

**EXPEDITIOUS TRANSITIONS TOWARD SAFE, RESOURCE
EFFICIENT & DECARBONIZED NOW, FUTURE**

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IPCC SIXTH ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR POLICYMAKERS

March 2023. Some Highlights, “*with high confidence*”

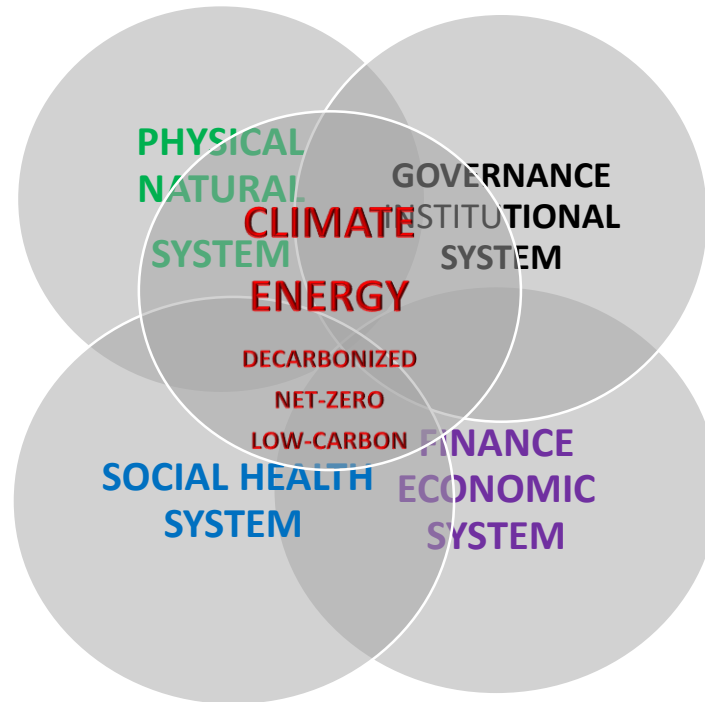
- ✓ CO₂ in the atmosphere highest in 2 million years.
- ✓ World now warmer than at any time in the past 125,000 years - and will likely get warmer still over the next decade.
- ✓ Even in the near term, global warming is more likely than not to reach 1.5C even under the very low greenhouse gas scenario.
- ✓ Every increment of global warming will intensify & multiple hazards.
- ✓ **Delayed mitigation and adaptation action would lock-in high-emissions infrastructure, raise risks of stranded assets and cost-escalation, reduce feasibility, and increase losses and damages**
- ✓ Feasible, effective, and low-cost options for mitigation and adaptation are already available
- ✓ Effective climate action is enabled by political commitment, well-aligned multilevel governance, institutional frameworks, laws, policies and strategies and enhanced access to finance and technology.
- ✓ inclusive governance processes facilitate effective climate action.
- ✓ Climate resilient development benefits from drawing on diverse knowledge
- ✓ Enhancing international cooperation is through multiple channels.

SOURCE: 2023 IPCC AR6 Synthesis Report (SYR) based on the three WGA Reports Finalized at the 58th Session, 13 to 19 Mar 2023

INTERCONNECTED

PAST ↔ PRESENT ↔ FUTURE

INTERCONNECTED & LINKED



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DECARBONIZE

FRAMEWORK

COMPONENTS

❖ TRANSFORMATIONAL

- ✓ LEADERSHIP & VISION.**
- ✓ ENABLING PRINCIPLES**
- ✓ BUILDING BLOCKS**

**LEADERSHIP
VISION
DECARBONIZE**

ENABLING PRINCIPLES

**For POLICY, STRATEGY, MANAGEMENT, APPLICATION,
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- ✓ **Responsive.**
- ✓ **Transformative.**
- ✓ **Innovative.**
- ✓ **Integrative.**
- ✓ **Holistic.**
- ✓ **Inclusive.**
- ✓ **Equitable.**
- ✓ **Conserving.**
- ✓ **Sustainable.**
- ✓ **Resilient**

SOME BUILDING BLOCKS

Supporting Enabling Policies

- **Whole-of-Institutions approach/process**
- **Decarbonizing transition process: low-carbon, decarbonize**
- **Reducing methane emissions.**
- **Increasing new, renewable, energy substitution, efficiency, conservation, harvesting. **Hydrogen****
- **Greening Urban, Periurban, Rural**
- **Phasing out health & environment harmful substances, beginning with single use plastics. **Fine particles 2.5****
- **Restoring natural habitats & critical ecosystem functions.**
- **Expanding use of nature-based systems, eco-mimicking materials, designs and indigenous knowledge.**
- **Transformational changes in education, training, research, behavior, life styles, designs.**
- **Caring, sharing, less wasteful,**

WAY FORWARD

- DO NOTHING ?
- BUSINESS AS USUAL !
- ADDRESS CHALLENGES, Many
- SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES, Many MORE

BOLD ACTIONS NOW!!!

IPCC Sixth Assessment Summary for Policymakers 2023

RESPECT, DIGNITY, MOBILITY.

- AGEING.
- YOUNG.
- INFIRM.
- VULNERABLE.

SUSTAINED Inter-generational
Responsibilities & Benefits, enhancing
Quality of Life. **RESILIENT** society.

DECARBONIZE !