# Status of WMO & climate

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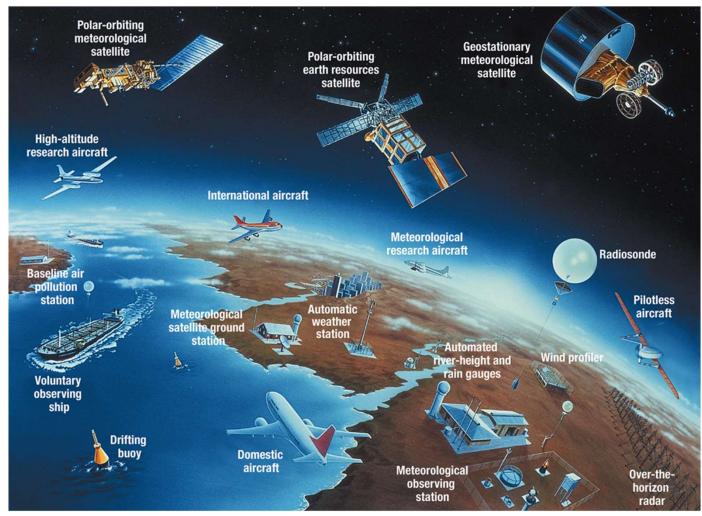
**WMO OMM** 

World Meteorological Organization Organisation météorologique mondiale



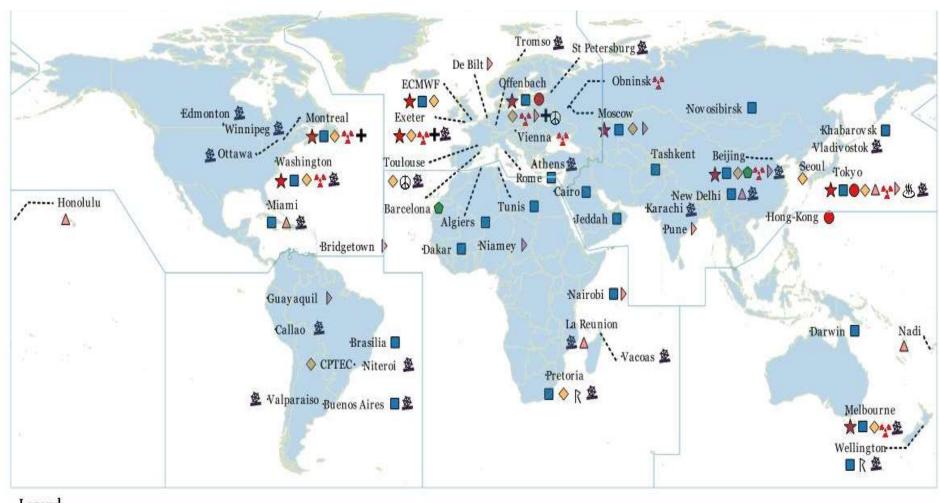
## WMO: global Earth observing system

- Weather, climate, water, oceans, air quality, greenhouse gases & cryosphere
- Free and open real-time exchange of global data





### **WMO: Global Forecast & Climate Centres**



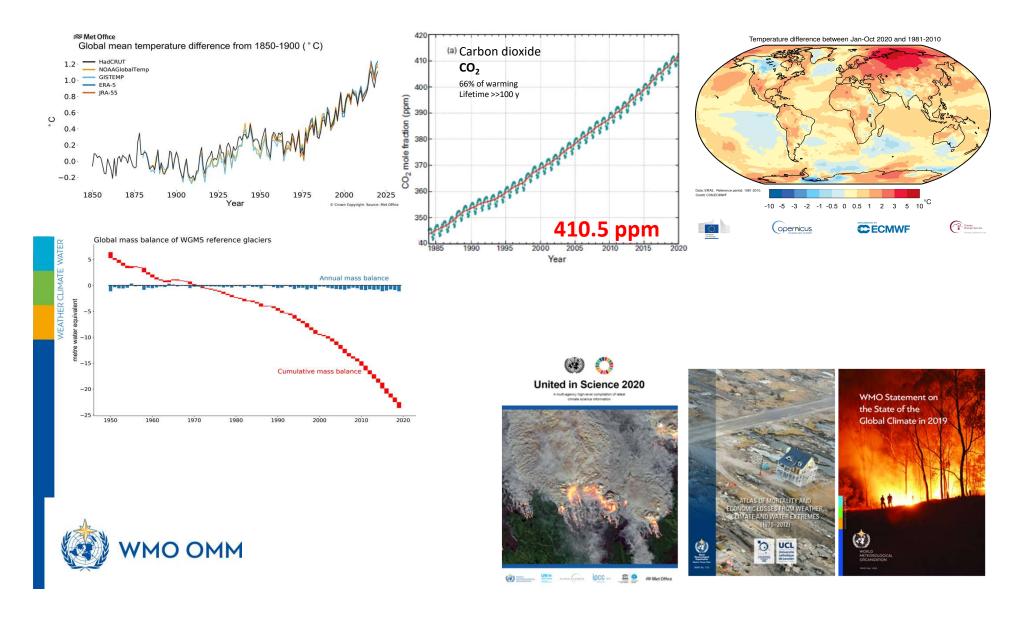
#### Legend

- ★ World Meteorological Centres\*(9)
- Atmospheric Transport Modelling (10)
- Global Producing Centres for Long-Range Forecasts (13)
- + Global Producing Centres for Annual to Decadal Climate Prediction (3)
- RSMCs Geographic (25)

- RSMC Nowcasting (3)
- A RSMCs TC (6)
- RSMCs Sand/Dust(2)
- Regional Climate Centres (11)
- RSMCs Nuclear Emergency Response (9)
- → RSMCs Non-Nuclear Emergency Response (2)
- MS RSMCs Volcano watch services for international air navigation (1)
- RSMCs Severe Weather Forecasting (2)
- RSMCs marine meteorological services (24)

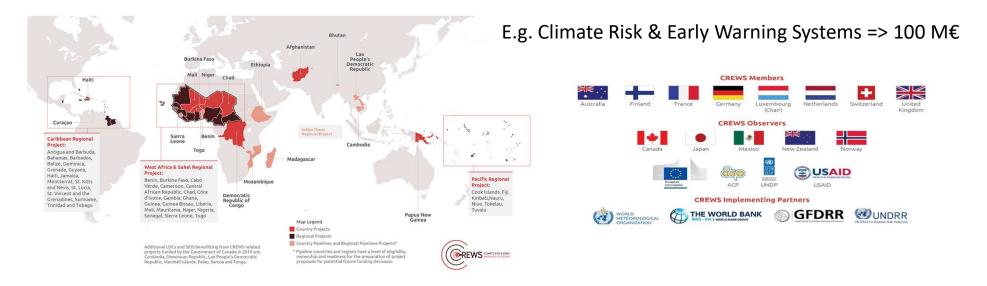
### WMO: Status of climate & climate science

- Weather parameters, greenhouse gases, sea level, glaciers & sea ice
- Founder and co-host of IPCC, key role in IPCC reports



## **WMO:** Capacity development

- Only 40 % of the Members have proper Early Warning Systems
- Lack of observations from Africa, Island states & Latin America



- 85 M€ for Climate Service Development in African, Caribbean & Pacific countries
- Investments in Early Warning Systems a very powerful way to adapt to climate change, return of investment ~10 fold



### **WMO Facts**

- UN Specialized Agency on weather, climate & water with 193 Members
- 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest UN Agency, 1873- with science and technology based action
- Coordinates work of > 200 000 national experts from meteorological & hydrological services, academia & private sector
- Co-Founder and host agency of IPCC, WMO SG UN Climate Principal
- Global real-time standardized weather & climate observing system backbone of services
- 13 WMO global centres, which provide global short and long term forecasts
- Sharing of know-how, developed => developing countries & regional co-operation





# Why WMO?

- 1. Weather forecasts not possible without WMO
- 2. Aviation not possible without WMO
- 3. Climate science very limited without WMO
- 4. Global sharing of data and know-how
- 5. Essential contribution to public safety, agriculture, energy, health, businesses & all means of transportation (road, marine, railroad)









### Biggest risks for World's economy 2021 by WEF

### Top Risks

by likelihood

- Extreme weather
- Climate action failure
- Human environmental damage
- Infectious diseases
- Biodiversity loss
- 6 Digital power concentration
- Digital inequality
- Interstate relations fracture
- Cybersecurity failure
- Livelihood crises

#### **Top Risks**

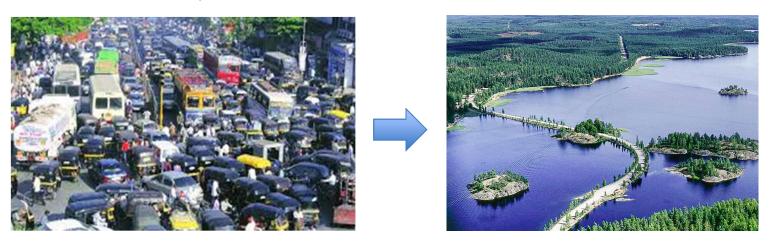
by impact

- Infectious diseases
- Climate action failure
- Weapons of mass destruction
- Biodiversity loss
- Natural resource crises
- Human environmental damage
- Livelihood crises
- Extreme weather
- Debt crises
- IT infrastructure breakdown



### **Historical WMO Reforms 2016-**

#### 1. Constituent body reform



### 2. Secretariat alignment & reform





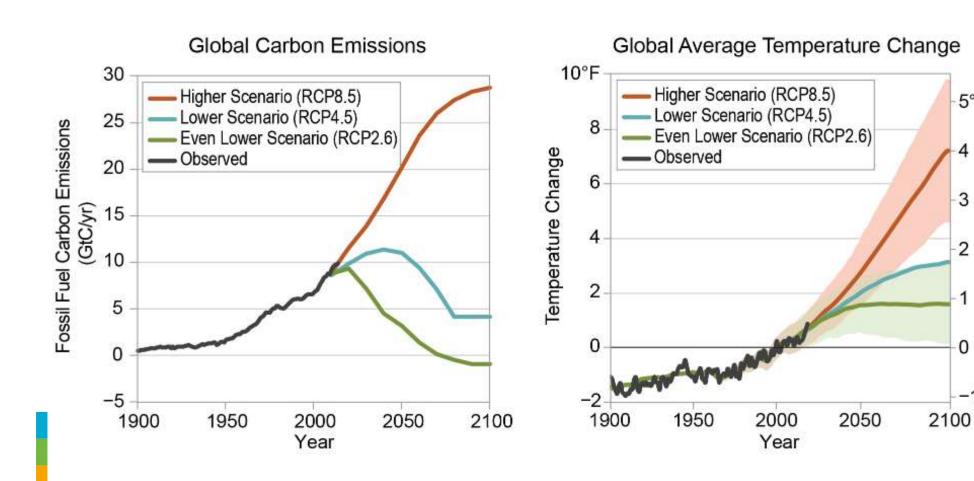
# **Carbon emissions-temperature**

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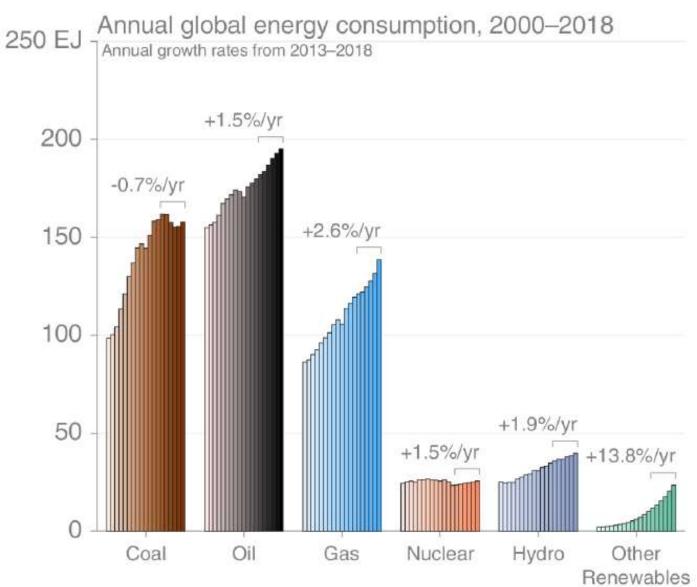
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# **Energy consumption 2000-2018**





# **COVID-19/Secretariat**

#### 1. Videoconferences instead of physical meetings

- Very powerful way to run the meetings
- Result orientation & efficiency
- Savings of staff working hours (Members & Secretariat) & travel costs
- Also physical meetings needed, future a mixture

#### 2. Teleworking

- Experience mostly positive
- Does not fit to all duties nor individuals, director driven approach
- Partial teleworking will be applied also after the Covid-19



## **WMO-Forerunner in the UN**



