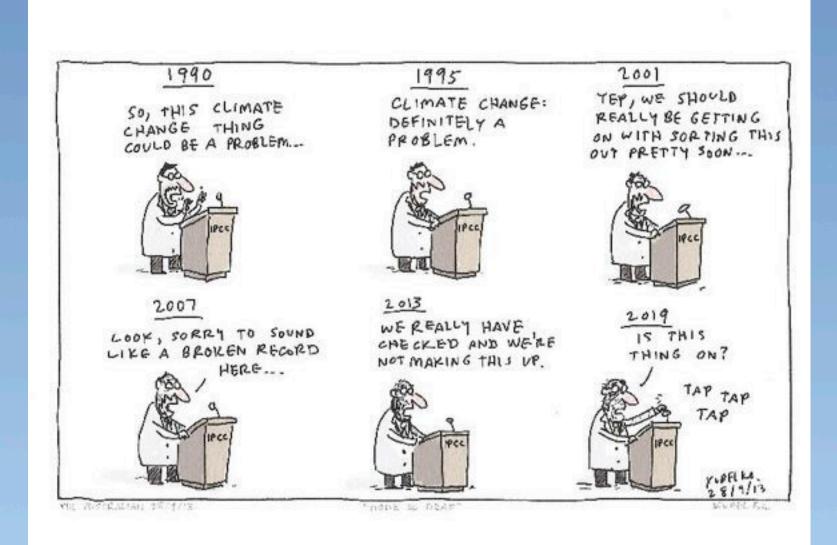


The long march of IPCC





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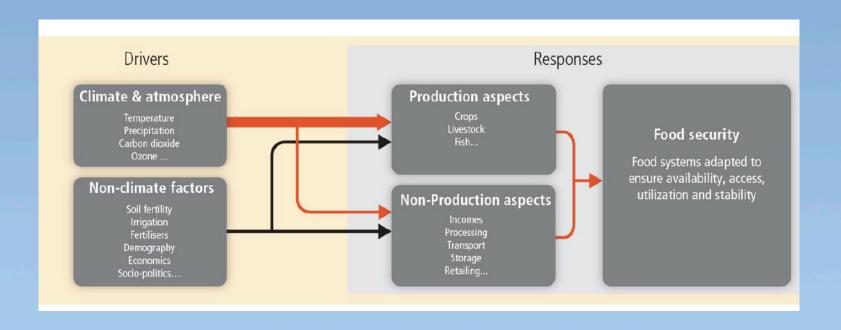
Report by climate change panel says global warming is fuelling not only natural disasters, but potentially famine – and war



IPCC and food security

'When all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life'

MUCH MORE THAN CROP YIELDS...





Observed changes in food systems

Changes already have been observed

- Based on many studies covering a wide range of regions and crops, negative impacts of climate change on crop yields have been more common than positive impacts (high confidence)
 - High latitude production increases?
 - Declines in wheat and maize compared to rice
 - Food price rises linked to climate extremes



Projected changes in food systems

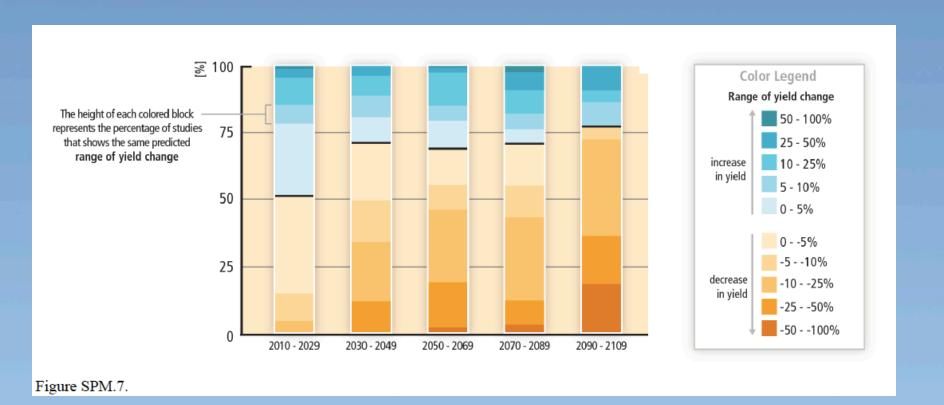


Figure SPM.7: Summary of projected changes in crop yields, due to climate change over the 21st century. The figure includes projections for different emission scenarios, for tropical and temperate regions, and for adaptation and no-adaptation cases combined. Relatively few studies have considered impacts on cropping systems for scenarios where global mean temperatures increase by 4oC or more. For five timeframes in the near-term and long-term, data (n=1090) are plotted in the 20-year period on the horizontal axis that includes the midpoint of each future projection period. Changes in crop yields are relative to late-20th-century levels. Data for each timeframe sum to 100%. [Figure 7-5]



Projected changes

- At 2°C and above in absence of adaptation production will mostly decline
- After 2050 high risk of negative yield impacts depending on warming, beyond 4°C large risks globally and regionally
- Increased variability
- Higher demand for food



North America

- Effects of temperature and climate variability on yields of major crops have been observed (high confidence)
- Projected increases in temperature, reductions in precipitation in some regions, and increased frequency of extreme events would result in net productivity declines in major North American crops by the end of the 21st Century without adaptation, although the rate of decline varies by model and scenario, and some regions, particularly in the north, may benefit (very high confidence)
- Canada and the US are relatively food secure, although households living in poverty are vulnerable. 17.6% of Mexicans are food insecure
- Dependence on imports not well captured we will be affected by changes elsewhere



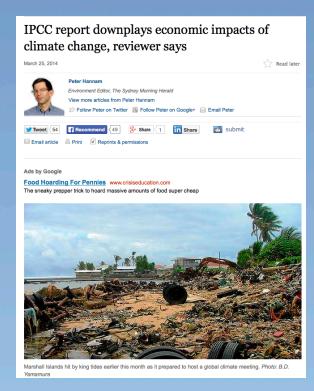
IPCC and economic impacts



The opening session of IPCC meeting in Yokohama. Photograph: Yoshikazu Tsuno/AFP/Getty Images

Britain has dismissed as "completely meaningless" a key economic finding cited in part of the draft United Nations climate report from a dissenting author who went public on Thursday with criticisms of the report, the Guardian has learned.





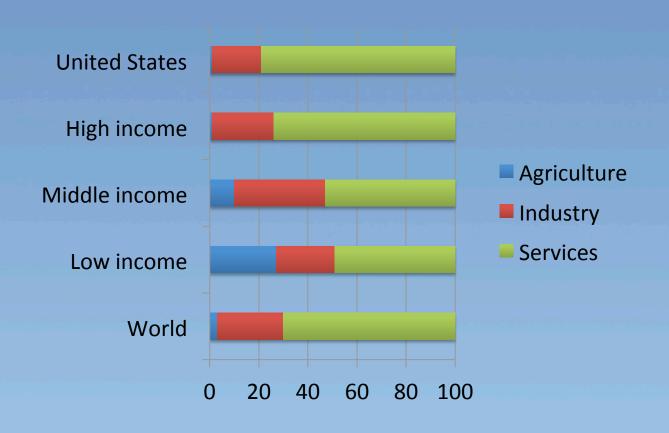


Impacts on other economic sectors

- Global economic impacts are difficult to estimate (incomplete estimate of -2%)
- For most economic sectors, the impacts of other drivers (changes in population, age structure, income, technology, relative prices, lifestyle, regulation, and governance are projected to be large relative to the impacts of climate change



GDP by sector 2012 (%)



Gross Domestic Product: the market value of all officially recognized final goods and services produced within a country over a period of time e.g. a year



Why so little economy?

- Lack of peer reviewed literature directly on key economic sectors
- Focus is on natural resources, water, and agriculture
- Assumption that urban or coastal captures most of the economy
- Very little information on manufacturing (chemicals, food, autos) or service (Finance, Healthcare, ICT, Tourism)
- Information hard to get because of competitive pressures



Climate and conflict

Climate change can indirectly increase risks of violent conflicts in the form of civil war and inter-group violence by amplifying well-documented drivers of these conflicts such as poverty and economic shocks (medium confidence). Multiple lines of evidence relate climate variability to these forms of conflict.
64 The impacts of climate change on the critical infrastructure and territorial integrity of many states are expected to influence national security policies (medium evidence, medium agreement).



Africa

