Climate Crises and District Heating, the Big Picture

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### **Climate Crises – from policy to implementation**

Sometimes – there is a long way from global climate policy discussions, to sectoral discussions and implementation – within each country

How is the link between climate crises and district heating discussions in different countries?

Is it regarding

- awareness wake-up message?
- engineering, resources, timing, planning, infrastructure?
- economic, management, leadership?
- risk assessment regarding municipality, city, country, people?

or perhaps all of this and much more,,,,



### **Climate Crises – from policy to implementation**

- Climate crises is also,,,,
- about future life on earth and how we can fight the climate crises in increasing competition against time
- we must discuss climate crises much more also within the district heating sector – to speed up awareness, actions and opportunities – to avoid the enormous consequences of climate crises
- therefore climate crises risk factors have to be recognised
- and also the great opportunities by fighting climate crises





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### Emissions Gap Report 2018

Unless NDC ambitions are increased before 2030, exceeding the 1.5°C goal is unavoidable. Now more than ever, unprecedented and urgent action is required by all nations

IPCC Side Event 

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5 December 2018



### SWOT – Climate Crises assessments CO<sub>2</sub> – ppm





### SWOT – Climate Crises assessments CO<sub>2</sub> last 2000 years

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Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> concentration Global average long-term atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), measured in parts per million (ppm).								Vorld Vata
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### SWOT – Climate Crises assessments CO<sub>2</sub> last 800.000 years





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### **SWOT – Climate Crises assessments** CO<sub>2</sub> last 800.000 years – the temperature has followed



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Levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have corresponded closely with temperature over the past 800,000 years. Although the temperature changes were touched off by variations in Earth's orbit the increased global temperatures released CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere, which in turn warmed the Earth. Antarctic ice-core data show the long-term correlation until about 1900. (Graphs by Robert Simmon, using data from Lüthi et al., 2008, and Jouzel et al., 2007.)

### SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Alarm of the carbon cycle (global carbon budget)





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Alarm of the carbon cycle (global carbon budget)



#### $CO_2$ – from – coal, oil & gas



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#### $CO_2$ – from - countries



#### CO<sub>2</sub> – from – countries %



 $CO_2$  – from – countries %



### SWOT – Climate Crises assessments CO<sub>2</sub> – from - sectors





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#### $CO_2$ – from - sectors







#### CO<sub>2</sub> is still increasing a lot





Change in global energy related CO2 emissions and avoided emissions, 2017-18

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### Trends in global GHG emissions

- Global greenhouse gas emissions show no signs of peaking.
- Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy and industry increased in 2017, following a three-year period of stabilization.
- Total annual greenhouse gases emissions, including from land-use change, reached a record high of 53.5 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2017, an increase of 0.7 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e compared with 2016.
- In contrast, global GHG emissions in 2030 need to be approximately 25 percent and 55 percent lower than in 2017 to put the world on a least-cost pathway to limiting global warming to 2°C and 1.5°C respectively.







Total annual emissions of  $CO_2$  2017 is 50,3 Gt $CO_2$  that is invisible - but how would it look like if we could see it

Only 50% of the emission are absorbed by plants in the terrestrial and ocean biosphere - therefore we must do much more to reduce CO<sub>2</sub>



### Global Warming Five-year Global Temperature Anomalies from 1880 – 2015 1883 - 2100 (NASA)





### Global Warming

The heat follows global carbon emission





#### **Trends in Global Emissions**

Global Carbon Emissions from Fossil Fuels, 1900-2014



Source: Boden, T.A., Marland, G., and Andres, R.J. (2017). Global, Regional, and National Fossil-Fuel



### **Global** Warming

Five-year Global Temperature Anomalies from 1880 – 2018 (NASA) Average temperature increase in Northern part of earth – is already more than 2°













How will the future look like ?



### **Global Warming**



Recent satellite observations have detected a thinning of parts of the Greenland ice sheet at lower elevations. A partial melting of this ice sheet would cause a 1-meter (3-foot) rise.

If melted completely, the Greenland ice sheet contains enough water to raise sea level by 5-7 meters (16-23 feet).

This visualization shows the effect on coastal regions for each meter of sea level rise, up to 6 meters (19.7 feet). Land that would be covered in water is shaded red.



https://climate.nasa.gov/interactives/climate-time-machine







Floods in Germany June 2013, damage 3 billion € - insurance claims



Long Islands, New York "Frankenstorm" Hurricane Sandy 2012 ORKUSTOFNUN National Energy Authority



Floods in Paris 2016



Philippines 2013



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Hurricane Irma, streets in central Miami 2017





Interstate 45 in Houston after Hurricane Harvey. REUTERS/Richard Carson

#### Hurricane Harvey, Houston 2017



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Storm in Poland August 2017, 30.000 square km – broken trees and destroyed forest

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### Global Warming More and more weather extremes Before and After Photos: Fires Tear Through California's Wine Country

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Fires destroyed an area of the Coffey Park neighborhood in Santa Rosa, Calif. Before: Google Earth; After: California Highway Patrol, via Reuters

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Santa Rose, California 2017

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### Portuguese children to crowdfund European climate change case

Group from region hit by deadly forest fires to sue 47 countries alleging failure to tackle climate change threatens their right to life

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🗊 The fires in Leiria this summer killed more than 60 people. Photograph: Paulo Cunha/EPA

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Portuguese schoolchildren from the area struck by the country's worst forest fires are seeking crowdfunding to sue 47 European countries, alleging that the states' failure to tackle climate change threatens their right to life.

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California had nation's worst fire season in 2018

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# California had nation's worst fire season in 2018

Last year's fire season was "the worst in recorded history" for the state, one official said.

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#### California fires: Emergency declared state-wide

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California wildfires

### Global Warming More and more weather extremes

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With wildfires occurring across the globe, here are some of the techniques used to stop the

Californian Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a state-wide emergency as wildfires, whipped up by fierce winds, continue to sweep through the area.

Some 180,000 people have been ordered to leave homes, with roads around Santa Rosa north of San Francisco packed with cars as people tried to flee. California Oct. 2019 Emergency declared state-wide
# Global Warming More and more weather extremes

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#### **Business Insider Nordic**

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The East Japan Railway Company said 10 trains with a total of 120 carriages were damaged, which accounts for a third of the total fleet, according to NHK.



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Japan's Typhoon Hagibis wrecked its fleet of bullet trains worth \$300 million October 2019









## It's melting twice as fast as usual this summer...

50 km



Source: National Snow and Ice Data Center Footage: Nasa, YouTube





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Footage: Courtesy Police Benevolent Association Of New York State



United Nations NDC Global Outlook

Report 2019



# The Heat is On

Taking Stock of Global Climate Ambition



I want to hear about how we are going to stop the increase in emissions by 2020, and dramatically reduce emissions to reach net-zero emissions by mid-

century.





**OPPORTUNITIES (+)** 



UN Secretary General António Guterres wants countries to come to the Climate Action Summit with concrete plans to combat climate change, which he calls "the defining issue of our time".

**Overall, this report finds many** reasons for optimism, but much work remains. It's clear that business as usual simply isn't good enough anymore. We must do more - much more in areas related to mitigation, adaptation, and the finance to support all of this work. And we must do it quickly.



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UN Secretary General António Guterres





# Sectoral emission reduction potentials in 2030

The emissions reduction potential in six key sectors, at cost  $<US$100/tCO_2e$ , is sufficient to close the emissions gap in 2030 - if implemented immediately and at scale. Most actions would have other environmental, social and economic benefits.



# SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Warnings from the banking sector



# Firms ignoring climate crisis will go bankrupt

says Mark Carney, Bank of England governor warns of financial collapse linked to climate emergency

Companies and industries that are not moving towards zero-carbon emissions will be punished by investors and go bankrupt, the governor of the <u>Bank of England</u> has warned.

Mark Carney also told the Guardian it was possible that the global transition needed to tackle the climate crisis could result in an abrupt financial collapse. He said the longer action to reverse emissions was delayed, the more the risk of collapse would grow.

The Bank of England has <u>said up to \$20tn (£16tn) of assets</u> could be wiped out if the climate emergency is not addressed effectively. But Carney also said great fortunes could be made by those working to end greenhouse gas emissions with a big potential upside for the UK economy i



## SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Warnings from global banks – risk assessment

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- Although the timing, scope and magnitude of the consequences of global warming remain uncertain, the potential risks are significant
- Climate change could reshape the earth
- Cities will be on the frontlines of climate adaptation
- Urban adaptation could drive one of the largest infrastructure build-outs in history
- Given the scale of the task, urban adaptation will likely need to draw on innovative sources of financing
- Adaptation may raise questions of fairness.





## SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Warnings from global banks



Change in global mean surface temperatures, 2005-2019 Average change in temperatures measured against the pre-industrial period



## SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Warnings from global banks

## New York, Tokyo, Lagos,, etc. at risk of flooding

#### **Goldman Sachs**

**Global Markets Institute** 

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Exhibit 8: Rising sea levels and storm surges put parts of New York City, Tokyo and Lagos at risk of flooding



## SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Warnings from next generation





We need to do much more to reduce  $CO_2$ to be able to stay below  $1,5^{\circ}$  C increase, as there is only 420 GtCO<sub>2</sub> left for the  $1,5^{\circ}$  C limit, which take only 12 years to finish, without no change





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Additional Warming since 2006–2015 [°C] <sup>*(1)</sup>	Approximate Warming since 1850–1900 [°C] <sup>*(1)</sup>	Remaining Carbon Budget (Excluding Additional Earth System Feedbacks <sup>*(5)</sup> ) [GtCO <sub>2</sub> from 1.1.2018] <sup>*(2)</sup>		
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		33rd	50th	67th
0.3		290	160	80
0.4		530	350	230
0.5		770	530	380
0.53	~1.5°C	840	580	420

As this chart from the IPCC shows, there is a remaining carbon budget of about 420 GtCO2 for a two-thirds 66% chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C, and 580 GtCO2 for a 50% chance.

**IPCC 2019** 



with extremely steep reductions each year including shutdown of fossil fuel assets

(IPCC and Dr Helena Wright)



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## We need to do much more - to be able to stay below 1,5° C increase









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## NDC contributions and the emissions gap

Annual global total greenhouse gas emissions



NDCs 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 NDCs is consistent with staying below a 3.2°C temperature increase by 2100. Additional implementation of conditional NDCs lowers this by about 0.2°C. Unless NDC ambitions are increased before 2030, exceeding the 1.5 °C goal is unavoidable. Now more than ever, unprecedented and urgent action is required by all nations.





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## LEGEND: EMISSION CONTRIBUTIONS



## Key risk factors – related to Climate Crises



#### Risks and/or impacts for specific natural, managed and human systems

The key elements are presented here as a function of the risk level assessed between 1.5°C and 2°C.



Purple indicates very high risks of severe impacts and the presence of significant irreversibility or the persistence of climate-related hazards, combined with limited ability to adapt due to the nature of the hazard or impacts/risks.

- Red indicates severe and widespread impacts/risks.
  Yellow indicates that impacts/risks are detectable and attributable to climate change with at least medium confidence.
- White indicates that no impacts are detectable and attributable to climate change.

Confidence level for transition: L=Low, M=Medium, H=High and VH=Very high

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#### **Climate change**

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## We have 12 years to limit climate change catastrophe, warns UN

Urgent changes needed to cut risk of extreme heat, drought, floods and poverty, says IPCC

Overwhelmed by climate change? Here's what you can do

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#### Jonathan Watts Global environment editor

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A firefighter battles a fire in California. The world is currently 1C warmer than preindustrial levels. Photograph: Ringo HW Chiu/AP

The world's leading climate scientists have warned there is only a dozen years for global warming to be kept to a maximum of 1.5C, beyond which even half a degree will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people.





## SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Rising seas will erase more cities by 2050

## Rising seas will erase more cities by 2050, new research shows

A paper published Tuesday developed a more accurate way of calculating land elevation based on satellite readings, a way of estimating the effects of sea level rise, and found that the previous numbers were far too optimistic.

New York Times | Oct 30, 2019, 09.29 AM IST

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The new projections suggest that much of Mumbai, India's financial capital and one of the largest cities in the world, is at risk of being wiped out.

land that will be below the high-tide line by midcentury.

Rising seas could affect three times more people by 2050 than previously thought, according to new research, threatening to all but erase some of the world's great coastal cities.

The authors of a paper published Tuesday developed a more accurate way of calculating land elevation based on satellite readings, a standard way of estimating the effects of sea level rise over large areas, and found that the previous numbers were far too optimistic. The new research shows that some 150 million people are now living on

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## SWOT – Climate Crises assessments Global banks are going green



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130 banks worth \$47 trillion adopt new UN-backed climate policies to shift their loan books away from fossil fuels



Matthew Green, Reuters Sep 23, 2019, 3:35 AM







# The role of non-state and subnational actors



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subnational actors play an important role in delivering national pledges.

potential from nonsubnational action could be significant, allowing countries to raise ambition, but the impact of commitments are limited and poorly documented.





# Accelerating innovation is a key component in bridging the gap

Combining innovation in the use of existing technologies and in behaviour with the promotion of investment in new technologies and market creation has the potential to transform societies and reduce their GHG emissions.





**OPPORTUNITIES (+)** 



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# Kenya has built Africa's largest wind farm

Source: Reuters

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#### NYTIMES.COM

New York Awards Offshore Wind Contracts in Bid to Reduce Emissions



# The world's largest solar power project begins running in UAE

Will the small petrol state soon be solar powered?

SCOTTY HENDRICKS 05 July, 2019

1,7 Gigawatt





What is CarbFix?

CarbFix is the industrial process to capture CO2 and other sour gases from emission sources and permanently store it as rock in the subsurface. The process can furthermore be applied in relation to direct capture of CO2 from air. In the current CarbFix2 project, supported by The European Union, we are demonstrating how this secure, cost-effective and environmentally benign method to reduce atmospheric CO2 levels can be applied world-wide.





Angela Merkel at Hellisheidi





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Scotland is now generating so much wind energy, it could power two Scotlands

### WORLD ENERGY COUNCIL ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY AND PEOPLE

## NEW PERSPECTIVES

For the last decade, the Council has been systematically tracking leadership perceptions, policy performance outcomes, and new energy developments. Four significant new perspectives have emerged.

https://www.worldenergy.org/energy-for-sustainable-prosperity-and-people

Enabling consumer-centric services

+ A growing acceptance of the Energy Trilemma

+ Avoiding climate crisis means a diverse energy mix

+ Fragmented leadership is the biggest risk

### WORLD ENERGY COUNCIL ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY AND PEOPLE

## TEN AREAS FOR ACTION

We aim to make use of all flow pathways to secure clean energy liquidity on a global and local basis. We have identified 10 new opportunities in energy for sustainable prosperity and people.

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+ Adopt a whole energy system leadership stance

- + Adopt a healthy mix of technologies
- + Accelerate trade in clean molecules
- + Enable energy infrastructure action planning
- + Enable new market designs

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+ Promote international dialogue on useful access

Provide networked security for dynamic resilience

+ Strengthen sector coupling to decarbonise

+ Develop a new economics of energy transition

+ Close the skills and capabilities gaps



# **The Oil Crises**



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# Expansion of GeoDH Space Heating by Source 1970–2013

- Biggest steps in GeoDH were taken during the oil & war crises 1970 1982
- External conditions raised the need of evaluation and GeoDH Planning
- Policy goals to increase geothermal both national and within main cities
- It took only <u>12</u> years to increase GeoDH from <u>40% to 80%</u> of total space heating
- It took only 12 years to decrease oil for heating from 50% to 5% in 12 years



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Source: Orkustofnun

## Reykjavik – one of the biggest District Heating network in the World – Renewable Energy mitigates Global Warming

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Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Reykjavík due to space heating

Source: Reykjavik Energy

# Environmental Benefits of Geothermal Utilisation

#### Reykjavík 1933

#### Reykjavík today







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## Renewable Energy - mitigate Global Warming

Accumulative CO2 savings using renewables instead of oil

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# Geothermal District Heating Options and Possibilities in Europe

#### Geothermal cities in Europe with district heating systems

#### Geothermal heat at 2000 meters







### Ban Ki-moon: There is no plan B, because we have no planet B

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#### **Competitiveness of the Geothermal Sector**

Success of Geothermal District Heating is based on 8 Key Factors

#### 8 Key Elements of Success in the Geothermal Sector and District Heating

- 1. Authorities and regulation,
- 2. Geothermal resources,
- 3. Scientific & technical factors,
- 4. Education & human factors,
- 5. Access to capital,
- 6. Infrastructure and access to markets, sectors and other clusters,
- 7. Access to international markets and services,
- 8. The company, management, expertise & industry, clusters assessment

In cooperation with international and domestic experts, on geothermal resources, finance, legal, management and other expertise.





Source: Sölvell & Lindquist 2012, Amended, B. Petursson, National Energy Authority, 2014

## **Some lessons from Iceland**

Geothermal Options, Opportunities and Benefits The geothermal heat generation has several advantages, such as:

- 1. Economic opportunity and savings.
- 2. Improvement of energy security.
- 3. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- 4. Harnessing local resources.
- 5. Improve and simplify financial support.
- 6. Reducing dependency on fossil fuels for energy use.
- 7. Improving industrial and economic activity.
- 8. Develop low carbon and geothermal technology industry, and create employment opportunities.
- 9. Local payback in exchange for local support for geothermal drilling.
- 10. Improving quality of life based on economic and environmental / climate benefits.



# Renewable Energy - is a Powerful Tool to Fight Against Global Warming

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