

# Carbon Removal 101 – Seeking Profitable Climate Change Mitigation

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## Summary of presentation

1. Achieving Paris Accord temp limits requires net-zero human GHG emissions by 2050 and reducing the atmosphere's radiative forcing by ~2 trillion tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e by 2100.
2. Removing and permanently storing carbon dioxide – a gas – is impossible to achieve in time to avoid ecological disasters.
3. We can reduce radiative forcing without drawing down one molecule of CO<sub>2</sub> by removing carbon before it degrades into CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>.
4. Co-producing charcoal (aka biochar) and renewable electricity with waste biomass is possible and profitable using proven technology
5. The world must double the annual carbon removal at Moore's law speed, doubling every 18 months for the next 28 years to meet the Paris Accord temperature limits.
6. **The biochar community holds the keys to optimal carbon removal.**

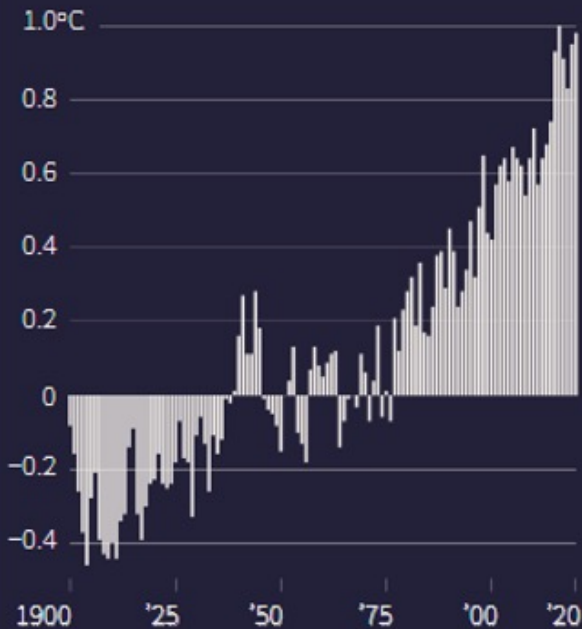
# Helpful Definitions

- 1. Radiative Forcing** is the watts per square meter of energy radiated back from the atmosphere to each meter of the Earth's surface.
  - Fifteen greenhouse gases absorb radiant energy from earth surfaces and re-radiate some of that energy back to earth.
  - Total forcing is a Goldilocks issue. Human-associated GHG emissions are making the porridge too warm
  - To simplify, climate scientists describe the forcing in equivalent tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, which is the largest component of total GHG mass but the weakest of the 15 gases.
- 2. Carbon Removal Facility (CRF)** is a conceptual invention of Myno Carbon Corp to describe a waste biomass-fed process to produce renewable electricity and charcoal (aka biochar) for soil amendments and materials use.
  - CRFs reduce radiative forcing by avoiding multiple GHG emissions from normal residual biomass degradation replacing fossil electricity, re-enabling natural soil organic carbon building processes.

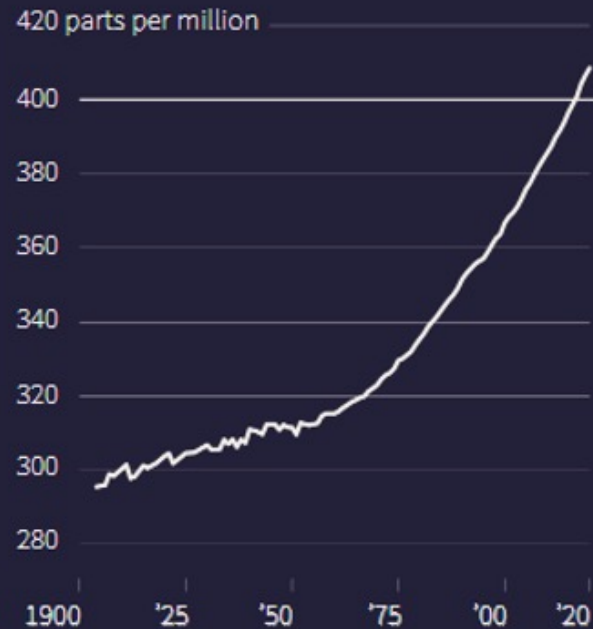
# The world faces rising sea levels

## Man-made crisis

Change from the 20th century average in the annual global land and ocean surface temperature:



Atmospheric CO2 concentration:



The last time carbon dioxide reached this level was about 4 million years ago when the planet was about 3 C (5.5 F) warmer than today and seas were at least 10 meters (33 feet) higher.

Source: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**2021 could be the coolest year  
of the rest of the century unless  
we act immediately**






## THE PROBLEM

# Climate Change

- To reach **net-zero** emissions quick enough to limit temperature rise to 1.5 deg C will require rapidly growing carbon removal.
- We currently add ~50 billion MT of CO<sub>2</sub>e. But must limit net emissions over the next 28 years to 300 billion tons, then to net zero for the rest of the century
- We estimate the need to remove ~2 trillion tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e by 2100.
- The shorthand discussion of CO<sub>2</sub> has created blinders that obscure profitable strategies to reduce radiative forcing
- Many seek ways to capture CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, compress the gas to forty atmospheres, and store the compressed gas for thousands of years.



# Current Strategies to Reduce Radiative Forcing

Technology	Industry Leaders	Current (Cost) / Profit to Remove a MT of CO <sub>2</sub> e*	Notes
Direct Air Capture of CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Engineering  	~(\$2,000)	Trillions of Capex and vast power consumption. No prospect for significant revenues. Subsurface leakage risks.
Bio-Oil Injection	 	(~\$600)	Thermodynamically inefficient. No revenue except carbon credits.
Carbon Removal Facilities with Waste Biomass Feedstock	 Myno	~\$150	Proven technology, industrial scale, can repurpose existing power plants & grid connections, multiple revenues from electricity and charcoal sales, and multiple agriculture benefits.

# MYNO DEVELOPS CARBON REMOVAL FACILITIES (CRFS) THAT DELIVER: PROFITS - ECONOMIC GROWTH - GREEN JOBS

## Annual Inputs

SUSTAINABLY SOURCED FOREST AND AGRICULTURE WASTE BIOMASS  
~183,000 DRY TONS PER YEAR

GRINDING



DRYING

## Annual Outputs

CHARCOAL

~100,000 MT CO<sub>2</sub>E REMOVED  
VIA 37,000 TONS OF CHARCOAL PRODUCTION



CARBON CREDITS



CARBON-NEGATIVE ELECTRICITY

~18 MW RENEWABLE BASELOAD POWER

GASIFIER

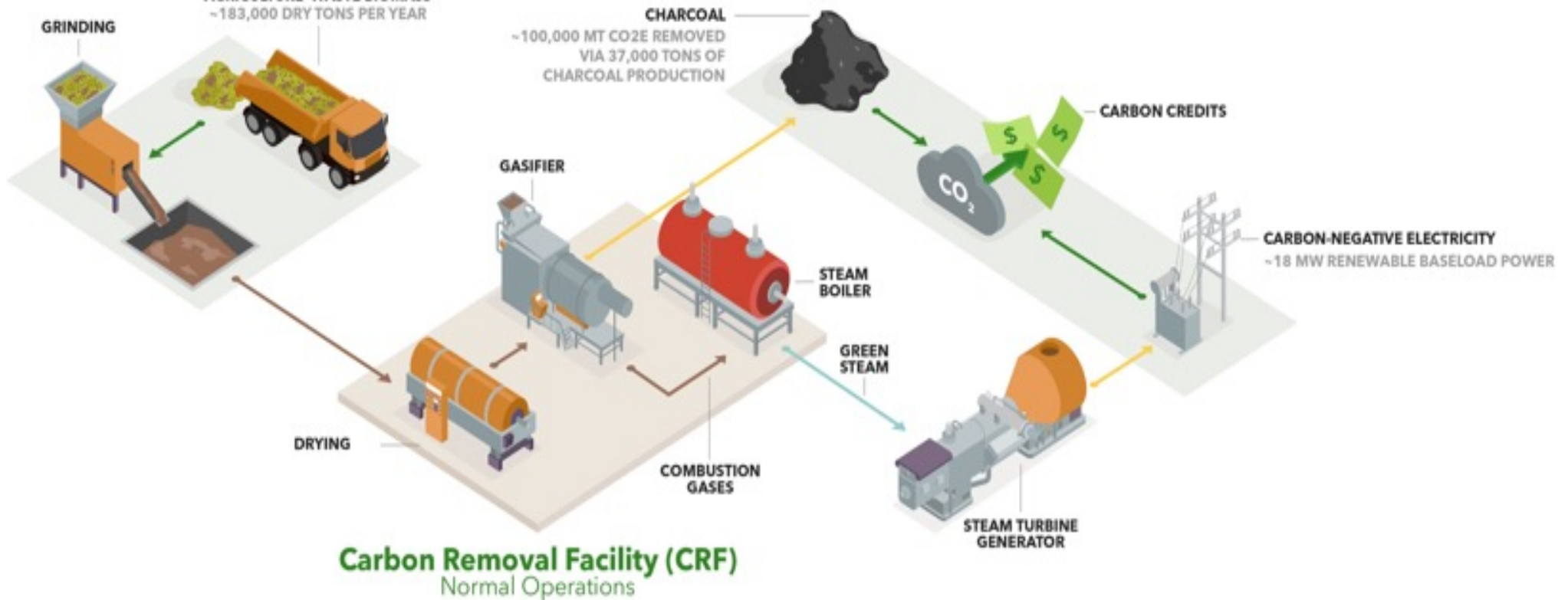
STEAM BOILER

GREEN STEAM

COMBUSTION GASES

STEAM TURBINE GENERATOR

**Carbon Removal Facility (CRF)**  
Normal Operations



## KEY PRINCIPLES

# Carbon Removal

Use only low-value residual biomass as a feedstock.

Deploy carbon removal facilities (CRFs) to co-produce charcoal and baseload renewable electricity. Add flexibility to ramp up and provide renewable peak MW

Tailor-make biochar soil amendments to help nature return to pre-1750 SOC levels while increasing yield & drought resistance while reducing annual fertilizer applications.

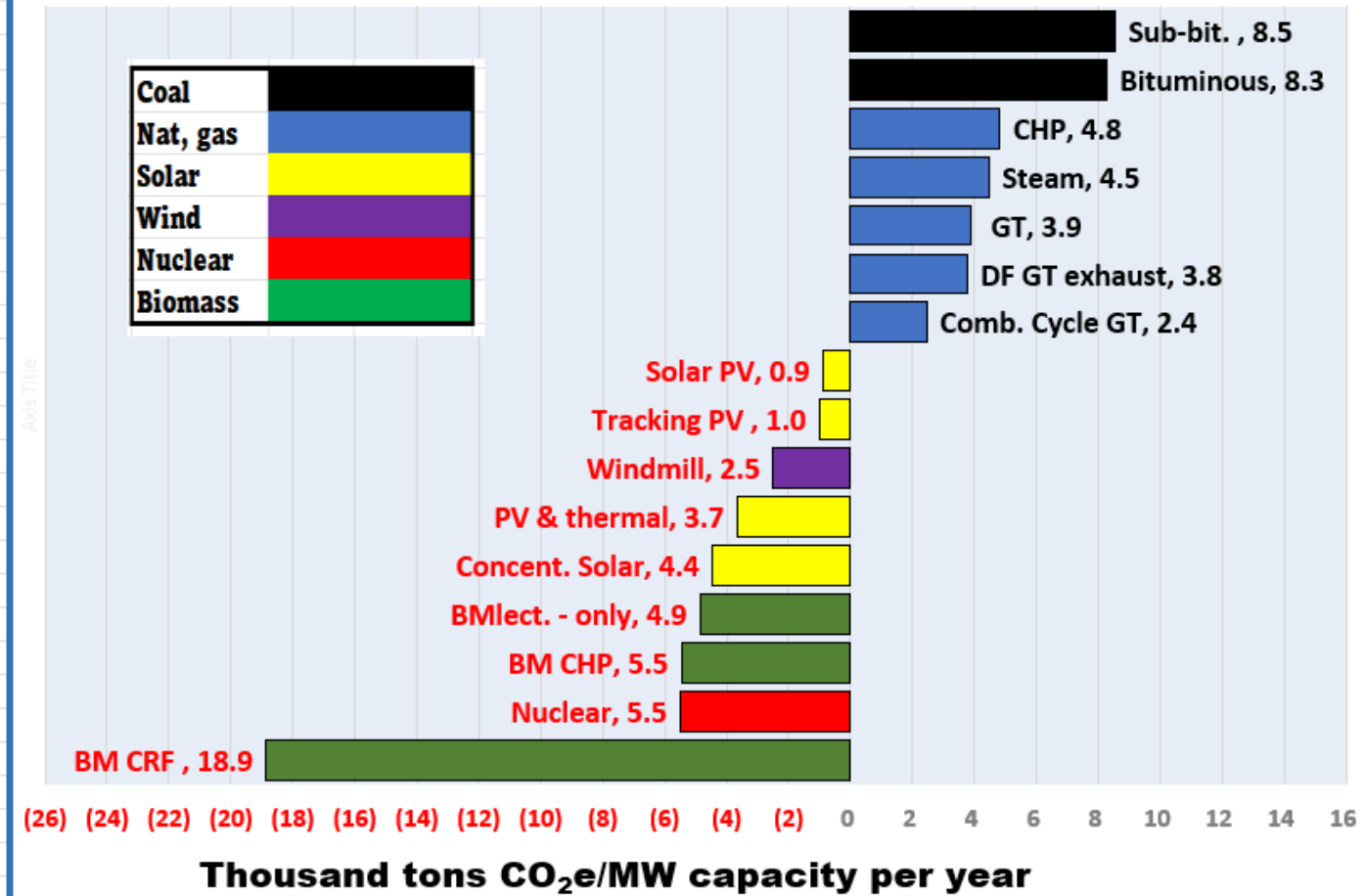
Design CRFs to provide above-market returns on investment while reducing the price of biochar to speed biochar soil amendment use and carbon removal.

**Lead with what the world wants – cheap carbon-free electricity.**





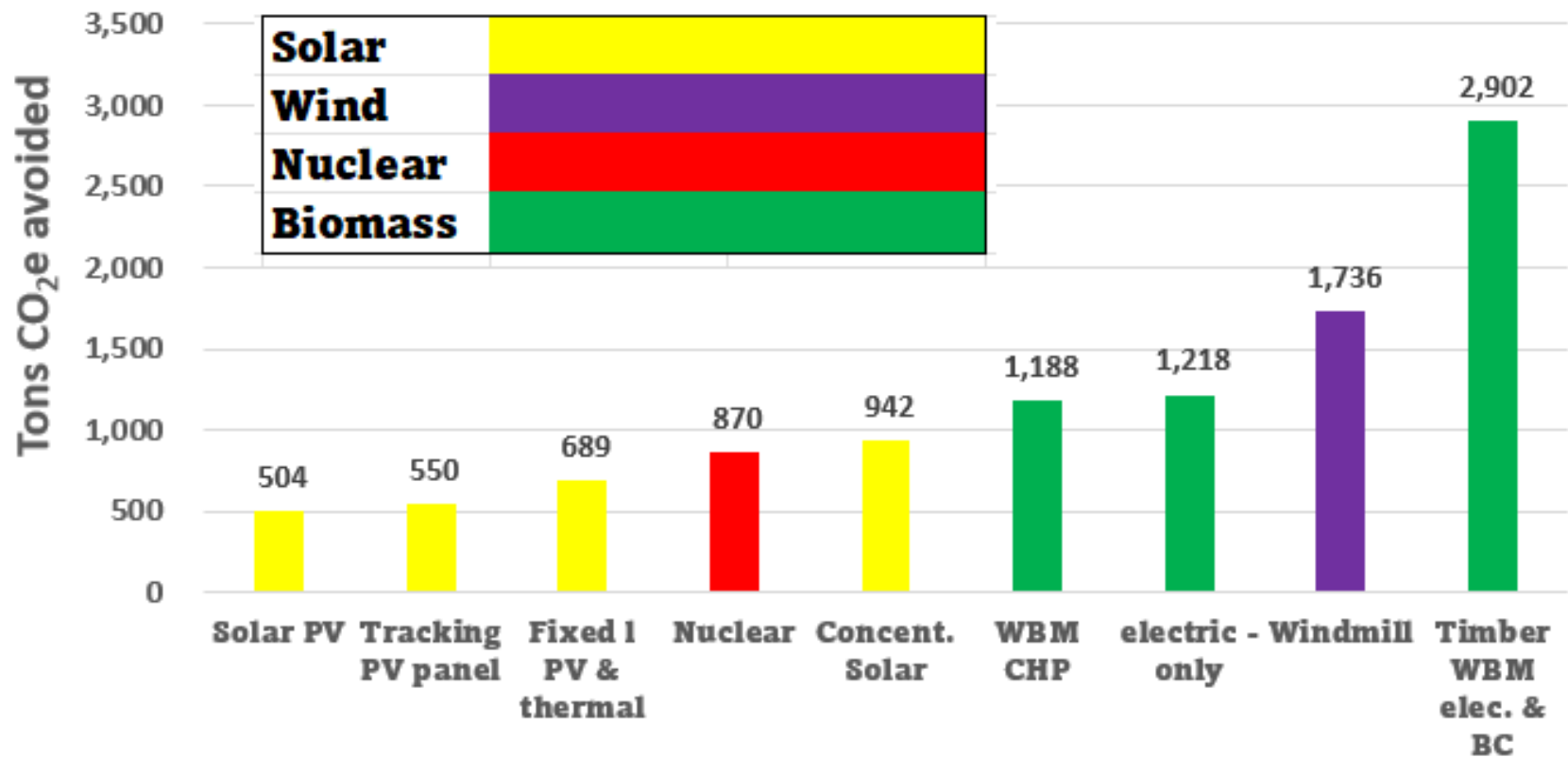
## Annual Radiative Forcing of Electric Generation Technologies per MW Capacity



## Slash pile emissions comparisons

Emission source	Tons CO <sub>2</sub> e per thousand dry tons of timber		
	Conv. Slash Disposal	CRF Slash Use	Delta Emissions
Pile degradation and combustion	4,100	900	(3,200)
Avoided fossil gen.	0	(0)	(0)
Impact of biochar	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,900)</u>	<u>(2,900)</u>
<b>Total GHG impact</b>	<b><u>4,100</u></b>	<b><u>(2,000)</u></b>	<b><u>(6,100)</u></b>

## Annual tons CO<sub>2</sub>e saved/\$1 million investment by generation technology



Deeply Accomplished and  
Committed to Carbon Removal

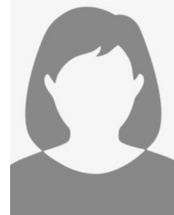
# Team Myno

## Board of Directors



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Industry Grandee  
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DIRECTOR

TBD Director;  
To Be  
Appointed



THOR  
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CEO and Director



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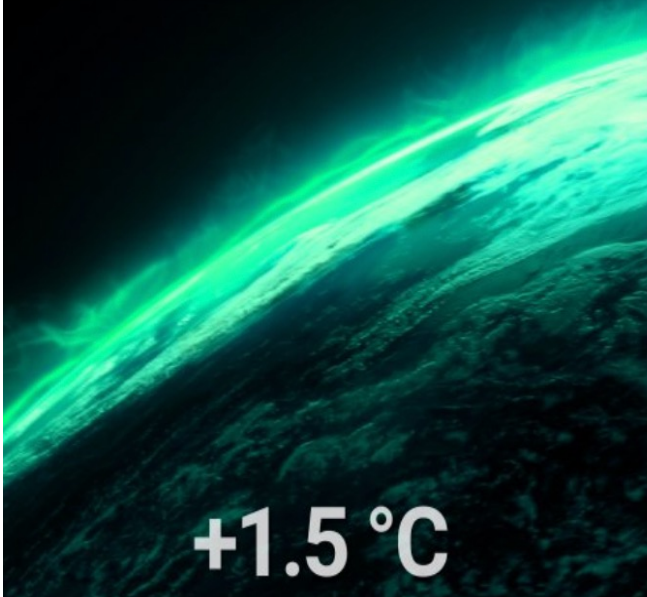
# Carbon Removal Insights

- 1. Humanity faces dire consequences unless we rapidly reduce radiative forcing.**
  - We must to stop adding GHG emissions and lower the atmosphere's radiative forcing by nearly 1 trillion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.
- 2. We need to double yearly carbon removal every 18 months for the next 28 years and then hold that level for 50 years or exceed 1.5 C temperature increase.**
- 3. The optimal economic and environmental approach is to convert carbon from the residual biomass of industrial operations into renewable electricity and charcoal for soil amendments.**
- 4. The global biochar community holds the keys to optimal carbon removal.**

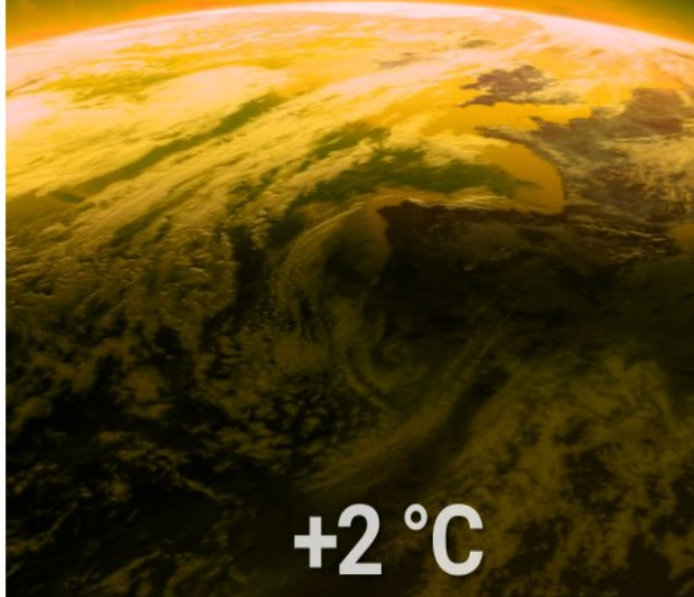


United Nations  
Climate Change

**Thank you. We have the power to affect  
The different futures that lie ahead.**



**+1.5 °C**



**+2 °C**



**+3 °C**