

### **Emissions Gap Report 2019**

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### Emissions Gap Report 2019 – Launch







# Secretary-General's remarks at the opening ceremony of UN Climate Change Conference COP25 in Madrid



### **UN SG Antonio Guterres on the Emission Gap Report**





### Emissions Gap Report 2019 – **TOP KEY MESSAGES**





"NDC ambitions need to be increased substantially in 2020."

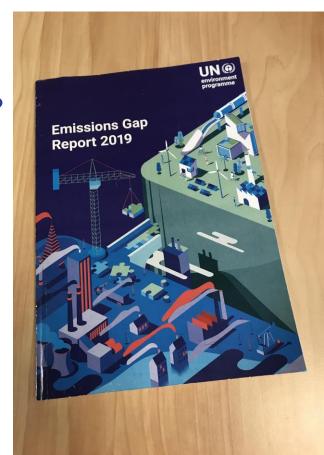
"By 2030, emissions need to be 55 % lower than in 2018, to put the world on track to limiting global warming to 1.5°C."



### Emissions Gap Report 2019 - Main Questions

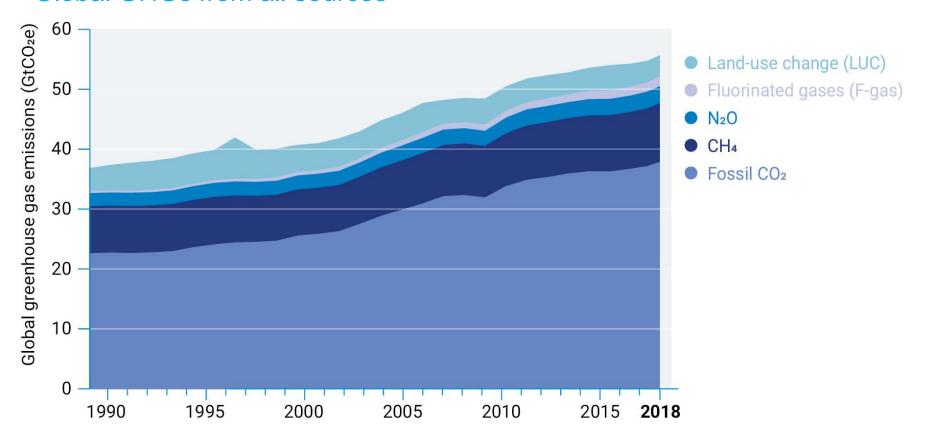


- What is the trend in global GHG emissions?
- Are countries on track to meet their NDC targets?
- What will the current NDCs contribute?
- Will this be sufficient to stay well below 2°C and pursue 1.5°C?
- Can the 2030 Gap be bridged and how?



### Trends in global greenhouse gases in the last decade

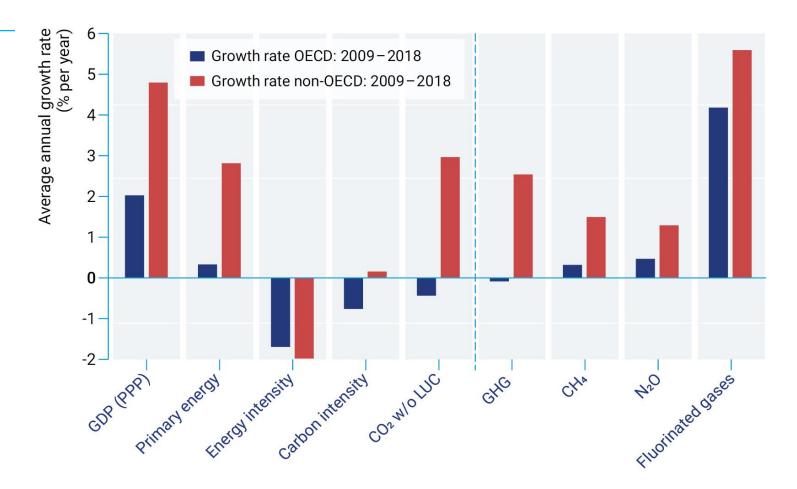
#### Global GHGs from all sources



Source: Olivier and Peters (2019), Houghton and Nassikas (2017) for land-use change emissions, and Friedlingstein *et al.* (2019) for updates from 2016 to 2018



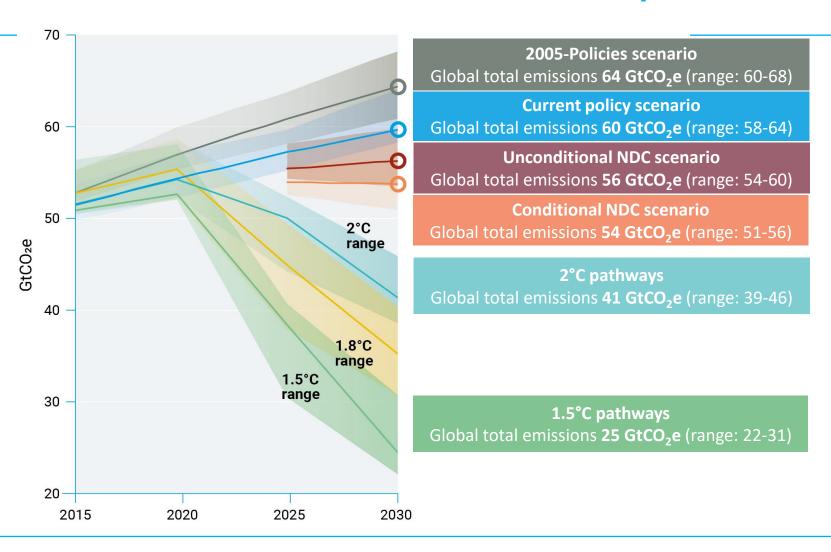
### Are countries on track to meet their NDC targets? Average annual growth rates of key drivers of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (2009-2018)



# Are countries on track to meet their NDC targets? Progress towards achieving NDC commitments: G20 countries

	Projected to meet the unconditional NDC target with currently implemented policies  Overachievement of the target by more than 15 per cent, suggesting a weak target		Expected to meet the unconditional NDC target with additional policy measures and/or stricter enforcement of existing policies  Projected emissions 0-15 per cent above the NDC target  Projected emissions 15 per cent or more above the NDC target		Uncertain or insufficient information
	<ul> <li>India (6 of 6 studies)</li> <li>Russia (3 of 3 studies)<sup>1)</sup></li> <li>Turkey (3 of 3 studies)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>China (3 of 5 studies, one uncertain) <sup>2)</sup></li> <li>EU28 (1 of 3 studies, one uncertain) 1),2),3)</li> <li>Mexico (2 of 3 studies)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Australia (3 of 4 studies) 1)</li> <li>Japan (2 of 3 studies)</li> <li>South Africa (3 of 3 studies) 1), 4)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Brazil (4 of 4 studies)</li> <li>Canada (3 of 3 studies) 1)</li> <li>Republic of Korea (3 of 3 studies)</li> <li>United States of America (2025) (5 of 5 studies) 1)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Argentina         <ul> <li>(1 of 3 studies projected to meet the unconditional NDC; updated NDC in 2016)</li> <li>Indonesia                 (3 studies disagree)</li> <li>Saudi Arabia                 (2 studies disagree)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## What will the current NDCs contribute? NDC contributions and the **Emissions Gap**



### Countries and states committing to zero emission targets

#### Country level Regional level **G20** countries Target categories 71 countries 11 regions 2 G20 members (France, UK) have passed Zero emissions legislation by year x 3 G20 members (EU and Germany and Italy as part of EU1) currently in process of passing legislation 15 G20 members have no binding (net-) zero-emission targets No country No regions **Ambitious** No G20 member has implemented ambitious comprehensive CO2 pricing comprehensive in all sectors, but 9 G20 members have CO<sub>2</sub> pricing in implemented carbon pricing as ETS or all sectors by carbon tax with partial coverage and/or year x<sup>2</sup> lower CO<sub>2</sub> prices (as at August 2019) No country No regions No G20 member has existing reform plans Phase out all to fully phase out all fossil fuel subsidies. fossil fuel subbut the G20 took a decision in 2009 to sidies by year x gradually phase out fossil fuel subsides with an annual peer-review among G20 members No country No regions Make all finance No G20 member has made all finance flows fully aligned with the Paris flows consistent Agreement goals, but the UK has with the Paris published a Green Finance Strategy Agreement goals in 2019 as an example of intermediate by year x

action

### Global decarbonization: Fundamental structural changes are required

- Climate protection and adaptation investments will become a precondition for peace and stability
- Transformation is needed across societies, economies, infrastructures and governance institutions





### Example: Options for transforming the global energy system

- Easy wins available
- Broad policy consensus needed
- Large co-benefits possible
- Leapfrogging potential recognized







### Emissions Gap Report 2019 – Conclusions

- Need to cut over 7 per cent per year until 2030 for the 1.5 °C target
- CO<sub>2</sub> budget for the 2 °C scenario will be close to depletion by 2030
- Need for strong, enhanced ambition
- Opportunities to enhance NDCs and bridge the 2030 emissions gap



Inger Andersen,
UNEP Executive Director:

"Countries simply cannot wait until the end of 2020, when new climate commitments are due, to step up action.

They – and every city, region, business and individual – need to act now!"

### Thank you!



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