require external funding to meet adaptation needs
- Options are available to scale up financing



The way forward:

Climate-resilient development

Integrating measures to adapt to climate change with actions to reduce emissions in ways that provide wider benefits:

- Improving peoples' health and livelihoods
- Reducing poverty and hunger
- Clean energy, water and air



Enablers for effective climate action

Political commitment

Inclusive governance

International cooperation

Effective ecosystem stewardship

Sharing of diverse knowledge



Human factors also enable action

