## **The Emissions Gap Report 2016**

What are the implications of the Paris Agreement? How can the 2030 emissions gap be bridged?

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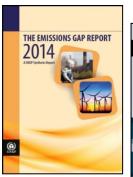


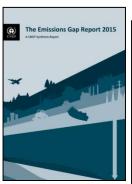














## 2016 Gap Report – Main Questions



#### What are we aiming for?

• Keeping temperature increase well below 2°C and pursue 1.5°C by 2100

#### What is the pre-2020 contribution?

• Collectively countries are on a likely track to meet Cancun pledges, but these are not sufficiently ambitious to get on track to 2030 emission levels consistent with the well below 2°C or 1.5°C goal

#### What do INDCs contribute?

• Emission levels resulting from INDCs are 4 to 6 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr lower than the current policy trajectory in 2030, but the remaining Gap is in the order of 12 to 14 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr compared with 2°C scenarios and 15 to 17 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr compared with 1.5°C

#### Will this be sufficient to stay well below 2°C?

• Without enhanced ambition the likely global average temperature increase will be in the range of <2.9 - 3.4°C by the end of the century. The carbon dioxide budget for the 2°C scenario will be close to depleted by 2030, and the 1.5°C exceeded by far

#### How can the 2030 Gap be bridged?

- Non-state action deliver results and can be rapidly accelerated to enhance ambition
- Enhanced energy efficiency in buildings, industry, and transport holds large potential
- The SDG-Paris Agreement nexus is complex and reiterates the urgency of strategic choices if both agendas are to be achieved

## Amplified urgency of enhanced pre-2020 action



General progress on Cancun pledge achievement but several countries will need to accelerate action

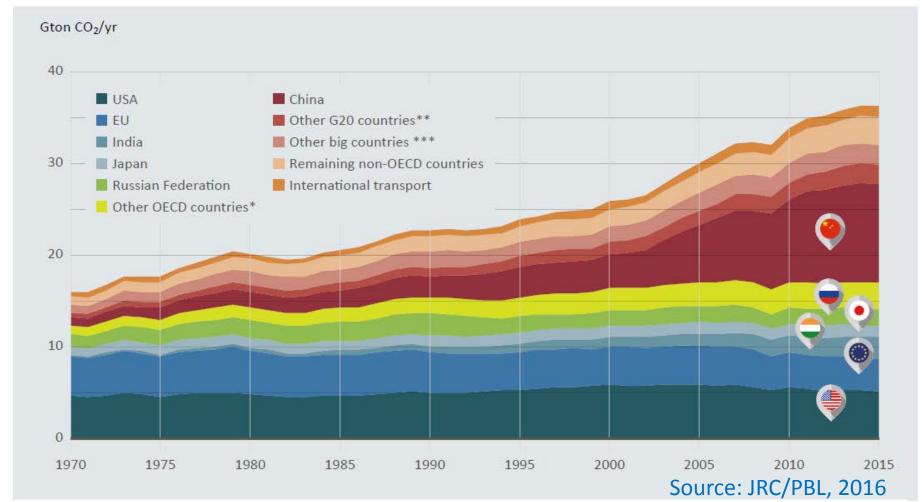
Collectively, pledges are not sufficiently ambitious to improve the starting point for meeting required 2030 emission levels

### **Urgency of enhanced pre-2020 action indisputable in order to:**

- Maintain solution space for achieving the stringent emission reductions required
- Avoid lock-in of carbon- and energy-intensive infrastructure and reduce long term dependence on unproven technologies such as negative emissions
- Reduce the costs of mitigation
- Keep open the option of limiting global temperature increase to 1.5°C by 2100

## Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel and industry seem to stabilise





<sup>\*</sup> Other OECD countries include Australia; Canada; Mexico; Republic of Korea and Turkey.

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Other big countries and areas include Egypt; Iran; Kazakhstan; Malaysia; Nigeria; Taiwan, Province of China; Thailand and Ukraine.

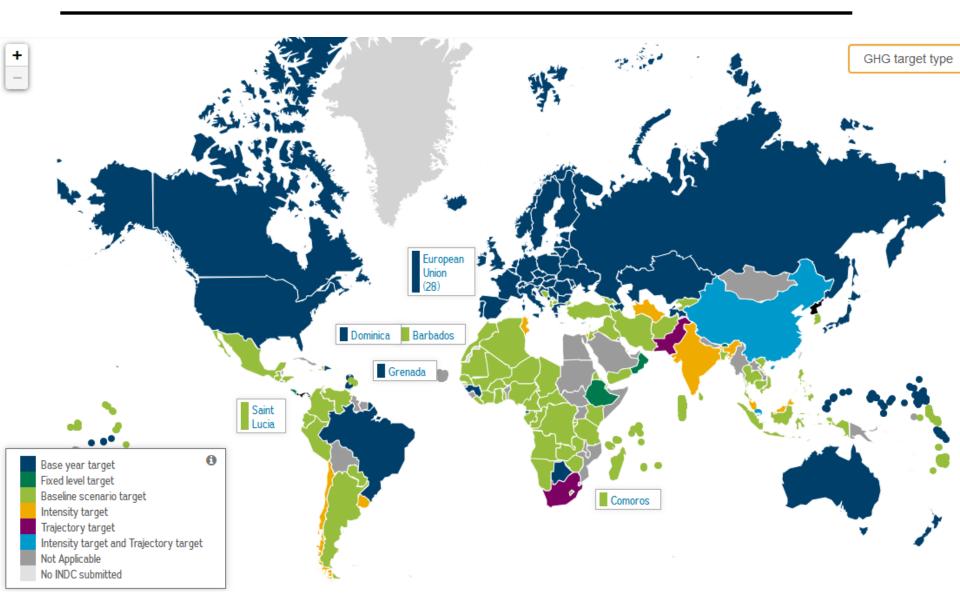
## Progress towards achieving the 2020 pledges for the G20 members



- Collectively, G20 members are on a likely track to meet the minimum level of the Cancun pledges
- China, India and the EU are on track to meet the 2020 pledges; Brazil, Japan, and Russia are also are on track according to most estimates
- Canada, Mexico, the Republic of Korea and the United States are likely to require further action and/or purchased offsets in order to meet their 2020 pledges.
- For South Africa and Indonesia information is insufficient to assess Cancun pledge alignment. For Australia no conclusion is drawn regarding pledge attainment.

## INDC submissions by type of mitigation target, by 1st October 2016

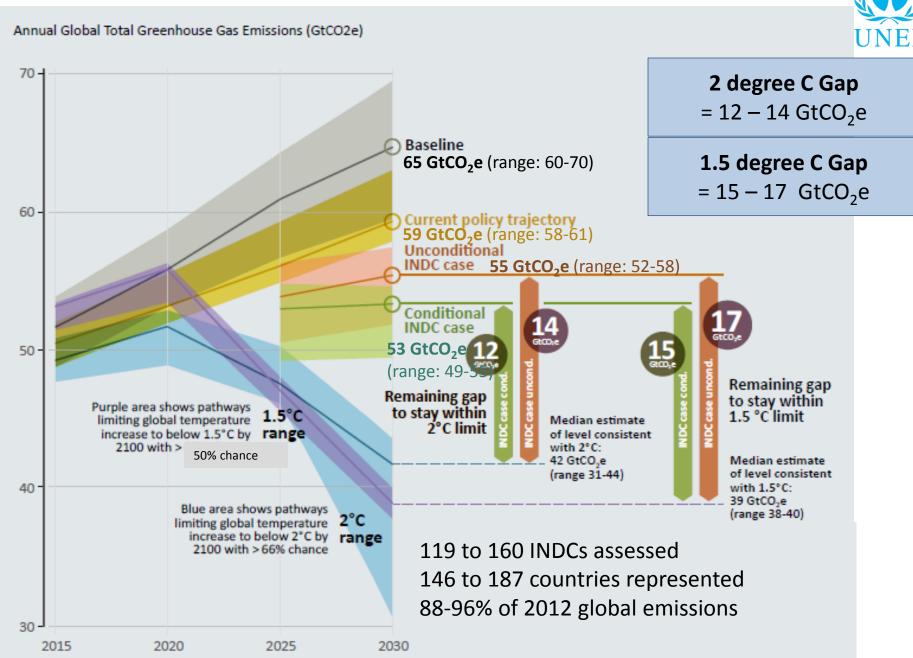




## Ten independent studies, including UNFCCC synthesis report

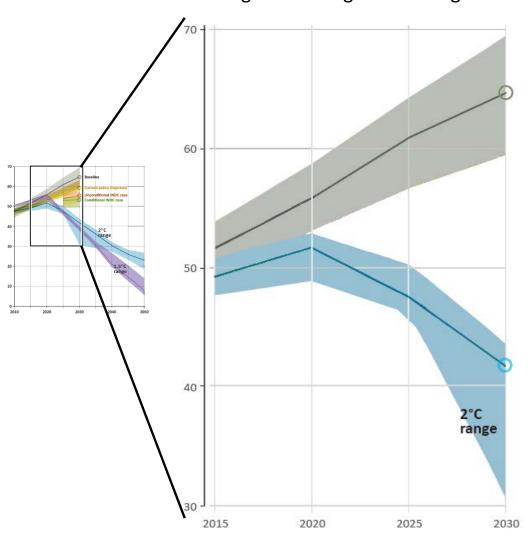


| Reference  | Sector<br>and gas<br>coverage | Cut-Off Date<br>Analysis INDCs | Scenario coverage               | Unconditi<br>onal INDC<br>case | Conditio<br>nal INDC<br>case |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Climate Action Tracker ( <u>CAT, 2015</u> )  | All                           | 8 Dec. 2015<br>(Update)        | Current policy trajectory, INDC | X                              | X                            |
| Climate & Energy College / University of Melbourne dataset (Meinshausen, 2015)         | All                           | 15 Dec. 2015<br>(Update)       | INDC                            | X                              | X                            |
| Climate Interactive (2015)   | All                           | 20 Oct. 2015                   | INDC                            | X                              | _                            |
| Danish Energy Agency ( <u>DEA, 2015</u> )  | All                           | 1 Dec. 2015<br>(Update)        | INDC                            | X                              | _                            |
| London School of Economics and Political<br>Science (LSE) ( <u>Boyd et al., 2015</u> ) | All                           | Mid-Oct. 2015                  | INDC                            | X                              | X                            |
| International Energy Agency - World Energy Outlook ( <u>IEA</u> , <u>2015</u> )        | All <sup>a</sup>              | 15 Dec. 2015<br>(Update)       | Current policy trajectory, INDC | X                              | _                            |
| Joint Research Centre (JRC) ( <u>Kitous and</u> <u>Keramidas, 2015</u> ) (NEW STUDY)   | All                           | Mid-Oct. 2015                  | INDC                            | X                              | X                            |
| Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Fawcett et al., 2015) (NEW STUDY)               | All                           | Mid-Oct. 2015                  | INDC                            | X                              | _                            |
| PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (den Elzen et al., 2016)               | All                           | 15 Dec. 2015<br>(Update)       | Current policy trajectory, INDC | X                              | X                            |
| UNFCCC Synthesis Report ( <u>UNFCCC</u> , <u>2016a</u> )<br>(NEW STUDY)                | All                           | 4 April 2016                   | INDC                            | X                              | X                            |





Annual global total greenhouse gas emissions (GtCO<sub>2</sub>e)



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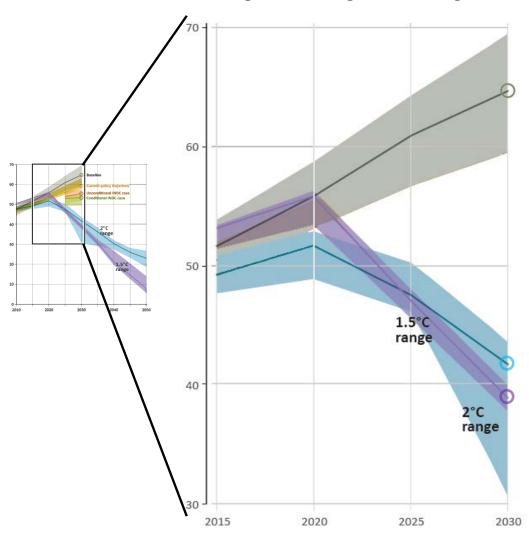
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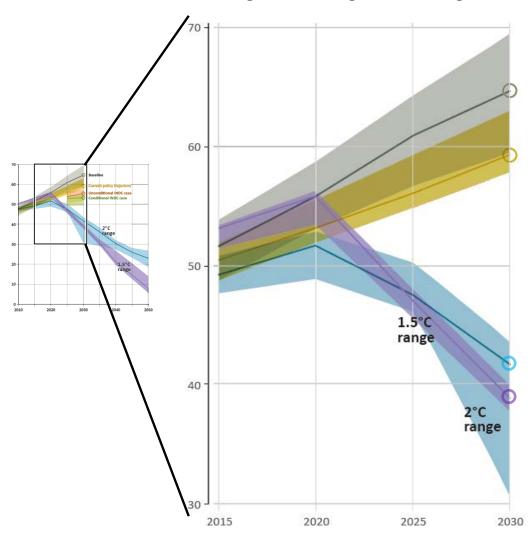
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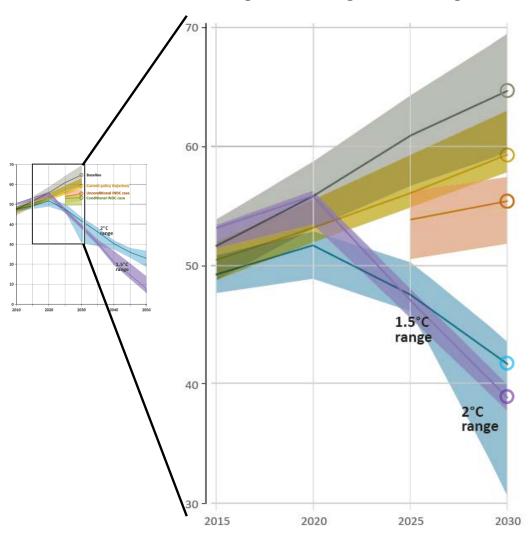
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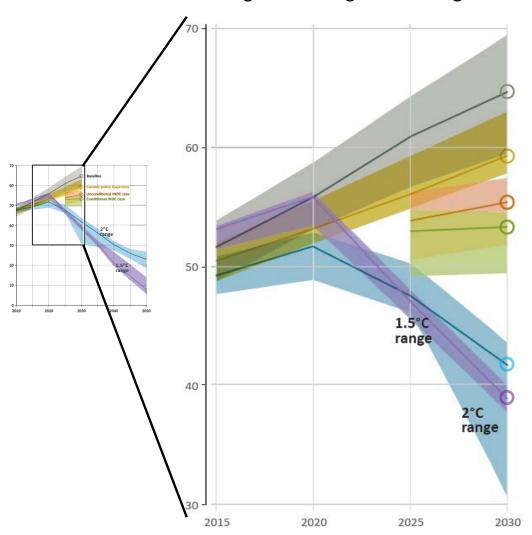
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#### **Conditional INDC case**

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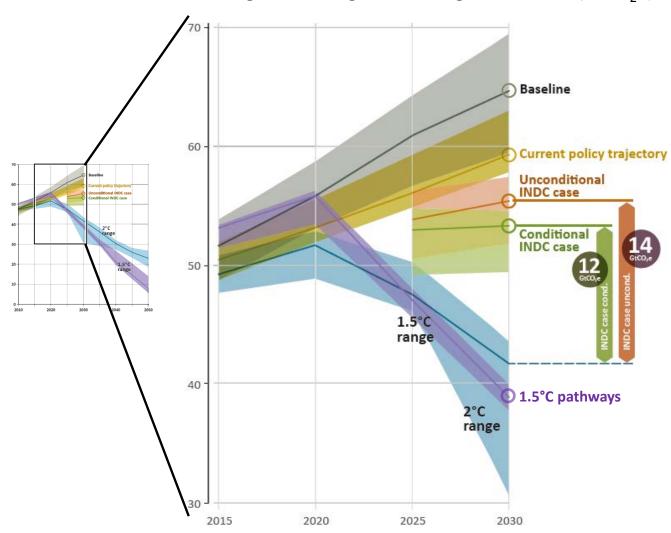
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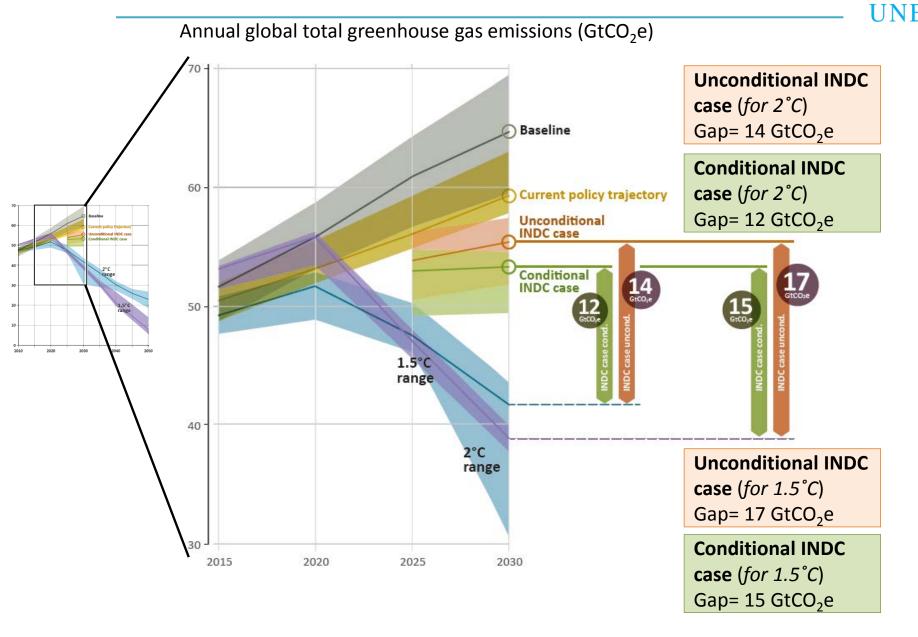
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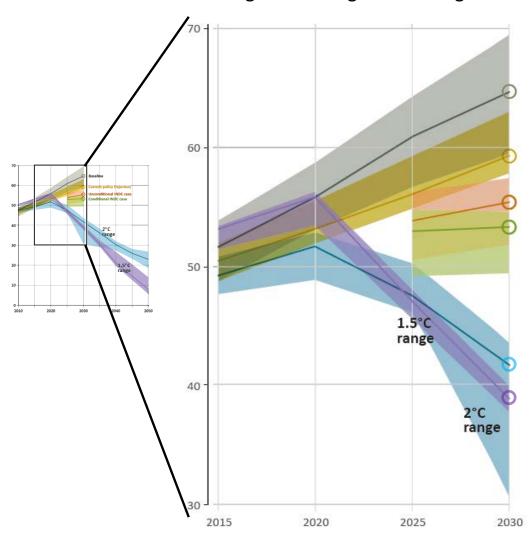
Unconditional INDC case (for 2°C)
Gap= 14 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e

**Conditional INDC case** (for 2°C)

Gap= 12 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e



Annual global total greenhouse gas emissions (GtCO<sub>2</sub>e)



INDCs represent a first start to initiate the required transition, but are far from consistent with the well below 2°C / 1.5°C temperature goals

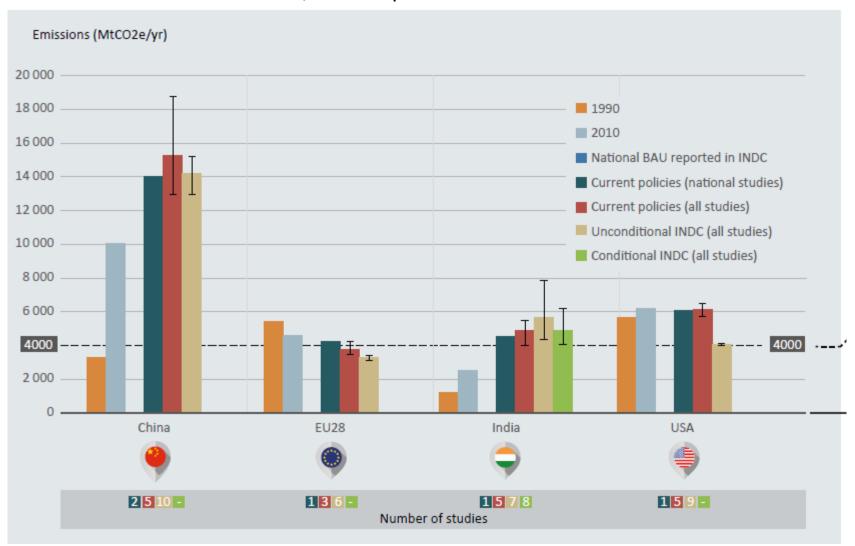
Full implementation of unconditional INDCs is consistent with staying below a 3.2°C temperature increase by 2100. Additional implementation of conditional INDCs lowers this by about 0.2°C

By 2030, carbon dioxide budgets for a likely chance of limiting temperature increase to below 2°C will be close to depleted under INDC implementation and well exceeded for the 1.5°C target

## Understanding the mitigation efforts of the INDCs: \( \) country-level



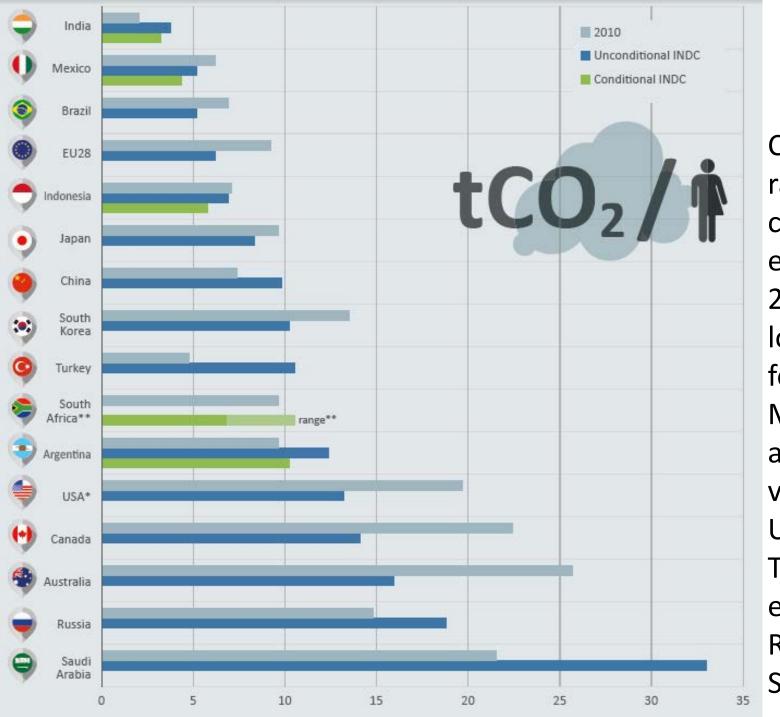
GHG emissions under the INDC, current policies & BAU scenario for G20 countries in 2030





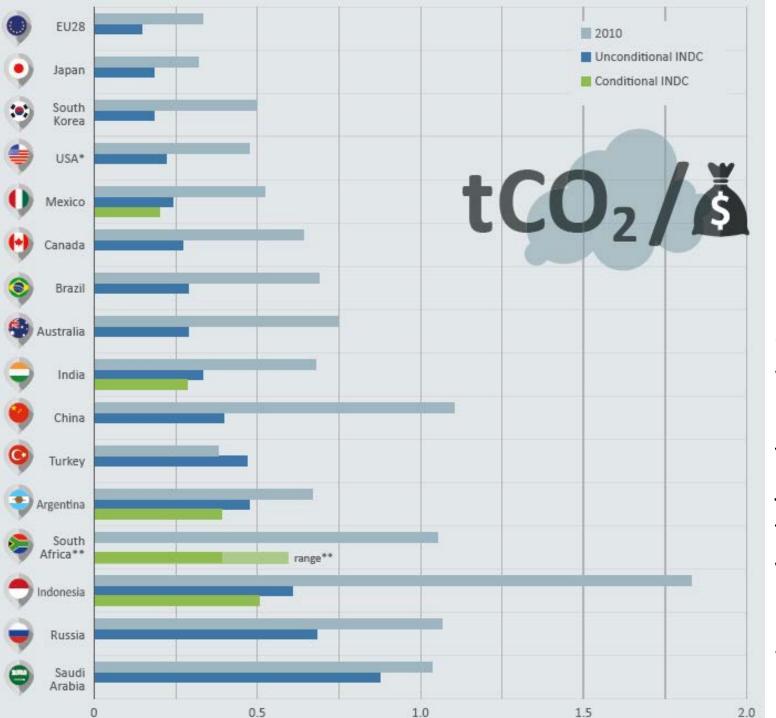


Countries ranked to **Emissions** relative to 2010, with EU, Canada and US the highest reductions, and India and Turkey the highest increase compared to 2010 levels





**Countries** ranked to per capita emissions in 2030, with the low estimates for India, Mexico, Brazil, and high values for the US, Canada. The highest estimates for Russia and Saudi Arabia



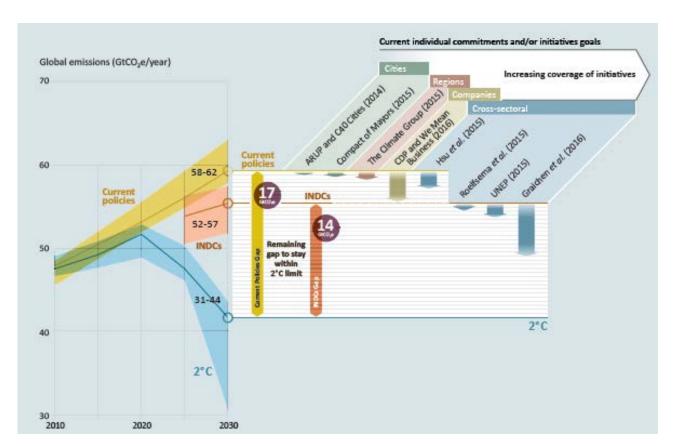


**Countries** ranked to **Emissions** intensity of national economy, with the lowest for the EU and Japan, and the highest values for Russia and Saudi Arabia

## Bridging the gap – non-state actor initiatives



- More than 10,000 climate commitments
- Credibility and transparency varies between initiatives
- Formalised reporting gradually being strengthened
- Contribution to closing the Emissions Gap may be significant



## Action on energy efficiency can help close the gap



- Ambitious action on energy efficiency becomes more urgent given that the longterm objectives in the Paris Agreement are more stringent.
- Well-documented opportunities exist to strengthen national policies and deliver deeper reductions through more effective delivery of energy efficiency policies.
- The estimates of direct and indirect emissions reduction potentials in 2030 are 5.9 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e for buildings, 4.1 for industry and 2.1 for transport.

#### **Buildings**

- Energy codes
- Information and energy performance certification
- Highly energy efficient buildings

#### **Industry**

- Energy
   Management,
   ISO 50001 and
   Energy
   Performance
   Monitoring
- Energy performance standards for industrial equipment
- Energy service companies

#### **Transport**

- Vehicle Fuel Economy Standards
- Electric Mobility for Passenger Transport
- Sustainable Logistics/Frei ght Transportati on

### The Paris Agreement and the SDGs



- Climate action directly affects and is affected by efforts to achieve many of the other SDGs
- Impacts of climate change may undermine achievement of SDGs
- Failure to enhance mitigation ambition will have even more significant implications post-2030

| Alignment       | SDG   | Topic  13 SHI 15 SHI 15 SHI 16 |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Path-aligned    | SDG7  | Sustainable Energy Access  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | SDG11 | Sustainable Cities   |  |  |  |  |
|                 | SDG12 | Sustainable consumption and production   |  |  |  |  |
|                 | SDG15 | Terrestrial Ecosystems   |  |  |  |  |
| Path-contingent | SDG2  | Hunger and food security   |  |  |  |  |
|                 | SDG8  | Growth and employment  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | SDG9  | Infrastructure, industrialization, and innovation  |  |  |  |  |

## What will be the contribution of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions to the temperature target?



- Even if fully implemented, the unconditional Intended Nationally Determined Contributions are only consistent with staying below an increase in temperature of 3.2°C (2.9 – 3.4) by 2100 with greater than 66 per cent probability, and 3.0°C, if conditional Intended Nationally Determined Contributions are included
- This is lower than the 3.6 °C (3.4 3.7) under the current policies but represents far less than is needed
- Peaking of emissions by 2020 is essential

# The Emissions Gap Report 2016 Thank you

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