

Gaps of Climate Governance

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Three gaps

- Mitigation gap
- Climate finance gap
- Coordination gap

The Paris Agreement: goals

The Paris Agreement's goal: To keep a global temperature "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels" and "to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1,5°C"

| | | Emissions reduction compared to 2019 levels, % | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| | | 2030 | 2035 | 2040 | 2050 | | |
| Below 1,5°C (probability >50%) | GHG | 43 [34-60] | 60 [49-77] | 69 [58-90] | 84 [73-98] | | |
| | CO ₂ | 48 [36-69] | 65 [50-96] | 80 [61-109] | 99 [79-119] | | |
| Below 2°C (probability >67%) | GHG | 21 [1-42] | 35 [22-55] | 46 [34-63] | 64 [53-77] | | |
| | CO ₂ | 22 [1-44] | 37 [21-59] | 51 [36-70] | 73 [55-90] | | |

Temperature targets are gradually becoming unattainable

GHG emissions, actual values (2010-2021) and different scenarios (2015-2050)



Source: Calculated by Laboratory for Economics of Climate Change of HSE University based on IPCC data, Jones et al. 2023, EDGAR

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Expected emissions and emissions gaps in different scenarios

| Due Loop Decend | | Emissions in 2030 г. (billion | Expected emissions gap by 2030 (billion tons CO2-eq.) | | | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|--|
| Broken Record Temperatures hit new highs, yet world fails to cut emissions (again) | | tons CO2-eq.) Median and range | Below 2°C | Below 1,8°C | Below 1,5°C | |
| | 2010 Policy | 64 [66-68] | | | | |
| (o) | Current policy | 56 [52-60] | 16 [11-19] | 22 [17-25] | 24 [19-27] | |
| | Unconditional NDCs | 55 [54-57] | 14 [13-16] | 20 [19-22] | 22 [21-24] | |
| Emissions Gap Report 2023 | Conditional NDCs | 52 [50-55] | 11 [9-15] | 17 [15-20] | 19 [17-23] | |

Source: UNEP, 2022, 2023

Global GHG emissions in 2022 have broken records

Total net anthropogenic CO₂ emissions in 1990-2022



Source: UNEP, 2023

Consumption of coal and natural gas is above the pre-COVID values

Global emissions of CO₂ from fossil fuel combustion and cement production



Source: Friedlingstein et al, 2022; Global Carbon Project, 2022

Decarbonization in the world

- More than 130 countries, 800 cities, 100 regions and 700+ companies have announced goals to achieve carbon neutrality by the middle of the century
- European Green Deal, Inflation Reduction Act in US (\$386 bn to green technologies), full-scale RE development in China etc.
- Carbon price introduced in 73 countries and regions of the world, about 23% of global greenhouse gas emissions, the turnover of carbon markets \$95 billion
- ✓ Introduction of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) in the EU
- ✓ Development of new technologies: renewables, electric vehicles, hydrogen economy
- ✓ development of the green bond market: in 2022 they were issued for almost \$443 bn
- ✓ spread of ESG standards among business
- ✓ dissemination of TCFD standards and widespread climate stress testing

Carbon pricing in the world

FIGURE 5 MAP OF CARBON TAXES AND ETSs^{att}



(xii) Instruments are considered "scheduled for implementation" once they have been formally adopted through legislation and have an official, planned start date. Instruments are considered "under consideration" if the government has announced its intention to work toward the implementation of a carbon pricing initiative and this have been formally confirmed by official government sources. Some countries that have mechanisms implemented also have additional instruments under consideration. For subnational jurisdictions only the submatisment is reflected.

Costs of renewable energy increased a little bit in 2023 but still lower than the cost of fossil fuels



Unsubsidized Solar PV LCOE



Source: Lazard, 2023

Investment in renewable and conventional energy



Source: IEA, 2023

- The pace of the green transformation of the world in 2022-2023 has accelerated
- The race for green competition between the leading countries has accelerated
- At the same time, the gap between the current climate policy measures and the required ones has grown!
- The current pace of green transformation of the world economy is enough to fully transform it, but not enough to meet the temperature goals of the Paris Agreement
- GST will demonstrate this clearly

- the total amount of climate finance today is \$ 600 billion per year, of which less than 10% is for adaptation
- \$100 billion promised by developed countries has not yet been accumulated (there are \$83 billion)
- the need for adaptation finance- \$160-340 billion by 2030 and \$315-565 billion by 2050 (UNEP)
- the need for mitigation finance \$3-6 trillion per year by 2050 (IMF)
- the main question is how to mobilize private capital?

Some important initiatives

- Just energy transition partnership (JETP):
 - 2021: France, Germany, UK, EU, USA South Africa (\$8,5 billion)
 - 2022: G7 countries and Norway Indonesia (\$20 billion)
 - 2022: UK, USA, Japan and EU Vietnam (\$15,5 billion)
- Global Climate Alliance (G20, initiator India)
- Global Goal on Adaptation (within COP)
- Reform of MDBs (Independent G20 expert group on strengthening NDBs L. Summers, N.K. Singh)

Coordination gap: Developed countries are investing in green technologies while emissions are rising in developing countries

 CO_2 emissions from fossil fuels combustion in 1990-2022, Gt

Global CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion by 2050



Who should pay: producers or consumers?

Emissions from production and consumption in OECD and BRICS countries in 2020

| OECD countries | Emissions from production | Emissions from consumption | Net emissions exports | Share of emissions net emissions exports in emissions from production | BRICS countries | Emissions from production | Emissions from consumption | Net emissions exports | Share of emissions net emissions exports in emissions from production |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| USA | 4 715.6 | 5 197.4 | -481.8 | -10.2% | China | 10 956.1 | 10 033.5 | 922.6 | 8.4% |
| Japan | 1 042.4 | 1 187.1 | -144.7 | -13.9% | India | 2 445.0 | 2 276.8 | 168.2 | 6.9% |
| Germany | 639.4 | 769.4 | -130.1 | -20.3% | Russia | 1624.3 | 1360.1 | 264.2 | 16.3% |
| Republic of Korea | 597.6 | 659.5 | -61.9 | -10.4% | Brazil | 442.2 | 425.8 | 16.5 | 3.7% |
| Canada | 534.9 | 490.6 | 44.3 | 8.3% | South Africa | 436.0 | 302.3 | 133.7 | 30.7% |
| Turkey | 413.3 | 402.3 | 11.0 | 2.7% | _ | | | | |
| Mexico | 391.7 | 432.4 | -40.7 | -10.4% | | | | | |
| Australia | 400.1 | 354.7 | 45.4 | 11.4% | | | | | |
| UK | 326.5 | 464.6 | -138.1 | -42.3% | - | | | | |
| Italy | 302.3 | 388.8 | -86.5 | -28.6% | | | | | |
| Poland | 303.4 | 287.3 | 16.1 | 5.3% | - | | | | |
| France | 279.9 | 375.2 | -95.3 | -34.0% | _ | | | | |
| Spain | 213.2 | 253.5 | -40.3 | -18.9% | - | | | | |
| Netherlands | 137.8 | 152.1 | -14.3 | -10.4% | _ | | | | |
| Czech Republic | 92.0 | 100.0 | -8.1 | -8.8% | - | | | | |
| Other OECD countries | 748.2 | 1 188.6 | -440.4 | -58.9% | - | | | | |
| OECD - total | 11 138.2 | 12 702.7 | -1 564.5 | -14.0% | BRICS - total | 16862.5 | 14398.8 | 2463.7 | 14.6% |

Source: based on GCP data

EKC for production- and consumption-based CO₂ emissions

Peak of production EKC: \$57,919; Peak of consumption EKC: \$140,672



Where should emissions be reduced: where there is a willingness to do so, or where it is the cheapest?

Marginal abatement cost curves for reducing GHG emissions by regions



Source: Makarov et al., 2021



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