

Highlights of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report 2022

The latest IPCC report – authored by 270 scientists from 67 countries and approved by 195 governments – shows the earth is warming at an alarming rate, faster than had been predicted. We face catastrophic flooding, ever-strengthening storms and weather disruptions, devastating fires, as well as loss of ground, air, and underwater habitats and the creatures that live within them. The effects of global warming disproportionately affect those who are poor and vulnerable. The report sounds a strong warning that much bolder action is needed immediately to cut greenhouse gas emissions as well as to adapt to the increasing climate impacts and protect the most vulnerable. “Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action,” the report says, “will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a livable and sustainable future for all.”



Released February 28th in Berlin, the official press release for the IPCC report can be found [here](#). Coverage of the report from [Toronto](#) and [New York](#) reminds all of us that what we face in environmental degradation is very serious and the time to act is now – or actually yesterday. The earth is warming at an alarming rate, [faster](#) than had been predicted. As global warming continues, we face catastrophic flooding, ever-strengthening storms and weather disruptions, devastating fires, as well as loss of ground, air, and underwater habitats and the creatures that live within them. The effects of global warming disproportionately affect those who are poor and vulnerable. Between 2010 and 2020, floods, droughts and storms killed 15 times as many people in developing nations in Africa, Asia and elsewhere than in the wealthiest countries, [the report found](#).

Submitted as part of the IPCC, [Canada's Changing Climate Report](#) outlines the effects of climate change updated through 2021. [In reporting](#) on the IPCC report: “Climate change is not a distant, future, concern. It’s happening right now. This is especially significant for Canada, which is warming faster than much of the rest of the world: an average of 1.7 C increase since 1948.”

Despite the very grave findings and predictions of the IPCC report, finding a balance between being a “Doomer” about climate change and engaging others, especially young people, in meaningful action is important. “We need to ask ourselves if we’re going to try. We don’t know ’til we try if we’re going to win. Whether or not we do, it will still have been worth it.” [Read more here](#).

From Living Laudato Si’ website: “The expression “great things from small beginnings” is almost a cliché nowadays, but it still applies when it comes to climate and environment action. Everyone needs to be involved in preventing further climate change and environmental degradation. And despite what some people might tell you, accessible and affordable solutions do exist. An act of love could truly go a long way.” [Read more here](#).

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