

Lifting the Catholic Voice on Climate Justice at COP 30

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Prayer for the COP30 climate summit ([CAFOD](#))

God of blessings,
the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made
and awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire world leaders at COP30,
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.

Amen.

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COP30

BRASIL

AMAZÔNIA

BELÉM 2025





IS THE **HOTTEST** YEAR ON RECORD

Set the Stage



UNFCCC

United Nations
Framework
Convention on
Climate Change

Set the Rules



Paris Agreement



2015
195 countries


4 Holdouts:
Iran
Libya
Yemen
2025(6):USA



Commit to keep global
temperatures:
Well below: 2 C
1.5 = BETTER



NATIONALLY
DETERMINED
CONTRIBUTIONS

**COP =
Conference of the Parties**



**COP 28 and 29:
Petrostates**



**COP 30:
Heart of the Amazon**



2. Adaptation



3. Climate Finance

**How?
3 workstreams**

1. Mitigation





Negotiations



Side Events

**What
Happens
at COP?**



Plenaries



Actions



Country representatives



**Fossil fuel
Lobbyists**



**National leaders and
Politicians**

50,000 Participants



Businesses



Scientists & Academics

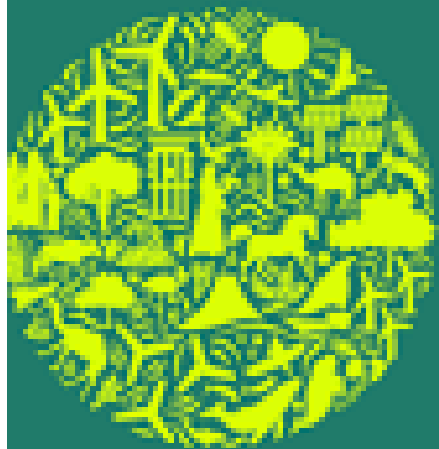


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**COP²⁸
UAE**

Dubai 2023



**Transition from
Fossil Fuels**



COP29
Baku
Azerbaijan
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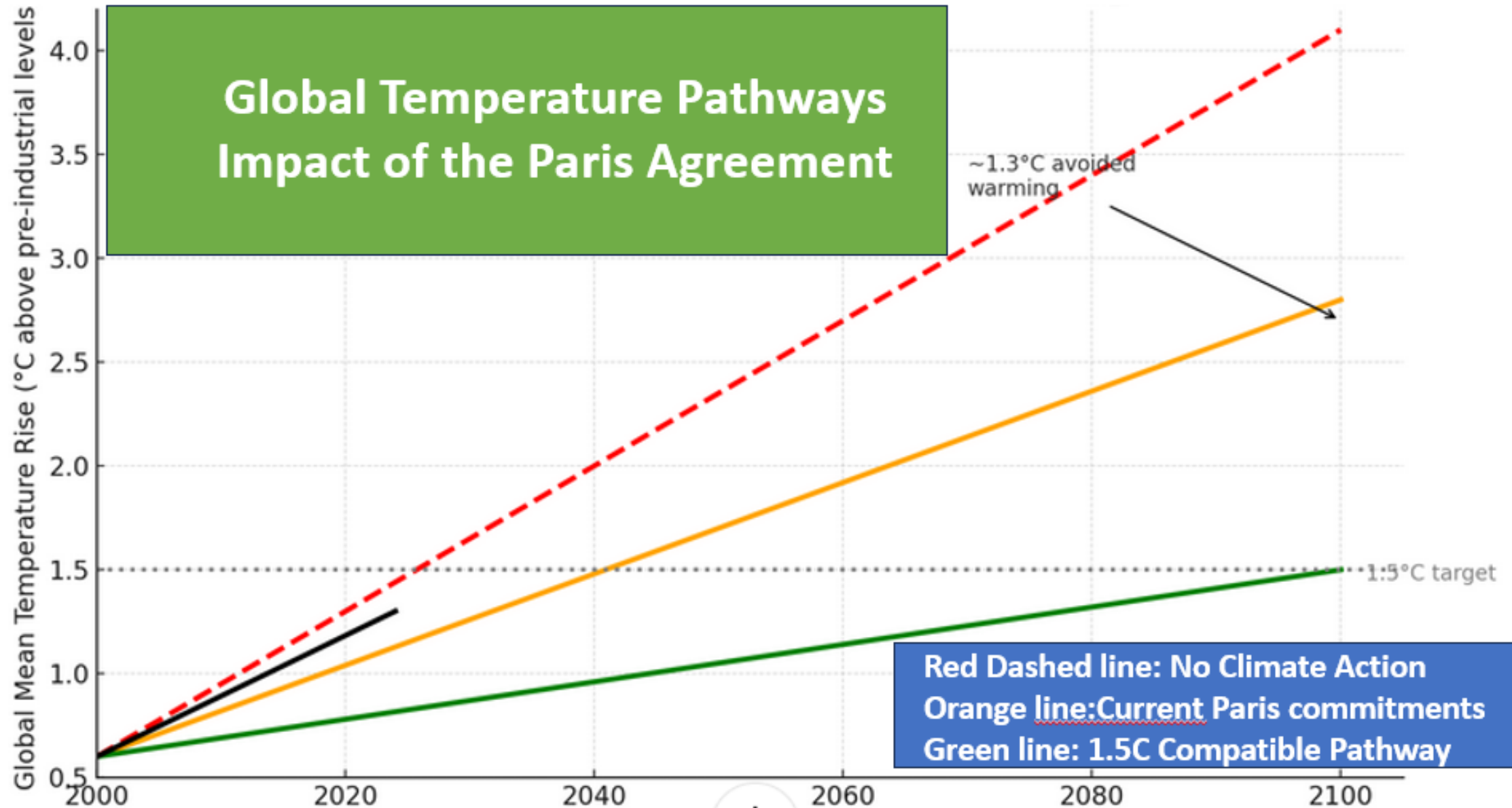
(NCQG) \$300 Billion

Global Ice Cream: \$150 billion



Missing: \$1 Trillion

Why continue?



Greatest COP 30 Challenge: Affirm Multilateral Climate Action



"the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international levels." Pope Leo IV

BAKU TO BELÉM

ROADMAP TO 1.3T

Guarantee
necessary
Climate
Finance

Center
Human rights
Transition
Minerals



HOPES
For COP 30

Just
Transition



Finalize
Global Goal
on
Adaptation







Faith actors

Subnational leaders from
States with climate friendly
action:
60% of US GDP

15-20 Member of Congress



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Holy See
Delegation

Bishops/Cardinals



Catholic Organizations

Catholic presence
at
COP 30

Ecological
Ecclesial Networks





Faith Leaders Letter



Fast on November 7&14

What can I do?



**People's Determined
Contributions**



Pray



Sign Faiths are Still In

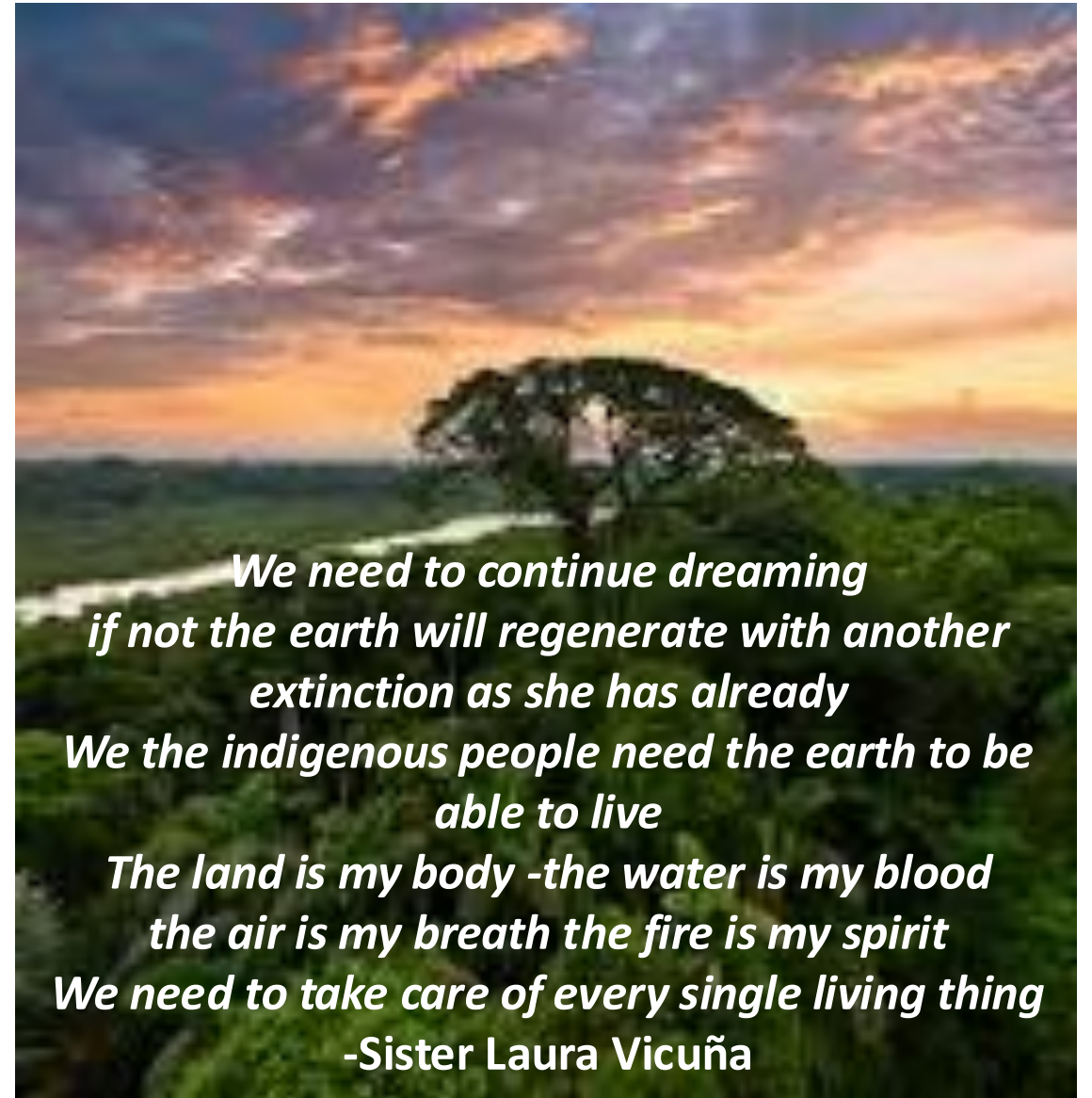


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Collective
effort towards
a common
goal



**COP 30 President
André Corrêa do Lago**





COP30

How are the debt and
climate crises
connected?

Liz Cronin, October 2025





What are the links
between the global
climate and debt
crises?

- Climate loans increase debt
- IFIs place harmful conditionalities
- Including more polluting exports
- Causing more disasters (and debt)
- Meaning less climate funding,
increasing reliance on loans





Where will this link be discussed in Belém?

- Baku to Belém Roadmap to \$1.3 trillion
- Article 2.1(c)
- [Side events](#): CAFOD, Christian Aid, Maryknoll, Avaaz, ECLAC, Bread for the World



Reasons to be cheerful

- Jubilee Year
- Pope Leo
- Positive legislative noises
- Progress in other spaces



Thank you

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Adaptation and COP30

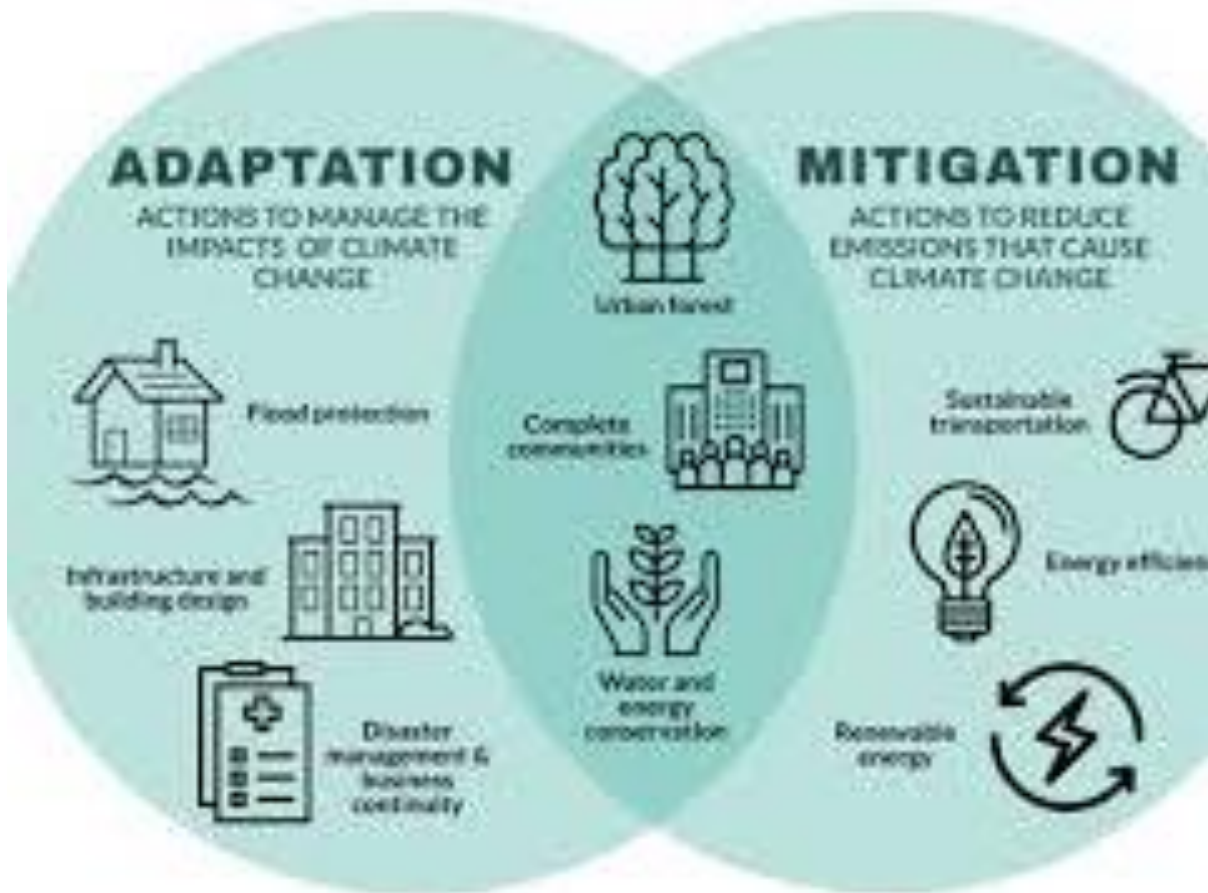
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What is Climate Adaptation?



The technical definition: An adjustment in natural or human systems in the response to actual or expected climate stimuli (variability, extremes, changes) or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities”
Source: IPCC TAR 2001

But really....It's about managing climate **risks protecting** people, homes, farms, and communities from harm and helping them **thrive** in a changing world.

CRS: Spices project in Central and Southeastern Madagascar

- Climate risk: cyclone and floods undermining crop productivity
- Response: Agroforestry, cyclone resilient nurseries, strengthening market linkages with the private sector
- Impact: Increased productivity, enhanced biodiversity and higher incomes for farmers.



CRS: Water Smart Agriculture (WSA)

- Flagship program Water and Soil for Agriculture (WSA) in Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Southern Mexico, Nicaragua (Dry Corridor)
 - Soil restoration
 - Water conservation
 - Climate resilient crop selection
 - Agroforestry and watershed management
 - 473, 431 farmers practicing WSA
 - 279, 619 hectares have been restored
- Improvements income, livelihoods, etc.



Adaptation under UNFCCC (1992): Article 4

Theme

What Article 4 establishes

Obligation for all Parties

Every country must plan and act on adaptation.

Cooperation

Adaptation is a shared responsibility requiring international coordination.

Financial support

Developed countries must help vulnerable developing countries cover adaptation costs.

Technology transfer

Support includes providing technologies and know-how for adaptation.

Prioritization of the vulnerable

Special attention to LDCs, small island states, and countries with fragile ecosystems.

COP21 - Paris Agreement



Elevated adaptation to equal footing with mitigation

Article 7. The Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

*Parties hereby establish the **global goal on adaptation** of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, with a view to contributing to sustainable development and ensuring an adequate adaptation response in the context of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2.*

Balance between mitigation and adaptation finance

COP21: Paris Agreement Article 7

Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) provides a collective framework to enhance adaptive capacity, resilience, and vulnerability reduction to climate change, emphasizing transparency, accountability, and evidence-based approaches.

COP29 Special Edition

- Country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory, guided by science and traditional knowledge.
- Parties should develop National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and submit Adaptation Communications.
- Developed countries must provide finance, technology, and capacity building.
- Will review collective progress and adequacy of support for adaptation (Global Stocktake)

Article 7 of the Paris Agreement operationalized the vision set out in UNFCCC—making adaptation a global, measurable, and participatory goal central to the world's climate response.

COP28 – Dubai, UAE

- In 2023, major breakthrough
 - Parties agree on a framework for the GGA - UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience
- 7 thematic targets (water, food, health, ecosystems, infrastructure, poverty and livelihoods, culture, and biodiversity)
- Launches the **UAE–Belém Work Programme (2024–2025)** to develop **indicators** for these targets



COP29 - Baku

- Global Goal on Adaptation
 - Discussions on indicators
 - LDCs wanted to see an indicator on means of implementation (i.e. finance. Technology, capacity building)
- Launches the 'Baku Adaptation Roadmap' to advance implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, and invites annual high-level dialogues, regional workshops and events at UNFCCC Climate Weeks to facilitate regional cooperation and knowledge exchange on adaptation



COP30: Global Goal on Adaptation

Delivers

- Parties will agree on the final list of indicators
- Baku Adaptation Roadmap – strengthening action and addressing barriers around means of implementation



COP30: Adaptation

- Climate Finance
 - Baku to Belem Roadmap – 1.3 trillion/year for climate finance by 2035
 - Triple Adaptation Funding by 2030
- National Adaptation Plans
 - Planning document
 - How to link them with the Global Goal on Adaptation



COP30: Overall Key Messages



- Start Helping - Intense climate impacts are happening NOW and vulnerable countries need financial support
 - Call for accessible grant based funding
- Stop Harming: End fossil fuels – clear commitment to phase out fossil fuels
 - Limits to adaptation
 - Tipping points ([Global Tipping Points | understanding risks & their potential impact](#))
- System Transformation
 - Economy centers people and nature