



Fiji/Bonn Climate Conference COP23

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Climate Change = Survival, Justice Issue

- Science:
 - We are causing recent climate change, global warming
- Survival Issue:
 - We are seeing bad impacts **NOW**
 - Impacts **FAR WORSE** if we do not act
 - Disasters are made worse due to climate change
- **Justice and Ethics Issue:**
 - Poor and vulnerable - smallest effect on climate change, but are hurt the worst by climate change
 - More humane and cheaper for preventive action now, rather than disaster adaptation by our descendants if we do not act robustly now

Climate Action: Justice and Survival

SDGs - All tied to Climate Action #13



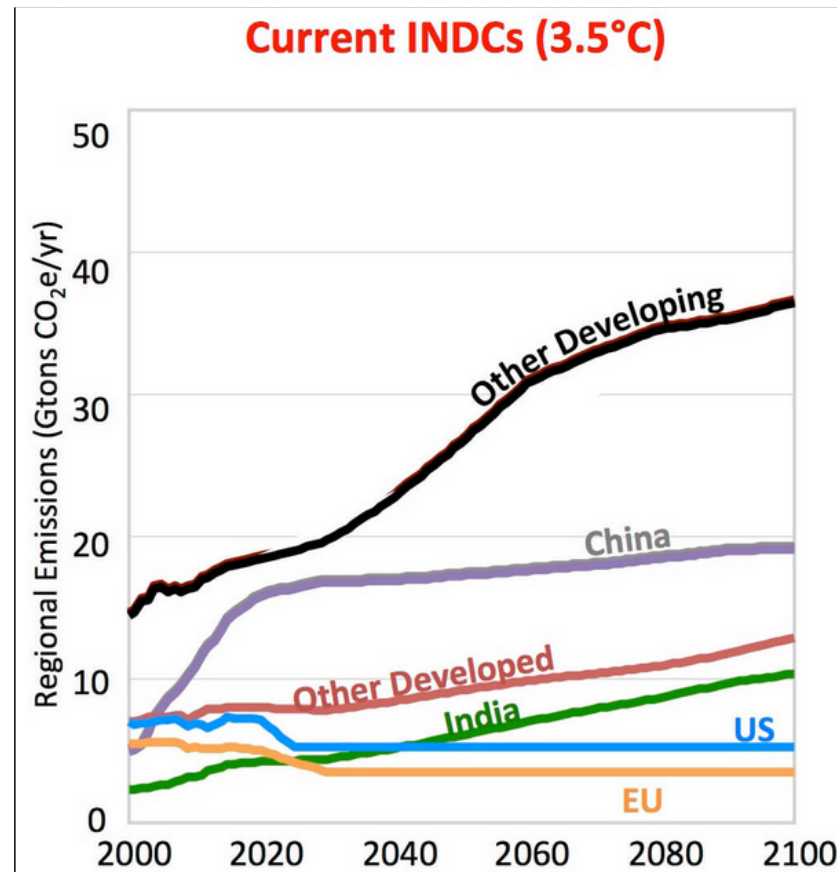
ACTION: We **CAN** mitigate Climate

- **Climate Change Risk Management**
 - Change: All Deliberate Speed to renewables
 - Action: All levels - local to global - needed
 - Individuals, NGOs, businesses (private sector), cities, states, national, *international*

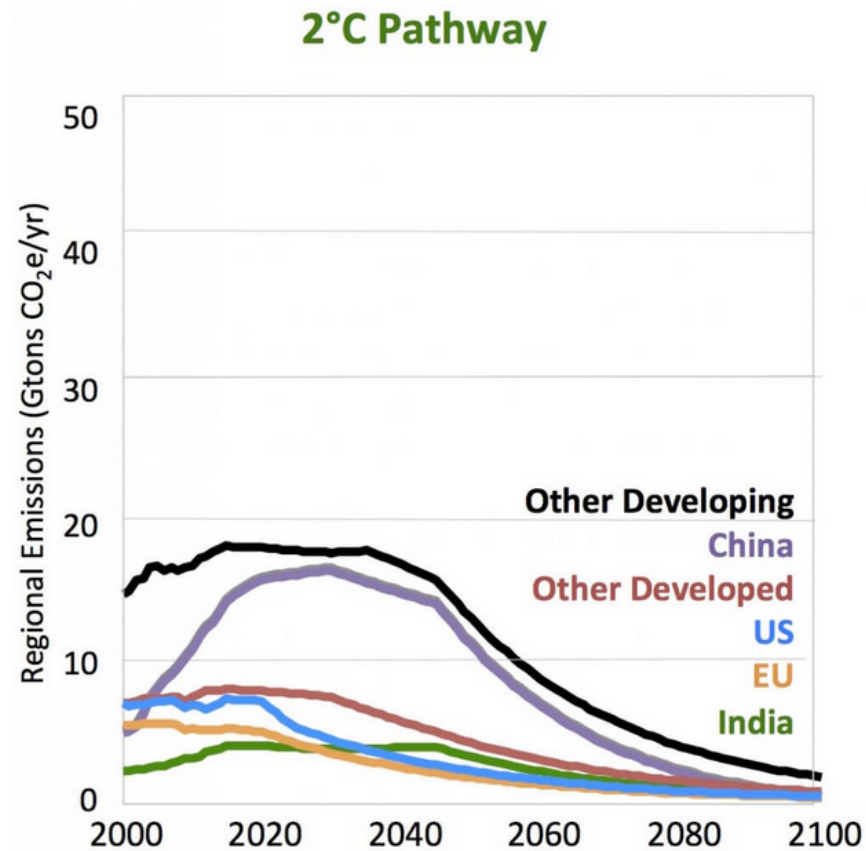
2015 Paris Climate Agreement



Paris NDCs if fulfilled gives +3.5°C by 2100, better than BAU, but FAR above 2°C goal



Emissions all countries – must decrease by 2050 if +2°C in 2100



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UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

SUMMARY

- The Fiji/Bonn 2017 Climate Conference continued along the **long road** toward resolving problems that global warming/ climate change poses for humanity.
- The main problem is staying below the **carbon budget** necessary for a livable world, along with economic development and equity.

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- The objective of **more ambition** is the main conference conclusion.
- While the US federal government is currently mired in an ignorant dinosaur stance, **sub-national US entities** are stepping up vigorously, possibly enough to fulfill the US NDC commitment under the Paris Agreement.

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- Investors are stimulating **business** to calculate climate risk and act to mitigate that risk.
- The concept of **risk management of climate change** in the presence of uncertainties is becoming more understood and accepted.

- The **transition** to a distributed renewable energy economy, necessary for climate change mitigation and with gigantic economic opportunities is: underway, unstoppable, difficult.
- Fossil fuel companies with stranded assets, powerful contrarian ideologues, right-wing media spreading **climate disinformation** are big obstacles.

Climate Politics

- Positive presence of Bloomberg, Brown
 - Unofficial US pavillon (no US govt. pavillon)
 - Trump threat: US out of Paris Agree. in 2020
- Future of International Climate Action
 - Climate leadership - now China, EU
 - India and the energy equity issue
 - Competing national agendas
 - Steady progress is being made
 - Next year's conference COP24 in Poland

Positive: Sub-national US action



Talanoa Dialogue: “make wise decisions for the collective good”

Launch of the Talanoa dialogue



WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **INCREASE OUR CLIMATE ACTION !!**
 - Support climate action by cities, states, businesses, NGOs
 - U.S. Public Opinion – LTE, legislature call/fax...
 - Urge: Paris Agreement goals for YOUR city/state
 - Urge: “Hands off the CPP, EPA, NASA, NOAA”
 - Urge: Price on Carbon (Fee + Dividend)
 - We should be optimistic (there is no alternative)
 - “Somebody else” won’t do it alone
- **You can help**

Thank You

