

UNVEILING THE DIMENSIONS OF SCIENCE

Social, Historical, Cultural, and Ethical Perspectives

Science is more than facts and experiments; it's a dynamic interplay of social, historical, cultural, and ethical dimensions. Let's delve into the fascinating realms that shape the science we know!

Explore how societal values and norms influence scientific endeavours. From gender dynamics, Discover the social impact of science and how it shapes and is shaped by the world around us - from gender dynamics, societal values, media influence and community engagement.

The Social Dimensions of Scientific Knowledge

How does the public perceive science, and how does this perception influence scientific progress? Uncover the intricate relationship between science and public opinion.

Public and Scientists' Views on Science and Society

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ENVIRONMENTAL

ETHICS

Journey through the history of science and witness the evolution of ideas and discoveries. Understand how past events and breakthroughs paved the way for today's scientific landscape. The Big History of Modern Science

Uncover the ethical considerations in environmental science. Explore how science navigates the balance between progress and the preservation of our planet. *Environmental Ethics*

What does the future hold for the social, historical, cultural, and ethical dimensions of science? Explore emerging trends and potential impacts on scientific exploration.

The Next Global Superpower Isn't Who You Think

Dive into the diverse cultural influences on science. Learn how different cultures contribute to scientific knowledge and how science, in turn, impacts cultural perspectives - influences deriving from local language and social norms to the historical context and religion (How Does Culture Influence Science?) dilemmas they navigate in pursuing knowledge. (How Ethics Can Help You Make Better Decisions)





Science is a dynamic tapestry woven with threads of societal, historical, cultural, and ethical dimensions. As we unravel these dimensions, we gain a richer understanding of the intricate and interconnected nature of scientific discovery





HISTORICAL

ROOTS



Breaking Barriers in STEM

Addressing the Gender Gap

Did you know? Women have historically been underrepresented in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), but we're working to change that! Explore the gender gap in STEM and discover the initiatives driving positive change.

28%

THE GENDER GAP IN NUMBERS

Only 28% of STEM workers are women. Let's understand the statistics behind the gender gap and its implications for innovation and diversity. *Women in STEM Statistics*



CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES

Break down stereotypes and misconceptions about gender roles in STEM. Discover how diverse perspectives lead to more innovative solutions. *Women In Science*





EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

Learn about programs and initiatives encouraging girls and young women to pursue STEM education. Find out how education can bridge the gender gap.

The Gender Gap in STEM





SUPPORT NETWORKS

Explore networks and communities that provide support and mentorship for women in STEM. Connect with others who share similar experiences. <u>Navigating</u>
Gender Equality in Science





THE FUTURE OF STEM

Discover how addressing the gender gap benefits everyone. Learn about the positive impact of diversity on scientific breakthroughs and technological advancements. *For the Future of Women in Science, Look to the Past*





STAY INFORMED

Stay updated on the latest developments in gender equality in STEM. Follow reputable sources and organisations committed to promoting diversity.

Innovate. Demonstrate.

Elevate. Advance. Sustain.



Together, we can build a future where everyone, regardless of gender, has an equal opportunity to thrive in STEM. Join us in breaking barriers and creating a more inclusive world.





Empowering Women in STEM

through Public Engagement

Public engagement with science describes intentional, meaningful interactions that provide opportunities for mutual learning between scientists and the public. Mutual learning refers not just to acquiring knowledge but also to increased familiarity with a breadth of perspectives, frames, and worldviews.





VISIBILITY AND RECOGNITION:

Public engagement increases visibility, showcasing women scientists as role models. Explore the impact of visibility on recognition, breaking stereotypes and inspiring the next generation. *Enhanced Visibility for Women and Women's Issues*



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:

Engaging with the public creates networking opportunities. Discover examples of such outreach opportunities leading to collaborations, mentorship, and a supportive professional network. *Opportunities for Public Engagement*



Public engagement hones civic engagement and communication skills, it enhances confidence, fosters leadership, and facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration.



ADVOCACY FOR DIVERSITY:

Public platforms amplify recognition of the importance of multiple perspectives and domains of knowledge to scientific endeavours. Examples of such platforms include *TED*, *RSA*, *Talks at Google*, and *Big Think*.





COMMUNITY BUILDING:

Active involvement builds a sense of community. Discover how women scientists connect with the public, creating spaces for dialogue, shared experiences, and mutual support. *Public Engagement with Science*



CAREER ADVANCEMENT:

Public engagement is a powerful catalyst for advancing women's careers in science - it increases visibility, skills development, and networking opportunities.

Public engagement is a key driver for women in science, providing avenues for empowerment, recognition, and community building. Join the movement to amplify women's voices in STEM and shape a more inclusive scientific future.



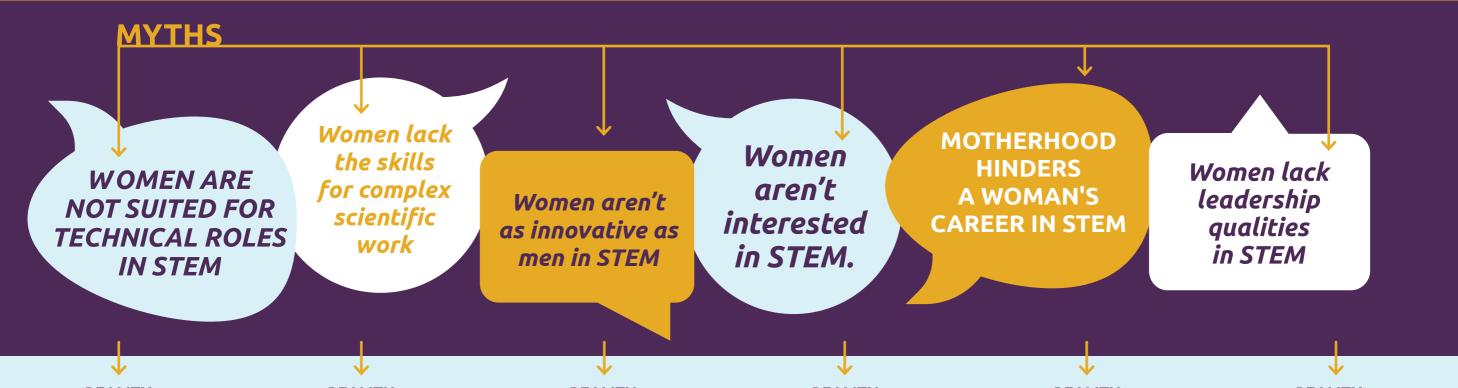


Breaking Stereotypes

WOMEN EXCELLING IN STEM CAREERS

Let's challenge stereotypes and celebrate the incredible contributions of women in STEM. Explore the evidence that debunks common misconceptions about women's capacities in pursuing successful and impactful careers in science.





REALITY

Women excel in technical roles. Explore profiles of women making significant impacts in technical and engineering positions, debunking stereotypes about women's capabilities.

<u>Inspiring the next generation</u> <u>of female engineers</u>



REALITY

Women excel in complex scientific work. There are myriad examples of women who lead groundbreaking research and contribute significantly to advancements in various STEM disciplines.

REALITY

Women drive innovation in STEM. Explore examples of women pioneers whose innovative contributions have shaped scientific fields and industries.

10 Great Inventions
by Women

REALITY

Women have always been passionate about STEM. Explore stories of women who found their passion and excelled in fields like physics, engineering, and technology.

Women In Science

REALITY

Motherhood and STEM careers can coexist.
Effective support structures, flexible work arrangements, and advocacy break down barriers for mothers in science.

REALITY

Women possess strong leadership qualities. Learn about women scientists leading research teams, heading departments, and making significant contributions to STEM leadership.

The Hidden Women of STEM



IT'S TIME TO SHATTER STEREOTYPES AND EMBRACE THE REALITY OF WOMEN THRIVING IN STEM.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO RECOGNISE, CELEBRATE, AND SUPPORT WOMEN ON THEIR JOURNEY TO SUCCESS IN SCIENCE.





VISUAL ELEMENTS ENGAGING THE PUBLIC IN SCIENCE AFFAIRS



An educated society dedicated in protecting the planet



SOURCES

Images & graphs
see example

Presentations

Videos & animations
What if I told you...

TV shows

Augmented reality & virtual realityVR/AR Association

TARGET GROUP

Scientists

Science communicators

For more details click here

Students / pupils

<u>see example</u>

Public

If you are interested in climate change, you can visit COURSERA

BARRIERS

Fake news

Language barriers

Misinformation





Saving the planet for the generations to come

There is only one Earth



VISIT: Volunteer Teaching in Africa







NARRATIVE & STORYTELLING

principles

key story elements

STORYTELLING CAN EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT AWARENESS AND INTRIGUE IN RELATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE. The power of tangible

The power of tangible and real-life stories can highly engage the public.



Which climate change story is the right?



- environment
- pollution
- global warming
- glaciers melting

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Who is the ideal speaker/narrator?









Based on the capacity and background of your speaker the projected effect to your audience may differ - a scientist projects authority through his/her expertise, whereas a celebrity tends to charm the audience due to his/her high acceptance rates.



Which is your prospective audience?



Connect with audience Story must be substantiated and credible

• SCIENTISTS:

Seas of plastic

• CELEBRITIES:

Capt. Charles Moore.

World food program

Thank you for the rain

Zlatan Ibrahimović

CROWD HERO



Enjoy the story!

Use the active <u>maps</u>

Local stories
on the global
dimension







THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Effective use of social media in communicating science

The social media has currently a big influence has a big influence on people, especially on young people. Through social networks we can speak with young generation and we can also talk about climate change with people around the world.



Target group:



Sources:



Advantages:



Challenges & barriers:



YOUTH

FACEBOOK

TIK TOK

X

INSTAGRAM

ACCESSIBILITY

to high end public events

TED talks

GLOBAL COVERAGE

of events. Use of various multimedia means of communication (videos, infographics, animations, photos, etc.)

The big power

DISINFORMATION

Corporate Interests opposing climate change awareness.

Overwhelming volume of information to assess and evaluate.

The controversies and the associated political polarity concerning climate change

Climate change in the Arctic

Political and economic issues

It is crucial to communicate facts surrounding climate change in a **clear and easy to comprehend way.**







COMMUNICATION SPACES for science communicators

Sharing research findings concerning climate change is of crucial importance in shaping and informing the public opinion subsequently strengthening support towards sound environmental policies.

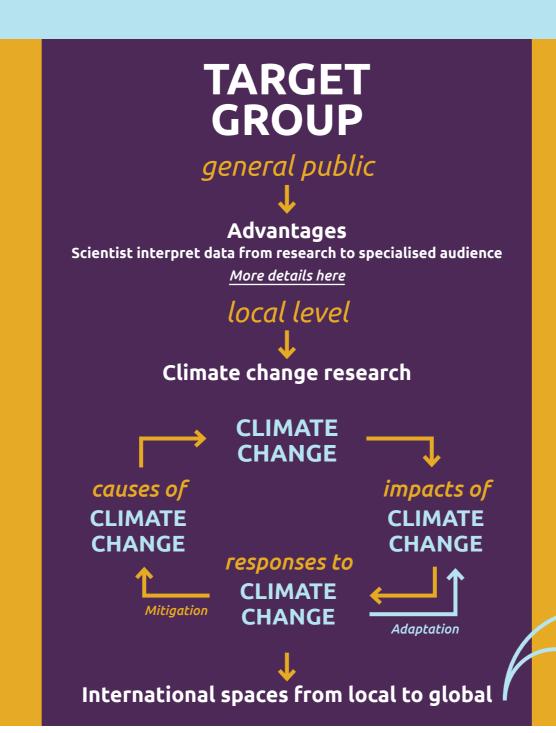
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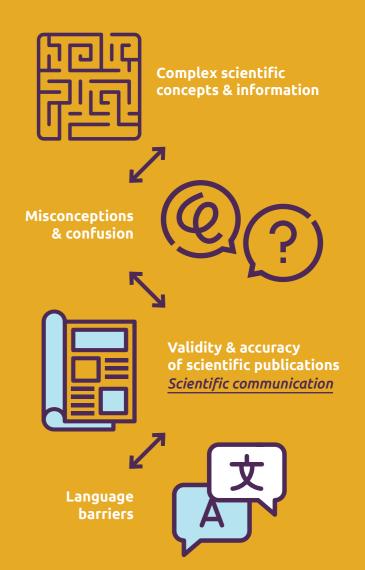








CHALLENGES & BARRIERS









Engage the public with CLIMATE SCIENCE

www.stage.eu



Public engagement can lead to behavioural change.



Public engagement benefits a scientists career as it could increase collegial and social status.



It is increasingly more important to include public outreach in funding requests.

Politics regulators lawmakers

Media & Journalism

Public

To change unsustainable policies and status quo systems, the public needs to be engaged with climate science. The public has a great role in demanding for and starting change. As a researcher you have a role in building bridges between climate science and the public.

Power to the people

Media shapes the public's understanding of climate science. Involving the Public can expedite the process of transforming existing policies and systems

Media can be used to inform the public and change perspectives

Tools

Podcast: SciComm toolkit

Click here!

Handbook: Why, when and how to

engage the public

Click here!

Webinar:

The public's

the focus of

views influence

climate science

Climate Communications Training



Click here!

An informed public boosts political participation and climate activism, enabling targeted change in unsustainable policies and meaningful shifts in status quo systems.

Changing the world

Performing climate science is one way of changing the world, engaging the public is another! Through proper engagement, the public will gain better insights in your science, which will help to change policies and status quo systems.

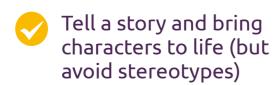






PUBLIC SPEAKING fundamentals





Have a clear objective that is tailored to reach the audience

Use trusted messengers to convey reliable and factual information

Empower people to take an active role in addressing climate issues



Be coherent in structure and style Address misinformation and misconceptions

Provide a vision for the future and link it to justice and equity

Emotional engagement **Purposefull** & Targeted

Scientific & Factual

Convey problem & Solution

Interaction with audience



- Be knowledgeable about your audience
- Repeat questions and answers
- Start a dialogue / discussion
- Incorporate activities / movement

- **Prosody:** rhythm (fast/slow), intonation (no monotone)
- Language: simple and short sentences, avoid jargon
- **Appearance:** What message do you want to convey?

Feminine scientist with a dress, a funny scientist or a stereotypical scientist?

Technology :

- Use max. 30 words per slides and avoid too much data graphs
- Be consistent with (readable) colours and (readable) fonts
- Use animations wisely
- · Check microphones and pointers beforehand

public speaking fundamentals





Click here!





More information about climate

change science communication

More information about











make space for

FEMALE & GENDER DIVERSE SCIENTISTS

As lack of **gender diversity** limits workplace performance and Europe is facing a shortage of scientists, we cannot deny that the scientific world has to change its environment to a more **safe** and **supportive space** for gender diverse individuals.



Underrepresentation

The Mathilda Effect

Although many female and gender diverse scientists work in STEM, they do not get the same recognition as male scientists.

Less media attention

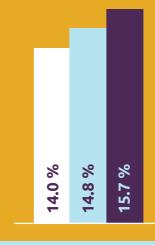
Fewer prizes

and awards



22%

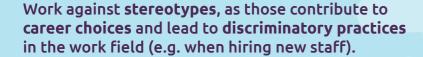
Only 22% of professionals working in cutting edge fields including but not limited to artificial intelligence, are female. (World Economic Forum, 2018)



Women inventors in Europe and Northern America (United Nations, 2022).

How to fix?

Individual



Create interventions to support recognitions by other people, such as managers colleagues, teachers, society.

Manager

Fewer

citations

Be aware: It is not about attracting women and gender diverse people to science, but about retaining them in science.

Pay attention to **structural barriers** female and gender diverse scientists might face during their work, e.g. motherhood.

More information

TedTalk for everyone: Gender inequality is showing up... in climate change



Click here!

E-course for experts:

Gender Equality and Human Rights in Climate Action and Renewable Energy



Click here!

Book for policymakers & consultants: Mainstreaming gender in mitigation and technology development and transfer interventions



Click here!





WOMEN in Climate Science

STAGE scientists and public engagement

Why showcase women?

Women and gender diverse people in climate science face unique challenges and structural barriers, like underrepresentation in STEM and receiving fewer grants and awards. One of the ways to create a welcoming and inclusive work environment is to showcase their work.

DR. PURNIMA DEVI BARMAN

Studied Zoology at Gauhati University (India), paused her dissertation on the Greater Adjutant stork to found the Hargila Army, an all-female grassroots conservation movement. Participants protect habitat but also celebrate the birth of new chicks and sell textiles with the image of the adjutant, thereby improving its previous reputation as a bad omen. She won the 2022 UN Champions of the Earth award for her work.



EUNICE NEWTON FOOTE

At-home scientist, innovator and women's rights activist. She went to Troy Female Seminary, a pioneering women's school. In 1856 she proved that a cylinder with CO2 became much hotter than a cylinder with moist air when put in the sun. The presentation and article about her findings did not get much publicity. Three years later John Tyndall published about his discovery of the greenhouse effect, getting full credit.



DR. JESSICA HERNANDEZ

Indigenous environmental scientist, specialised in marine sciences and Indigenous science. She is the author of the book "Fresh Banana Leaves: Healing Indigenous Landscapes through Indigenous Science" and has a podcast stimulating conversations between Western science and the public, especially indigenous people.



DR. PENNY WHETTON

Expert in regional climate change projections and lead author on IPCC 3, 4 and 5. She led the development of national climate change projections for Australia. She is also credited for the visualization method of past climate data and projections in one continuous graph. She came out as transgender in 2003, and was married to Greens senator Janet Rice.



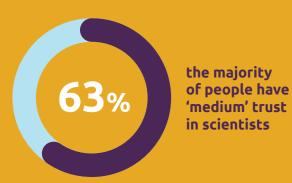




DOES PUBLIC TRUST SURVIVE

the current scientific and technological controversies?







almost one in five people have a 'high' level of trust



one in seven have 'low' trust

Surveys reveal public trust in science and scientists especially when comparing with other professions.

BUT: This favourable attitude is tepid and many people express "soft" positive rather than "strongly" positive views on science and scientists. In particular, worldwide.....

Mixed messages about public trust in science. This tepid attitude is much more evident when controversial topics such as vaccines, genetically modified (GM) foods, climate change etc., are discussed

Why do the public show

DISTRUST & DISAGREEMENT

towards science?



Sociocultural background (e.g. low income)



Conservative political ideology



Religious beliefs



Scientific literacy:

Poor level of understanding the nature of the scientific knowledge & processes

What can be done to promote TRUST IN SCIENCE & SCIENTISTS?

authentic outreach activities by implementing authentic methods

promote contact
with scientists

promote work with **real data** **discuss** uncertainty





THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF ENTRUSTING SCIENCE

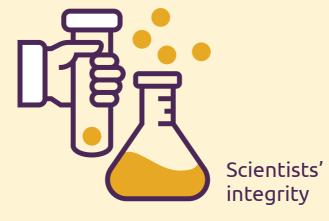
What does trust actually mean?

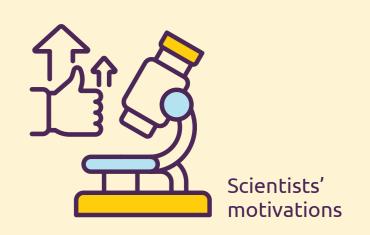
The notion of trust includes both the assumption of dependency on the knowledge of others more knowledgeable & a vigilance towards the risk of being misinformed.



When talking for science, people tend to assess trustworthiness by judging:







TRUST

→ Within science / For doing science:

Everyday scientific practice

Specialisation of knowledge

Complexity of knowledge

Why trust is essential in the context of science?

4 Interdisciplinarity

→ In science / For public participation in science:

Complexity of scientific knowledge & Infeasibility of fully public understanding of science

Need for deep & specialised scientific knowledge to make informed decisions on socioscientific issues

Easy access to science - related information: Need to judge who to trust





DEBUNKING FAKE NEWS/MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Rhetorical strategies of misinformation in the context of climate change



The most common misinformation about climate change are:

A The denial of anthropogenic climate change

The idea that climate mitigation has economic & political implications, incompatible with the ideals of the free market

This fake news, which is rapidly & broadly spread through media & especially social media, encourages climate inaction with profound negative impacts on public health & global economy.



BUT HOW CAN THIS FAKE NEWS BE "ESTABLISHED" IN PUBLIC'S BELIEFS?



1 The scientific consensus is undermined & questioned 2 The scientific uncertainty is highlighted while certainty is presented as a condition for climate action 3 Individual scientists are attacked to undermine their credibility 4 Pseudoscientific alternatives are projected through a network of blogs



WHY DOES THE PUBLIC BELIEVE IN FAKE NEWS?



Fake news are sticky "Continued influence effect"

A The plausibility

of the info



Use of emotional language

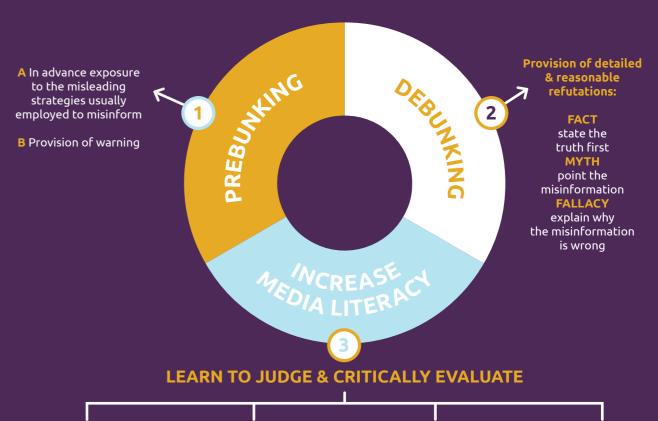


"Illusory truth effect" Increased sense of familiarity by repeated info



Use of "just asking questions" strategy

HOW TO DEBUNK FAKE NEWS



B The credibility

of the source





D The motives

of the source

C The expertise

of the source



How public engagement can help address complex climate change issues

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: A driver of societal change aimed at mitigating climate change effects and facilitating adaptation to them

PERSONAL

Individual level behaviour



Increase public's knowledge & understanding about climate change issues (Cognitive aspect)



Motivate public's action taking by adopting a low - carbon lifestyle (Behavioural aspect)



Enhance public's emotion, interest, & concern about climate crisis (Affective aspect)



Change in: consumption & eating habits, energy use habits, transportation choices

CIVIC

collective problem - solving & involvement in political struggle



Promote participation in democratic decision - making processes



Foster the dialogical relationship between public & scientists



Increase the quality of decision - making processes

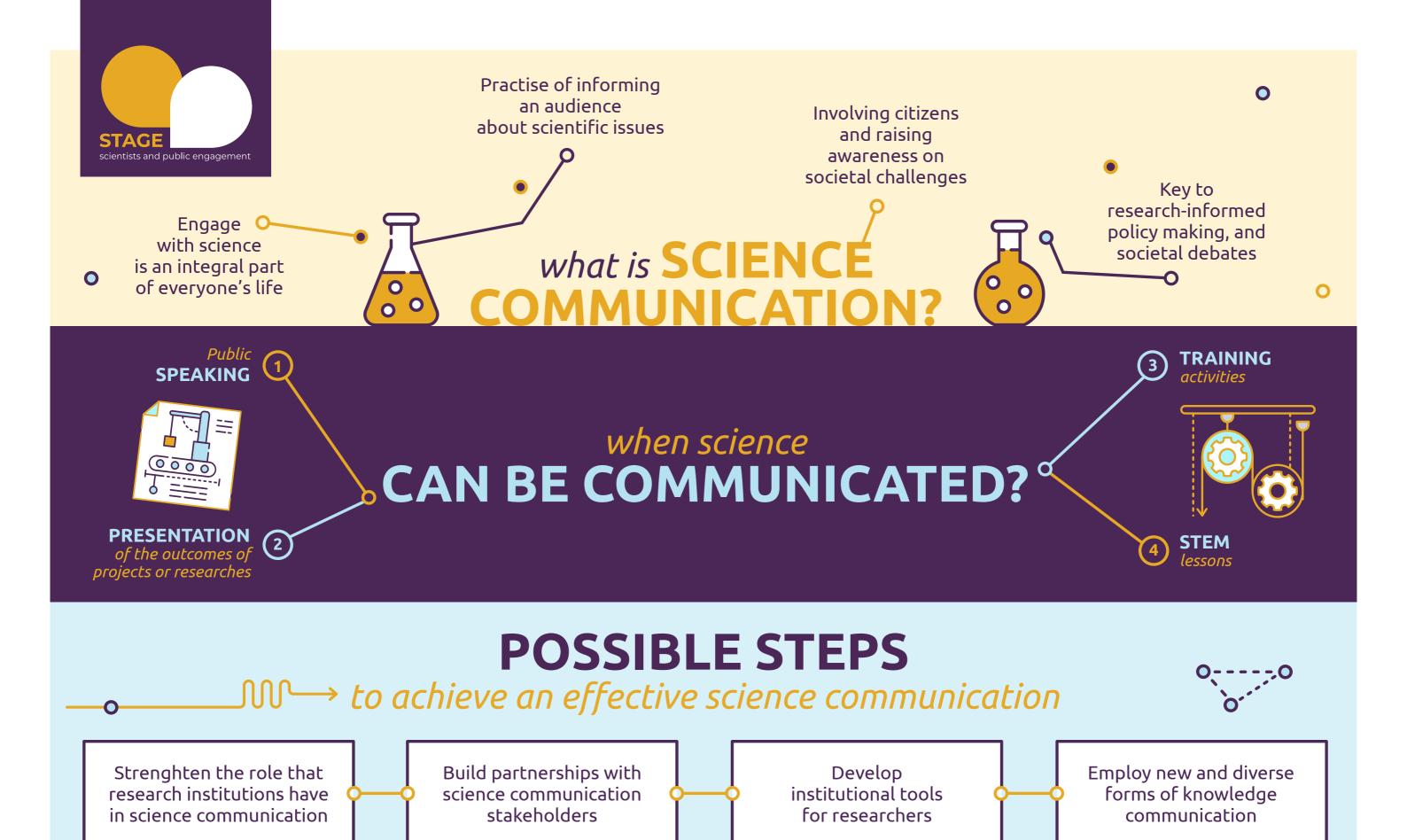


Reinforce public's consent, trust & accountability

For more info follow the tools: Engaging the Public on Climate Change / Environmental Communication / A Review of Climate Communication Research









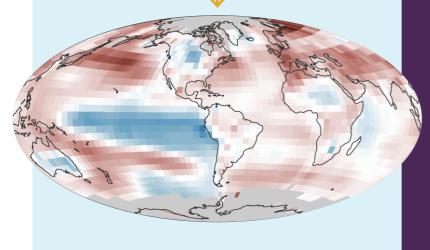


key facts about **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Climate change refers to long-term changes in temperatures and weather **patterns.** The increase in the average temperature of the Earth's surface has been recorded at different stages of our planet's climate history. However, we are witnessing an anomalous global warming due to anthropogenic contribution.

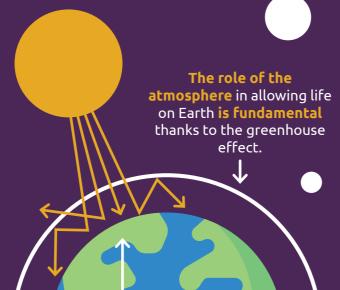
it's official 2022 **WAS WORLD'S 6TH WARMEST YEAR ON RECORD**

(1880-2022)



Difference from 1991-2020 average (°F)

GREENHOUSE EFFECT



When the **sun's rays** reach the Earth's surface, they are partly absorbed and partly reflected outward.

Thanks to atmosphere, those reflections are partially retained and redirected to Earth by some gases in the atmosphere, called greenhouse gases. As a result, additional heat is added to the heat from directly absorbed sunlight.

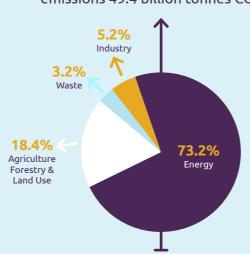
the ANTHROPOGENIC **CONTRIBUTE**

Industries, transports, energy production facilities contribute to increased emissions of CO₂ and from fossil fuels.



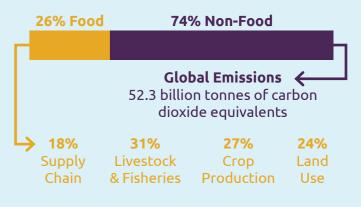
2016

Global greenhouse gas emissions **by sector** (global greenhouse gas emissions 49.4 billion tonnes CO₂eq)



Food Production

A large part of emission of nitrous oxide and methane comes from agriculture and livestock, which grow more and more intensive.



Who emits the most CO₂?



2017

36 billion tonnes

2018/19

51-52 billion tonnes

(CO2 emissions per year)

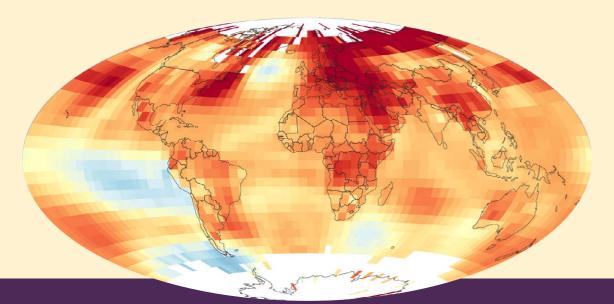


There is a connection between the prosperity of a nation and its carbon emission: in terms of one person's carbon footprint, wealth is one of the strongest indicators





RECENT TEMPERATURE TRENDS (1993-2022)



What are the environmental CONSEQUENCES of CLIMATE CHANGE?



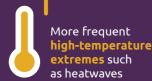
Climate change is **affecting all regions around the world**. Glaciers are melting, **the least amount ever of ice at the North Pole** has been recorded and sea level is rising. Extreme weather events like **floods**, **heat waves and droughts** are becoming more common.

Change in temperature (°F/decade)

1		
-1	0	1

global IMPACTS

Increasing average global temperature leads to:





Severe droughts, with greater risks of wildfires



Increase of precipitation and floods



Decrease in fresh water availability and deterioration in water quality



Changes in the physical and biological composition of the oceans

Effects on soil: erosion, decline in organic matter, salinisation, landslides, desertification

Impacts on biodiversity (like changes in phenology)

local IMPACTS

Different parts of the world will be impacted differently with climate change, sometimes in some surprising ways

- 1 Ice melting in Greenland has led to the discovery of valuable deposits of minerals that could allow them to enter a new, lucrative market
- 2 Northern Africa: a big issue concerns the lack of water, which is already a cause of conflicts between Countries
- Climate change and malaria. There is an optimal temperature range for malaria to exist in a region



- 4 West Africa is in the warmer side of the optimal range, and warming will push it outside of the range. CC is not likely to increase the burden of malaria there
- 5 East Africa is in the colder side of that optimal range, so warming may make things more favourable for malaria transmission
- 6 Total different situation in Asia. The region around the Persian Gulf and South Asia is going to experience some of the most intense heat waves that has ever been observed

Northern latitudes may actually benefit from climate change

- Arctic melting is opening up some ship passageways that used to be covered by ice, making shipping faster and easier
- 8 Warmer temperatures in places like Russia and Canada due to increased rainfall





PARIS

climate agreement

2015

signing of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change during COP21 of UNFCCC

Framework to achieve decarbonisation, with long-term objectives to tackle climate change and a flexible structure based on the contributions of individual governments

Limit the temperature rise below 2°C to pre-industrial levels, remain within 1.5°C, reach the peak of emissions as soon as possible and reach carbon neutrality

2019

introduction into legislation of EU's goal of achieving

zero climate impact by 2050

This means <u>drastically reducing greenhouse gas emissions</u> and finding ways to <u>offset the remaining and unavoidable emissions</u>

2020

2020

introduction of an intermediate goal, by 2030, of reducing by 55% greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990 levels



European climate legislation requires EU countries to meet the 2030 & 2050 climate targets

EU countries have committed to spending 30% of the EU's long-term budget for 2021-2027 and Next Generation EU on climate projects.

how is

CLIMATE CHANGE

being dealt in Europe?

European countries have reported more than 2200 policies & measures that focus on reducing or preventing greenhouse gas emissions from various sectors



2200 policies & measures from various sectors











At the European Council level, international agreements have been signed and strategic plans have been provided to tackle the climate crisis.





