

# Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Reduction:

## *The role of development aid?*

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SENDAI FRAMEWORK

FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030

# Outline

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- Why focus on adaptation and disaster risk reduction?
- What risks are we facing?
- What are some response options?
- What is the state of global frameworks?
- Synergies with the European Green Deal?

## Key Messages:

1. Climate change jeopardizes development gains and investments
2. Adaptation and risk reduction actions are applicable to numerous sectors and can yield a triple dividend
3. We need a “revolution” in finance and planning

# Relevant Sources

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## Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC):

- *Special Report on Climate Change and Land* –  
<https://www.ipcc.ch/srccl/chapter/summary-for-policymakers/>
- *Special Report on Ocean and Cryosphere* -  
<https://www.ipcc.ch/srocc/chapter/summary-for-policymakers/>

## Global Commission on Adaptation

- *Adapt Now: A Global Call for Leadership on Climate Resilience* -  
<https://gca.org/global-commission-on-adaptation/report>

## McKinsey Global Institute

- *Climate Risk and Response Report* - <https://www.mckinsey.com/business-functions/sustainability/our-insights/climate-risk-and-response-physical-hazards-and-socioeconomic-impacts>

And coming in October 2021....**IPCC Sixth Assessment Report: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability**



# The Imperative for Adaptation and DRR

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“Climate change is upon us and its impacts are getting more severe”  
*Global Commission on Adaptation*

Without adaptation in 2050:

- Climate change may depress growth in agricultural yields by 30%
- 5 billion people may lack sufficient water for at least 1 month/ year
- Storm surges in urban coastal areas cost more than \$1 trillion/ year



# Building Resilience

To build resilience to climate shocks we need action to:

## REDUCE

*Disaster Risk Reduction*

## PREPARE

*Adaptation*

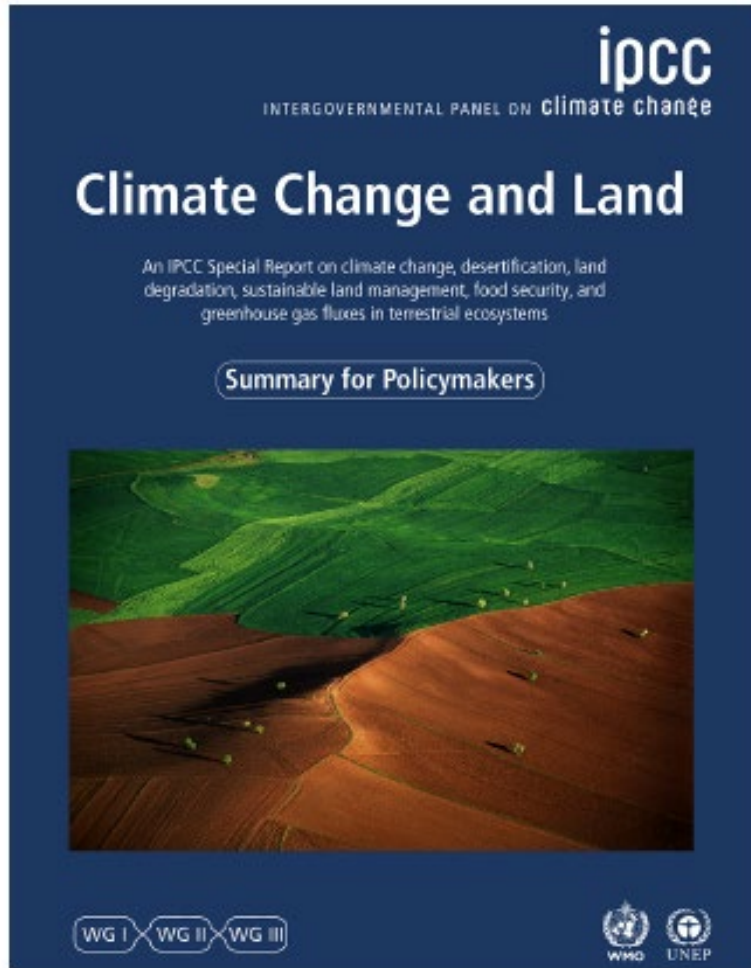
## RECOVER

*Humanitarian Action and  
Transformation of  
Development Pathways*



*"He appears to have lost all of his resilience."*

# Risks to Humans and Ecosystems



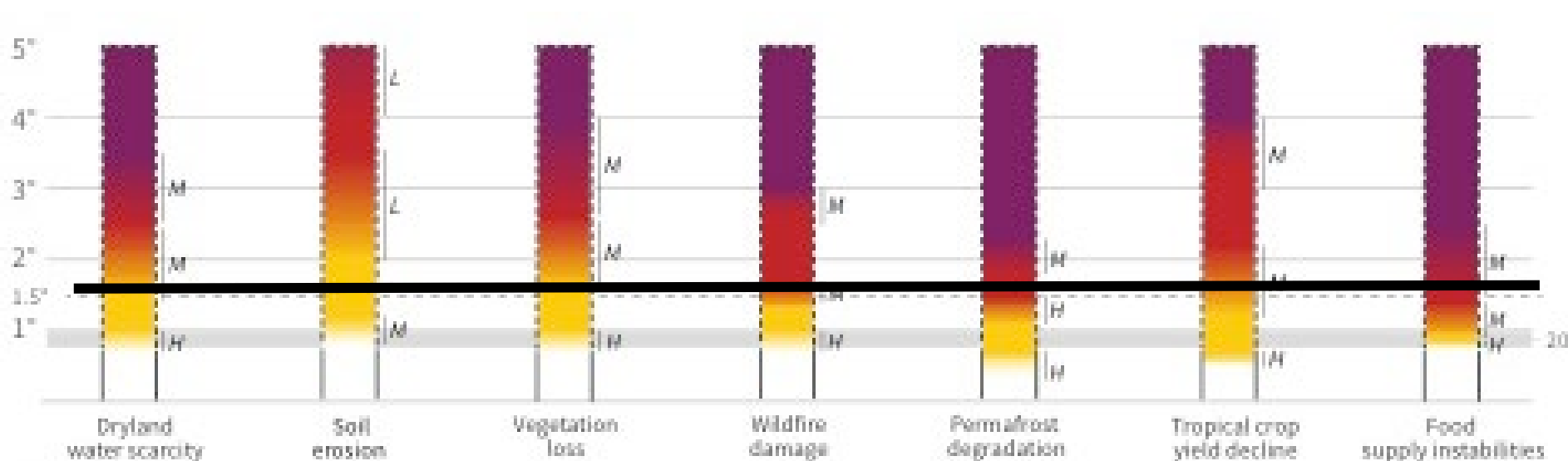
- Land surface air temperature has risen near twice as much as global average
- 23% of total GHG from agriculture, forestry and land use

**Land is under growing human pressure**

**Land must be part of the solution**

**But land can't do it all**

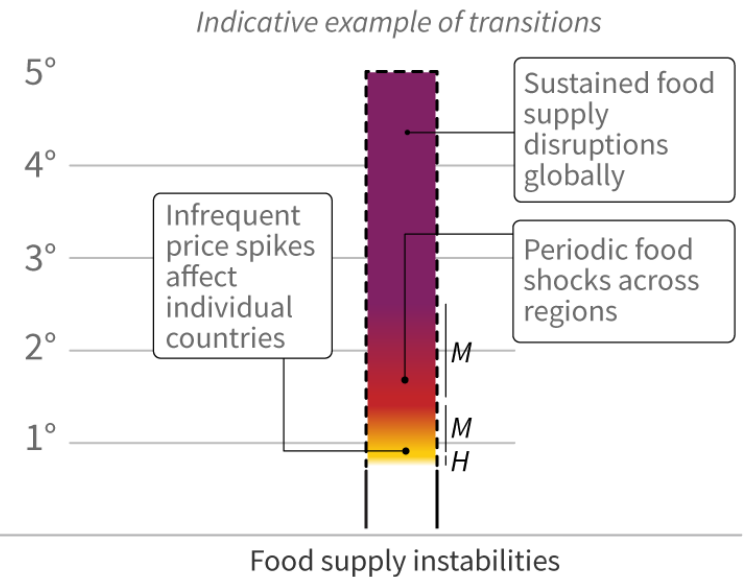
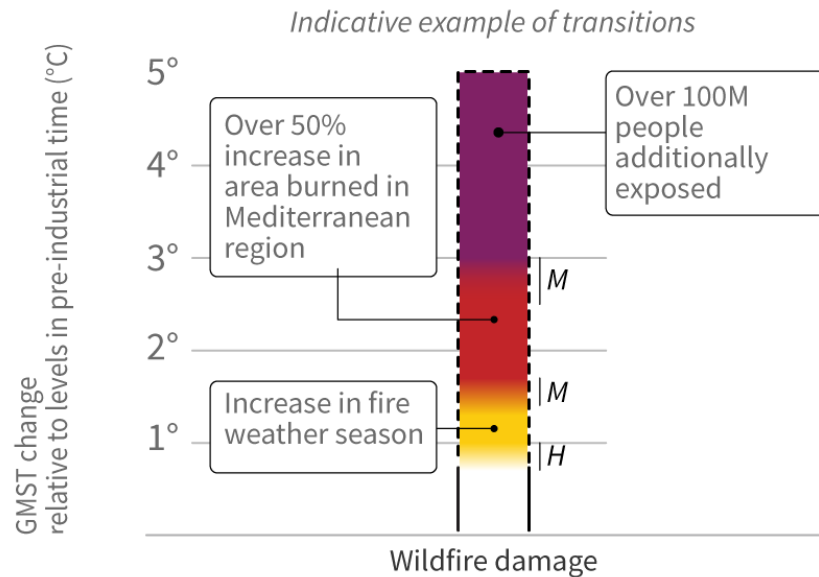
# SRCCCL Summary for Policy Makers



- Around 1.5°C GMST high risks possible from **dryland water scarcity, fire damage, permafrost degradation, tropical crop yield decline and food system instability**

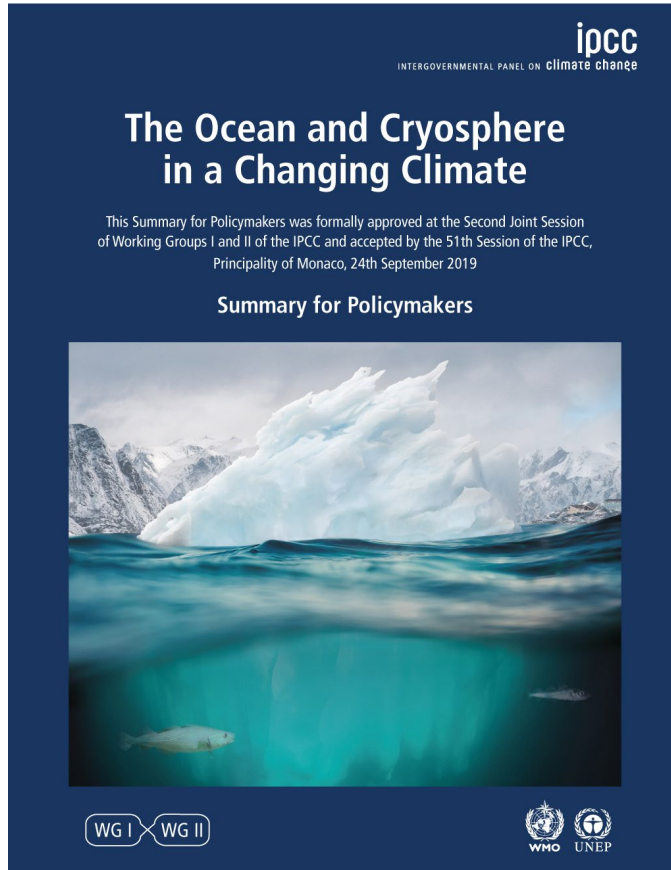


## SPM Figure 2



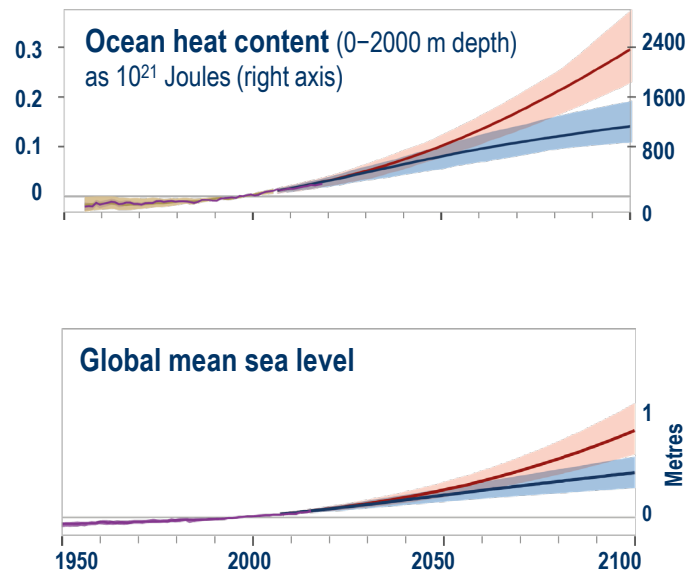
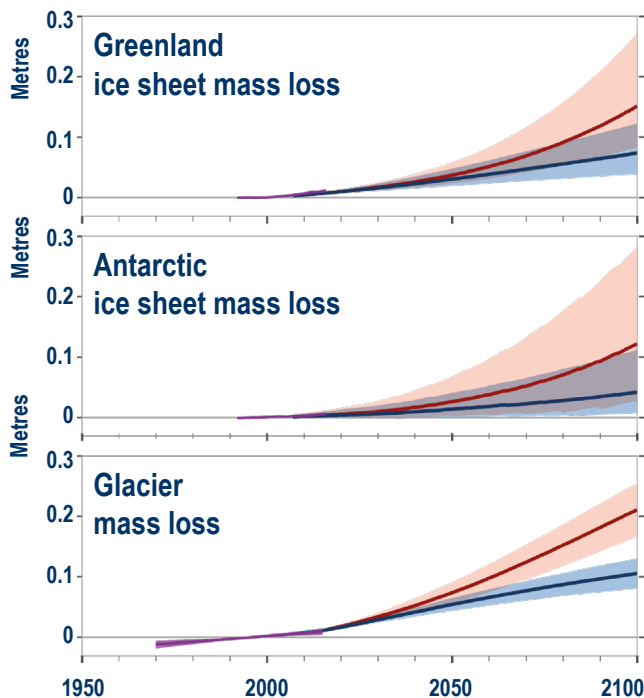


# Special Report on Oceans and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate





# Sea level is projected to continue to rise at an increasing rate



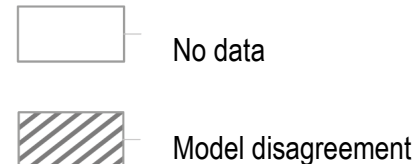
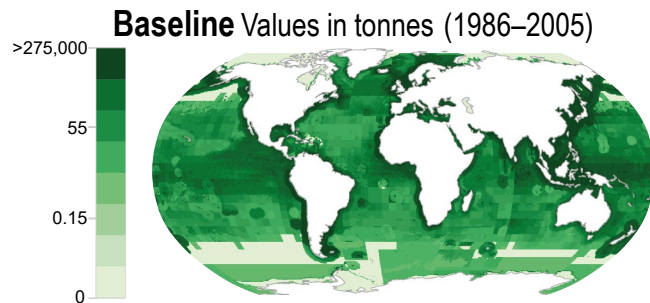
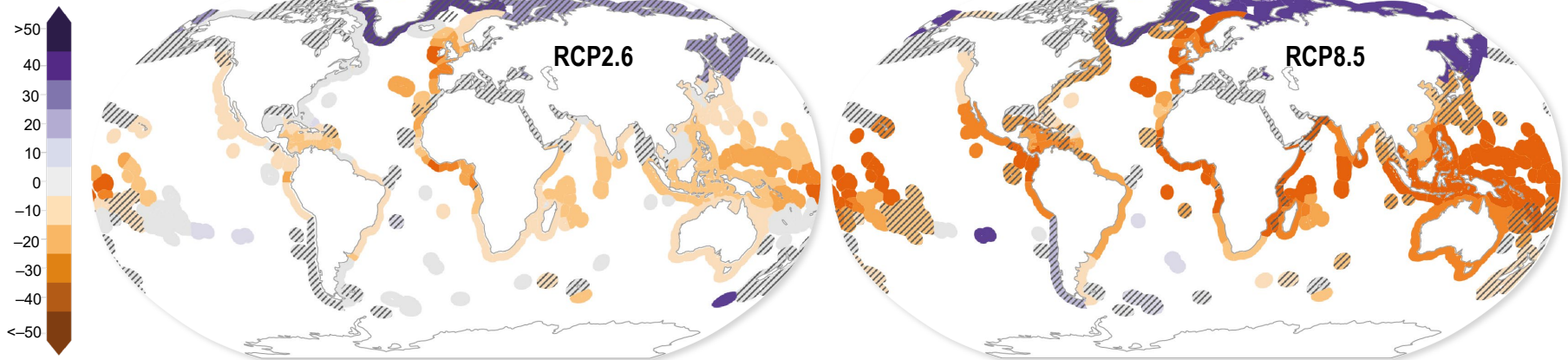
**Primary drivers of global mean sea level**  
Values as sea level equivalent  
Changes relative to 1986–2005

Projected (RCP8.5)  
Projected (RCP2.6)



# Future changes in maximum fisheries catch potential (in shelf seas)

**Percent change** Average by 2081–2100, relative to 1986–2005

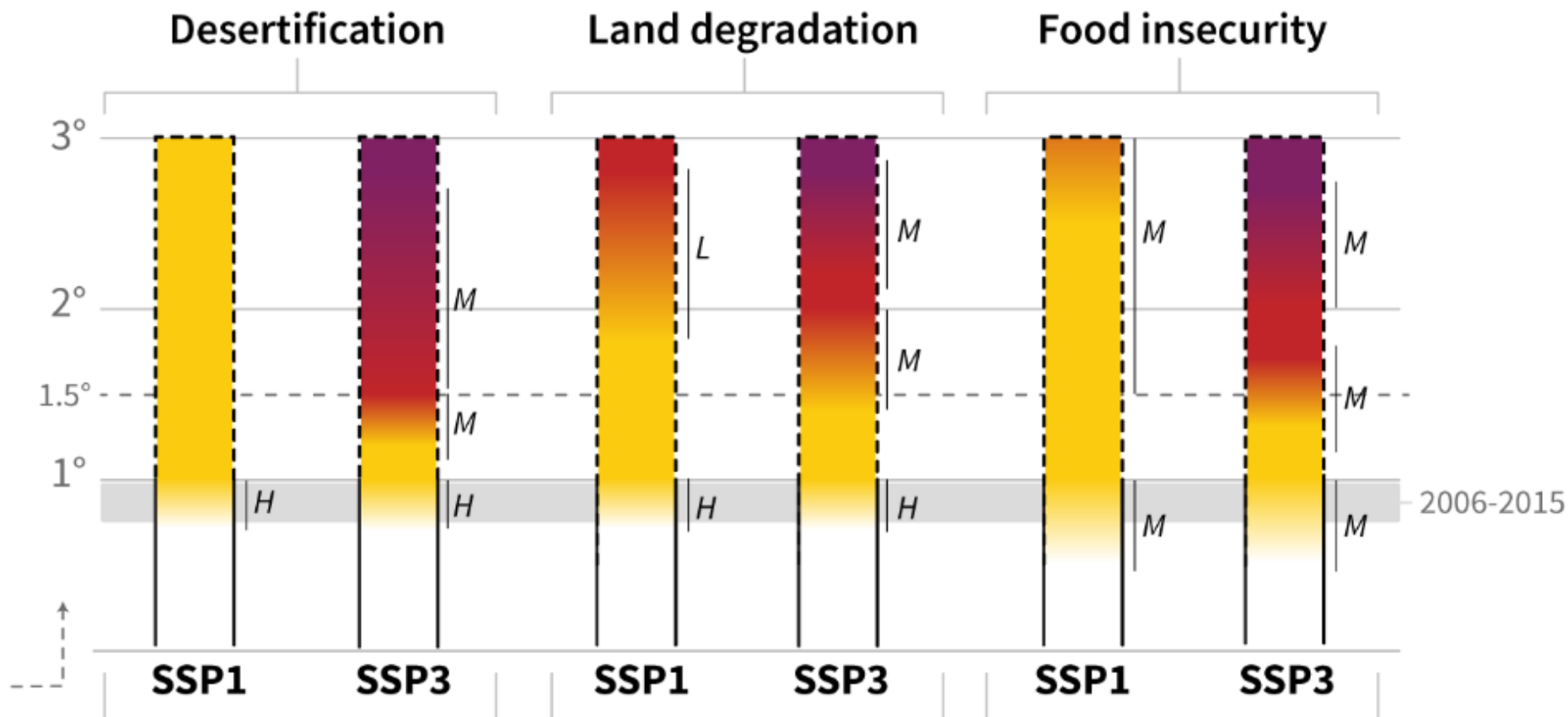


# McKinsey Report: Climate Risk and Response

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- Physical risks to livability and workability, food systems, physical assets, infrastructure, natural capital
- Risks are increasing, spatially specific, non-stationary, nonlinear systemic and regressive (biggest impacts on emerging economies)
- Classify countries into six types based on patterns of expected climate change and examine risks (e.g. working hours affected by extreme heat and humidity)

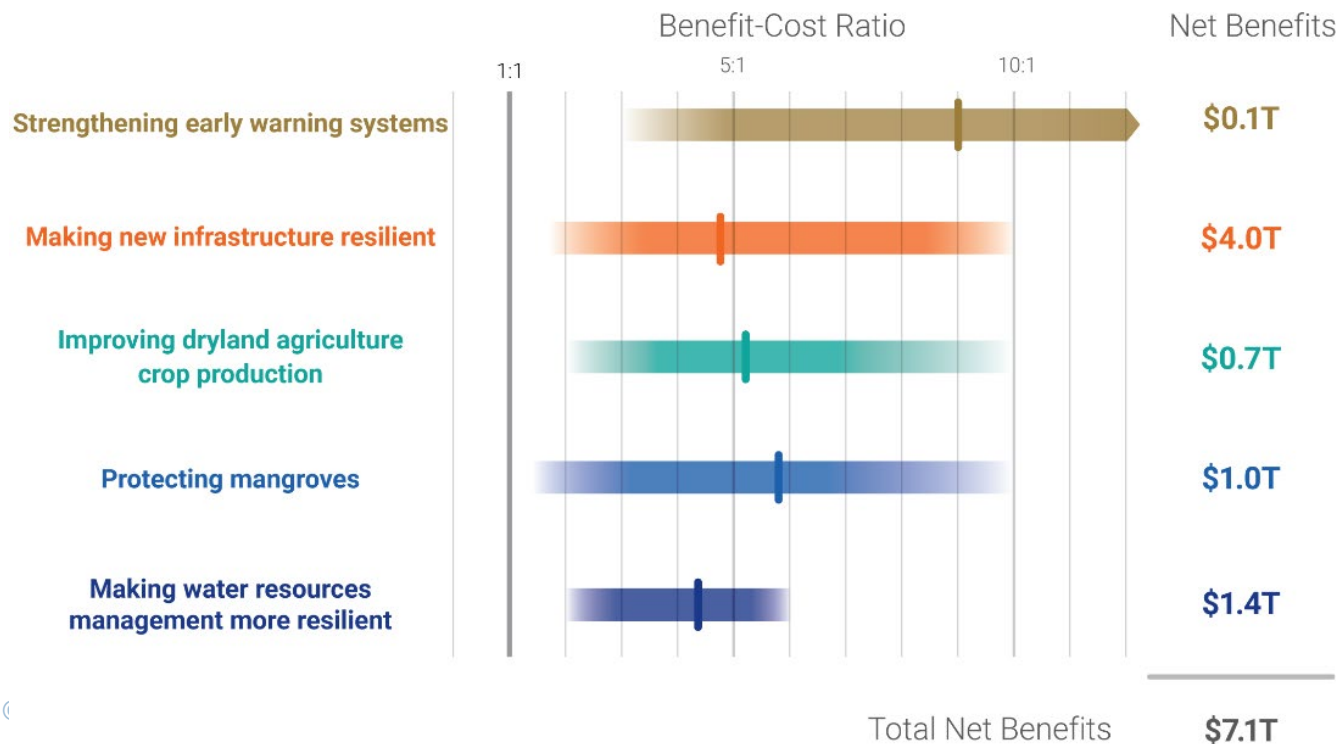
# Development Pathways influence risk





# Response Options

- Triple dividend – avoided losses, economic benefits, social and environmental benefits
- Investing \$1.8 trillion globally in five areas from 2020 to 2030 could generate \$7.1 trillion in benefits (*GCA 2019*)



# Options for Land

SRCCCL SPM Figure 3A

## Potential global contribution of response options to mitigation, adaptation, combating desertification and land degradation, and enhancing food security

**Panel A** shows response options that can be implemented without or with limited competition for land, including some potential to reduce the demand for land. Co-benefits and adverse side effects are shown quantitatively based on the high end range of potentials assessed. Magnitudes of contributions are categorised using thresholds for positive or negative impacts. L within the cells indicate confidence in the magnitude of the impact relative to the thresholds used (see legend). Confidence in the direction of change is generally higher.

Response options based on land management		Mitigation	Adaptation	Desertification	Land Degradation	Food Security	Cost
Agriculture	Increased food productivity	L	M	L	M	H	---
	Agro-forestry	M	M	M	M	L	●
	Improved cropland management	M	L	L	L	L	●●
	Improved livestock management	M	L	L	L	L	●●●
	Agricultural diversification	L	L	L	M	L	●
	Improved grazing land management	M	L	L	L	L	---
	Integrated water management	L	L	L	L	L	●●
	Reduced grassland conversion to cropland	L	---	L	L	---	●
Forests	Forest management	M	L	L	L	L	●●
	Reduced deforestation and forest degradation	H	L	L	L	L	●●
Soils	Increased soil organic carbon content	H	L	M	M	L	●●
	Reduced soil erosion	↔ L	L	M	M	L	●●
	Reduced soil salinization	---	L	L	L	L	●●
	Reduced soil compaction	---	L	L	L	L	●
Other ecosystems	Fire management	M	M	M	M	M	●
	Reduced landslides and natural hazards	L	L	L	L	L	---
	Reduced pollution including acidification	↔ M	M	L	L	L	---
	Restoration & reduced conversion of coastal wetlands	M	L	M	M	↔ L	---
	Restoration & reduced conversion of peatlands	M	---	na	M	---	●
Response options based on value chain management		Mitigation	Adaptation	Desertification	Land Degradation	Food Security	Cost
Demand	Reduced post-harvest losses	H	M	L	L	H	---
	Dietary change	H	---	L	H	H	---
	Reduced food waste (consumer or retailer)	H	---	L	M	M	---
Supply	Sustainable sourcing	---	L	---	L	L	---
	Improved food processing and retailing	L	---	---	---	L	---
	Improved energy use in food systems	L	L	---	---	---	---
Response options based on risk management		Mitigation	Adaptation	Desertification	Land Degradation	Food Security	Cost
Risk	Livelihood diversification	---	L	---	L	L	---
	Management of urban sprawl	---	L	L	M	---	---
	Risk sharing instruments	↔ L	L	---	↔ L	---	---

Options shown are those for which data are available to assess global potential for three or more land challenges. The magnitudes are assessed independently for each option and are not additive.

### Key for criteria used to define magnitude of impact of each integrated response option

Mitigation	Adaptation	Desertification	Land Degradation	Food Security
Gt CO <sub>2</sub> -eq yr <sup>-1</sup>	Million people	Million km <sup>2</sup>	Million km <sup>2</sup>	Million people
More than 3	Positive for more than 2	Positive for more than 2	Positive for more than 2	Positive for more than 2

Looked at **28** different response options that can be implemented with **limited or no competition** for land.

Almost all response options have a **positive effect** on **mitigation, adaptation, desertification, land degradation and food security.**

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	Reduced soil compaction	—	L	—	L	L	●
Lands	Fire management	M	M	M	M	L	●
	Reduced landslides and natural hazards	L	L	L	L	L	—
	Reduced pollution and improved water quality	L	L	L	L	L	—

Most land-based response options have a positive impact.

# Response Options - Agriculture

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## Land Management:

- Increase productivity
- Promote Agro-forestry
- Improve cropland and grazing land management
- Increase soil organic carbon (e.g. biochar)
- Preserving peatlands and wetlands

## Value Chain Management:

- Reduced post-harvest loss and food waste
- Strengthen Supply Chains

## Support Agricultural Research and Development

**Increase access to information (e.g. seasonal forecasts and early warning)**

# Response Options – Environment and Water

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## Natural Environment:

- Land use regulation
- Habitat restoration – restoration of forests, mangroves, tidal marshes, seagrass meadows
- Species relocation
- Rebuilding of overexploited fish stocks

## Water:

- Investments in healthy watersheds
- Improvements in efficiency of water use



# Cities

- Invest in early warning systems and risk awareness
- Strengthen physical resilience measures
- Support nature based solutions for water and heat risks
- Upgrade living conditions in informal settlements



# Infrastructure

A photograph of an offshore wind turbine in the middle of the ocean. The turbine has a white tower and three blades. A large red and white service vessel is in the foreground, moving towards the turbine. Another smaller vessel is visible in the background to the left. The sky is a clear, deep blue.

- **Climate proof infrastructure**
- **Invest in infrastructure that protects people and assets**

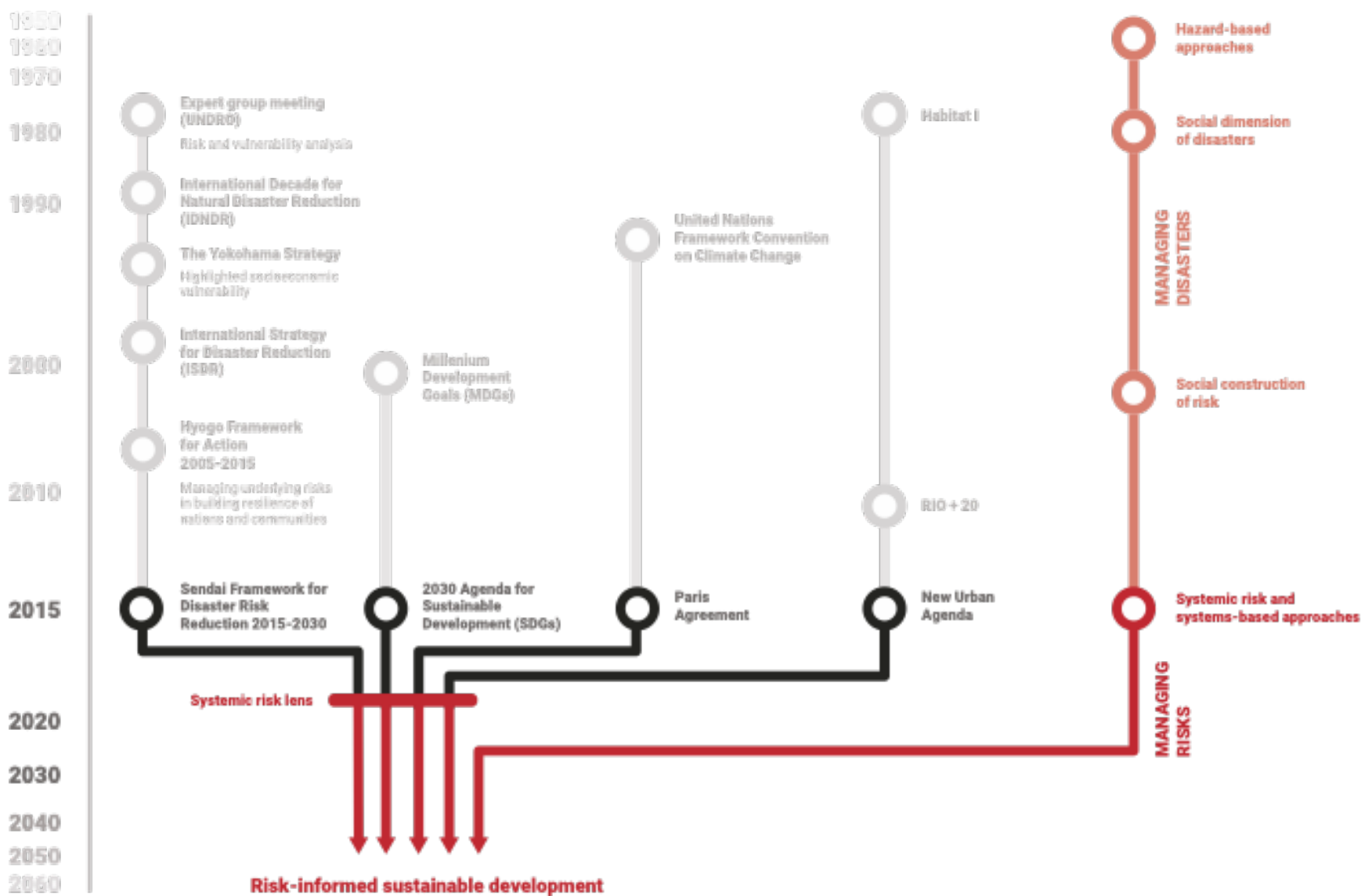


# Risk Management and Decision Making



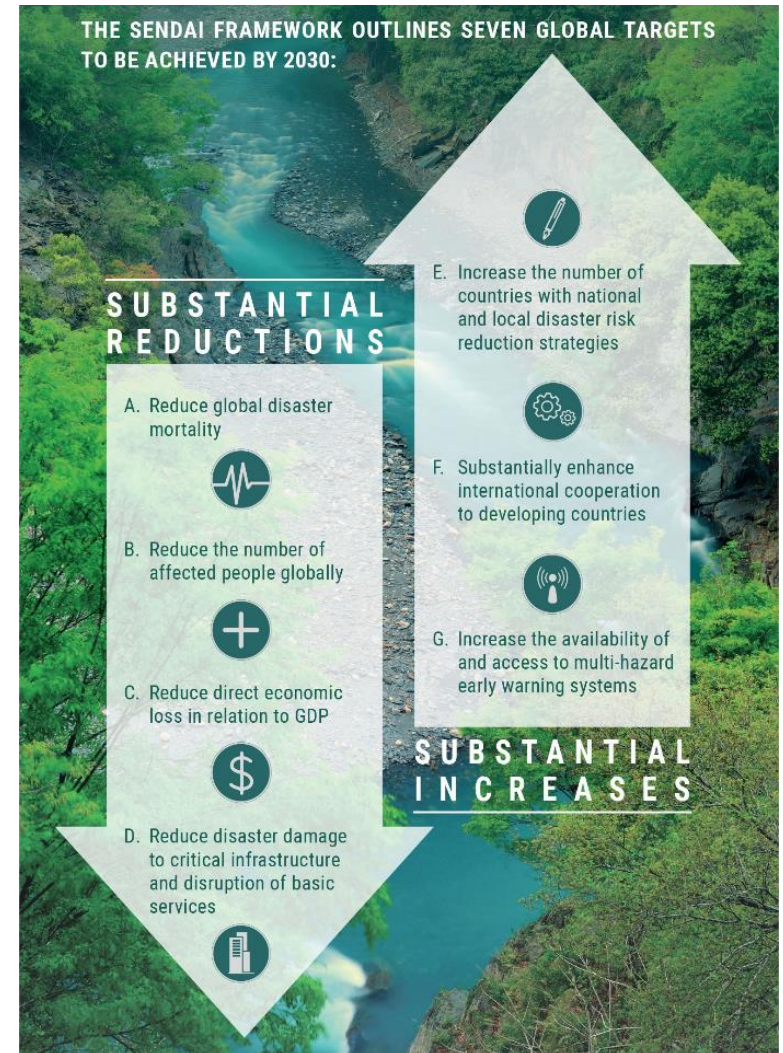
- Consider climate and disaster risk in all decisions (e.g. capital allocation, project design)
- Strengthen dialogue between climate and risk management communities, include vulnerable groups in decisions
- Develop comprehensive risk management plans
- Strengthen social safety nets, risk pooling, risk transfer
- Improve data and monitoring at national and local level

# State of Global Frameworks



# The Sendai Framework

- The Sendai Framework is a detailed blueprint for how the world can achieve a substantial reduction in disaster risk and loss by 2030.
- Priorities for action include:
  - Improved **understanding of disaster risk**
  - Strengthening disaster **risk governance** to manage disaster risk
  - Investing in **disaster risk for resilience**
  - Improving **disaster preparedness** for more effective emergency response and building back better





# Reporting Progress on Targets A through G

## PROGRESS OF GLOBAL TARGETS

### COUNTRY REPORTING OVERVIEW

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countries total

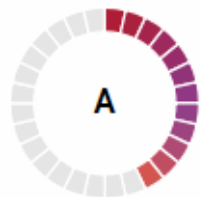
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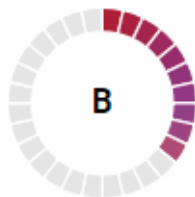
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### TARGET REPORTING OVERVIEW



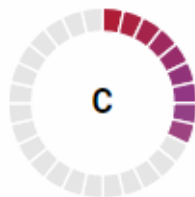
Mortality

108 Not started  
19 in progress  
28 ready for validation  
40 validated



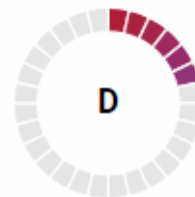
People affected

117 Not started  
25 in progress  
26 ready for validation  
27 validated



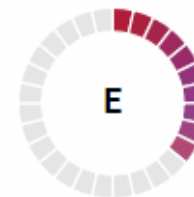
Economic loss

126 Not started  
31 in progress  
18 ready for validation  
20 validated



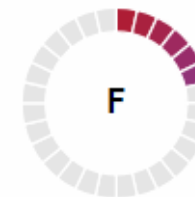
Critical infrastructure  
& services

154 Not started  
7 in progress  
13 ready for validation  
21 validated



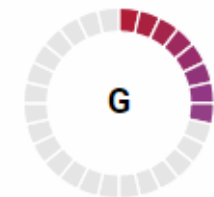
Disaster risk  
reduction strategies

120 Not started  
27 in progress  
20 ready for validation  
28 validated



International  
cooperation

150 Not started  
14 in progress  
16 ready for validation  
15 validated



Early warning and  
risk information

136 Not started  
24 in progress  
13 ready for validation  
22 validated

Data reported and extracted as of 1 July 2019

# European Green Deal

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- Can use diplomatic and financial tools to help ensure action globally
- Many areas of Green Deal are relevant to adaptation, actions can be incorporated into development programming
- External dimension of other instruments also relevant to adaptation (e.g. EU Forestry Strategy)

**“The good news is that adaptation, done right, will lead to better growth and development...”**

*- Global Commission on Adaptation*







**Thank you for your attention  
Questions?**

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