ENVIRONMENTAL & FINANCIAL IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING

EXAMINATION OF FACT AND MYTH, SCIENCE AND RHETORIC, PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

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List of Abbreviations

AI: Artificial intelligence

- AIoT: Artificial intelligence of things
- AMOC: Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation
- ASA: Advertising Standards Authority

CDM: Clean Development Mechanism

CFCs: Chlorofluorocarbons

COP: Conference of the Parties

CSA: Climate smart agriculture

EGD: European Green Deal

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

ESG: Environmental, social and governance

ENSO: El Niňo Southern Oscillation

ESA: European Space Agency

ESD: Education for Sustainable Development

GCOS: Global Climate Observation System

GDP: Gross domestic product

GEMS Air: Global Environmental Monitoring System for Air

GEOSS: Global Earth Observation System of Systems

GHG: Greenhouse gasses

GRACE: Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment

HFC: Hydrofluorocarbon

IEA: International Energy Agency

ILO: International Labor Organization

IoT: Internet of Things

IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

IRA: Inflation Reduction Act, 2022 (US)

IUCN: International Union for the Conservation of Nature

NAO: North Atlantic Oscillation

NASA: North American Space Agency

NCAR: National Center for Atmospheric Research

NDCs: Nationally-determined contributions

NGO: Non-government organization (usually a non-profit)

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

OECD: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OPEC: Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

OTEC: Ocean thermal energy conversion

PDO: Pacific Decadal Oscillation

REDD+: Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation

RFSTE: Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Ecology

SGDGs: Sustainable Development Goals

TIROS: Television Infrared Observation Satellite

UN: United Nations

UNDP: United Nations Development Program

UNEP: United Nations Environmental Program

UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization UNFCCC: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change WEF: World Economic Forum WHO: World Health Organization

WWF: World Wildlife Fund

Glossary

Abrupt Change: Dramatic, widespread change in the climate system that happens within just a few decades and continues to persist.

Adaptation: Process of adjustment to the actual or anticipated impacts of climate change. Interventions implemented in good time can help to reduce the effects of climate change on human communities.

Aerosols: Small droplets in the atmosphere that reflect or absorb carbon dioxide depending on their chemical composition.

Alternative Energy: Energy derived from non-fossil fuel sources. This includes renewable sources, such as sun, wind, wave action, or geothermal.

Anthropogenic: Resulting from human activities.

Carbon Capture and Storage: New technologies that capture carbon emissions at source and then transport them for reuse or inject them into geological formations underground.

Black Carbon: Particulate, high carbon matter that absorbs the most carbon, which results from the incomplete burning of fossil fuels, e.g. soot.

Carbon Cycle: Natural movement of carbon through natural systems. Carbon is held and stored in the atmosphere, natural ecosystems, such as marine or aquatic systems, and soils. Carbon moves between these reservoirs when it is released.

Carbon Dioxide: A naturally-occurring gas in the atmosphere that is also released when fossil fuels are burnt.

Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (COe): Measurement of other greenhouse gases (see below), assessed for their potential for global warming in comparison to carbon dioxide.

Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Removal: Taking carbon dioxide out of the air by increasing natural storage capacity, for example, by planting more trees or improving soil health, or using carbon capture and storage technologies.

Carbon Footprint: Amount of greenhouse gases that are emitted into the atmosphere as a result of human activities. These may be emitted by individuals, businesses, or communities.

Carbon Neutral (Net Zero) Emissions: When anthropogenic carbon emissions are balanced by the amount of carbon removed from the atmosphere over a specific period of time.

Carbon Sequestration or Storage: The ability of certain systems to absorb carbon dioxide and other forms of carbon, and store it rather than allowing it to escape into the atmosphere. Examples include trees, soils, and the ocean.

Chlorofluorocarbons: Gases produced by industrial and chemical processes that escape into the atmosphere and which have been implicated in ozone depletion.

Climate Feedback: Natural processes that either exacerbate or reduce warming or cooling effects of climate change.

Fossil Fuels: Fuels created by fossilized plants or animal remains dating back millions of years. The main fossil fuels are coal, oil, and natural gas.

Fugitive Emissions: Usually applied to oil and gas production, this refers to unintentional, unexpected leaks from pipelines, incorrectly capped wells, and similar sources.

Greenhouse Effect: When heat generated by solar radiation is trapped in the atmosphere by warming gasses, such as carbon dioxide, methane, and water vapor. This keeps the planet warm enough to support life.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG): Gasses that absorb solar radiation in the atmosphere.

Greenwashing: Making a product, activity, or policy appear more environmentally-friendly and less environmentally-damaging than it actually is. This misleads consumers who want to purchase sustainably produced products and services.

Halocarbons: Chemical compounds that include chlorine, bromine, or fluorine and carbon. These are all powerful GHGs in the atmosphere.

Hydrocarbons: Substances containing only hydrogen and carbon, such as fossil fuels.

Indirect Emissions: Emissions from a business, building, or home that are caused by the electricity they use coming from a fossil-fueled source such as coal.

Least Developed Country: Country with low socio-economic indicators.

Methane: A hydrocarbon greenhouse gas that has a shorter life in the atmosphere then carbon dioxide but a much more pronounced warming effect.

Mitigation: Steps taken to prevent climate change from escalating, for example, by installing solar panels to reduce reliance on coal-fired power or driving electric vehicles rather than vehicles powered by gasoline.

Natural Variability: Variations on the average state of the climate caused by natural processes and events, such as volcanic eruptions and variations in solar radiation.

Ocean Acidification: Increased carbon dioxide concentrations in the ocean lead to a rise in acidity.

Ozone: A gas made up of three molecules of oxygen. In the stratosphere, it forms the ozone layer, which protects the Earth from the harmful effects of solar radiation. At ground level it is a pollutant and may be toxic.

Particulate Matter: Miniscule pieces of aerosols, dust, fumes, or soot that are present in the atmosphere. The way they combine with one another and other chemicals determines their warming effects.

Parts Per Million (ppm): Portions of a chemical found in one million parts of another gas, liquid, or solid.

Permafrost: Continuously frozen ground located in the polar regions.

Radiative Forcing: Measure of the influence of a particular substance or event, such as an aerosol, greenhouse gas, or land use change on the Earth's energy balance.

Reflectivity: Ability of a surface, such as clouds or the ocean, to reflect sunlight.

Residence Time: Average time a particular molecule remains in the atmosphere.

Resilience: Ability to predict, prepare for, respond, and recover from several threats or hazards with minimal impacts on personal wellbeing, the economy, and the environment.

Salt Water Intrusion: When salt water enters fresh surface or groundwater, usually in coastal areas or estuaries.

Sea Surface Temperature: Temperature of the first few feet of the ocean's upper levels.

Sink: Natural process or activity that removes carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses from the atmosphere.

Soil Carbon: Amount of carbon present in the soil.

Thermal Expansion: Increase in volume of water due to warming.

Thermohaline Circulation: Enormous, planetary-wide ocean circulatory system, moving warm water from the equatorial regions to the poles, where it sinks and circles back to the equator.

Tipping Point: Climate changing suddenly and irrevocably, even when the apparent cause has disappeared. Beyond this point, there is no turning back.

Sustainable Development: Using natural resources in such a way that they are not depleted and continue to be available to others for many generations to come. This is good for the planet, natural systems and biodiversity, people, and communities.

Unprecedented Transition: Tackling climate in a new way over a specific time period so that the situation changes completely and climate change is arrested or reversed. This can include a rapid, global uptake of renewable energy solutions, for instance.

Water Vapor: Gaseous form of water found in the atmosphere. This is an important greenhouse gas, although derived naturally. Water vapor in the atmosphere increases under climate change, exacerbating warming and severe weather events, such as tropical storms.

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