

Last chance for action on climate and SDGs

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- Global economic rebuilding occurs only a few times each century. These events offer the chance to rethink our values.
- Rebuilding from COVID-19 is one such chance.
- It may also be the last realistic chance for avoiding catastrophic climate change and achieving the SDGs.
- Designing synergistic strategies that address both climate and development goals is more important and urgent than ever.
- Truly synergistic approaches must go further than identifying quick win-win co-benefits.

The Climate Context

On course for 3.2°C by end of century.

Emissions still growing (2020 a rare exception)

2°C goal requires emissions to decline at 2.7%/yr.

1.5°C goal requires decline at 7.6%/yr.

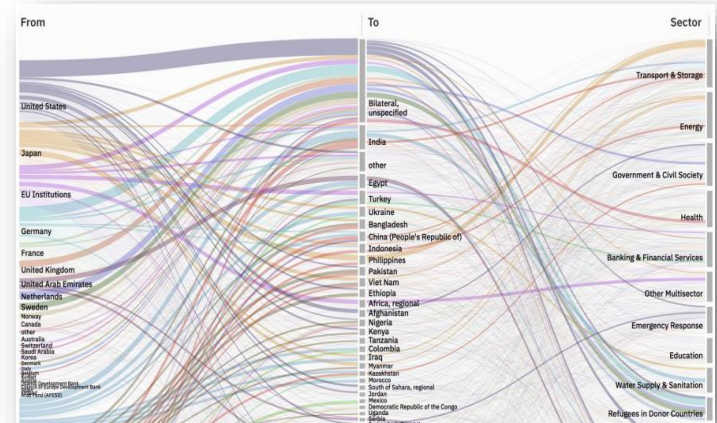
Three pieces of the picture

Finance



Technology Transfer

Capacity building



Tools for integrated planning

- **LEAP** – Low Emissions Analysis

Platform

- Integrated, quantitative analysis of energy systems, climate change mitigation, and air pollution
- Numerous SDG indicators – energy, health, gender, and more
- Mexico – integrating **conventional GHGs and air pollution in NDC**
- Morocco – analyzing **economic and environmental synergies** of renewable energy



Capacity building and research

- **Integrated Climate and Development Planning Initiative**
 - Methods, models, and support for synergistic planning
- **Africa Assessment**
 - Quantifying linkages between climate change mitigation, air pollution, health, and other SDGs
 - Open-access model with results for every African country

