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Tables

Table 1. Overview of the number of ambitious climate actions and targets by countries, regions, cities and businesses (for full details, see¹ updated usingⁱ. A regularly updated version of this table is available online (www.newclimate.org/ambitiousactions). Given the scope of existing policies and rapid change in policymaking, the table makes no claim to be exhaustive. Greyed cells indicate that no data is available or it is not relevant.

| | Countries | Regions | Cities | Businesses |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Overarching economy-wide time bound climate actions | | | | |
| Achieve zero emissions | 76 | 14 | >400 | >8000 |
| Implement ambitious comprehensive CO ₂ pricing in all sectors | <i>(30 but not comprehensive)</i> | <i>(25 but not comprehensive)</i> | | |
| Phase out all fossil-fuel subsidies | <i>(Decision by G20 in 2009 yet to be implemented)</i> | | | |
| Make all finance flows consistent with the Paris Agreement goals | <i>(>1 initial steps)</i> | | | >11 |
| Electricity production | | | | |
| Reach 100 per cent renewable electricity or 100 per cent carbon-free electricity | 53 | 31 | >160 | >210 |
| Phase out coal-fired power plants with just a transition plan | 21 | 21 | 6 | 37 |
| Stop financing and insuring coal-fired power plants elsewhere | - | | | >20 |
| Other energy industry | | | | |
| Stop new fossil-fuel explorations and production | 6 | | | >5 |
| Commit to zero fugitive emissions target | <i>(32 support zero routine flaring)</i> | | | >15 |
| Industry | | | | |
| Ensure all new installations are low- carbon/zero-emission and maximize material efficiency | - | | | >3 |
| Implement ambitious carbon pricing for industry | 1 | - | | |
| Transport | | | | |
| Shift to x per cent public transport | 4 | - | >5 | |
| Shift to 100 per cent share of new zero-emission motorbikes, cars and/or buses | 21 | 5 | >52 | >65 |
| Shift to 100 per cent carbon-free heavy goods transport and ships | - | - | | >11 |
| Shift to 100 per cent carbon-free aviation | <i>(1 short haul)</i> | <i>(1 domestic)</i> | | - |
| Buildings | | | | |
| Shift to 100 per cent (near-) zero energy buildings for new buildings | 3 | 6 | >28 | >44 |
| Fully decarbonize the building sector | 1 | 6 | >28 | >44 |
| Phase out fossil fuels (for example, gas) for residential heating | 1 | - | >3 | |
| Increase the rate of zero-energy renovations | <i>(1 public buildings)</i> | - | | |
| Agriculture and forestry | | | | |
| Zero net deforestation | >80 | 23 | | >73 |

ⁱ <https://unfccc.int/news/climate-ambition-alliance-nations-renew-their-push-to-upscale-action-by-2020-and-achieve-net-zero>

Table 2. Current policy projections of the UNEP Emissions gap report 2015²

| Country | Historical | | Current policies 2030 |
|------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------|
| | 1990 | 2010 | Central |
| China | 3,512 | 9,993 | 14,420 |
| USA | 5,633 | 6,389 | 6,006 |
| EU | 5,385 | 4,594 | 3,713 |
| India | 1,247 | 2,579 | 4,762 |
| Russia | 3,395 | 1,968 | 2,006 |
| Indonesia | 975 | 1,665 | 1,999 |
| Brazil | 1,558 | 1,468 | 1,380 |

(The historical emissions are expressed using global warming potentials (GWPs) from the IPCC Second Assessment Report, while the projections are based on the values reported in the literature using different GWPs. Values are not strictly comparable with those in Table 3 due to use of different GWPs and different values or methods to estimate the historical emissions, and the use of more national and global models to estimate projections.)

Table 3. Current policy projections of the UNEP Emissions gap report 2019¹

| Country | Historical | | Current policies 2030 (official data) | Current policies 2030 (independent) | Min | Max |
|------------------|------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | 1990 | 2010 | | Central | | |
| China | 2,475 | 10,345 | | 14,895 | 13,162 | 17,848 |
| USA | 5,564 | 6,269 | | 5,768 | 5,060 | 6,644 |
| EU | 5,405 | 4,469 | 2,810 | 3,135 | 2,799 | 3,488 |
| India | 1,240 | 1,941 | | 4,781 | 3,999 | 5,350 |
| Russia | 3,113 | 1,331 | | 2,146 | 1,842 | 2,350 |
| Indonesia | 478 | 1,154 | | 2,224 | 1,453 | 2,846 |
| Brazil | 1,497 | 1,401 | | 1,579 | 1,305 | 1,789 |

(All projections from the literature were harmonised to GWPs from the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, AR4. Values are not strictly comparable with those in Table 2 due to use of different GWPs and different values or methods to estimate the historical emissions, and the use of more national and global models to estimate projections.)

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