

SHIFTING OUR GAZE ON CLIMATE CHANGE:

FROM WAITING FOR INNOVATION TO AMPLIFICATION OF SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

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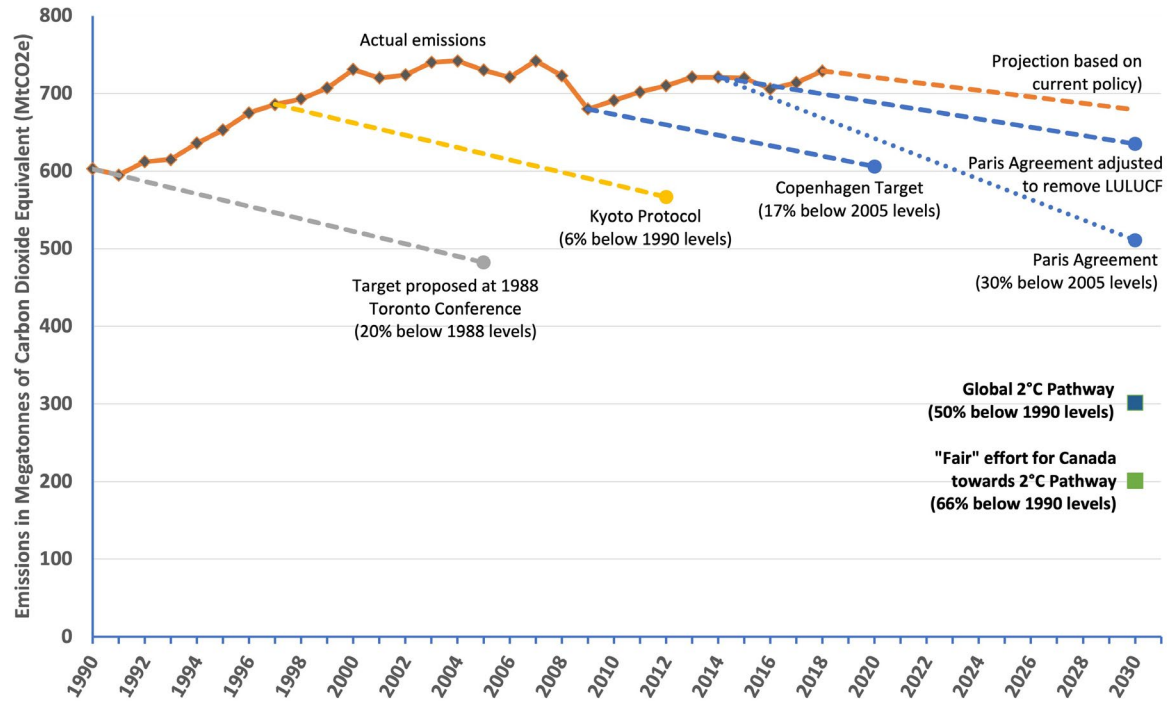
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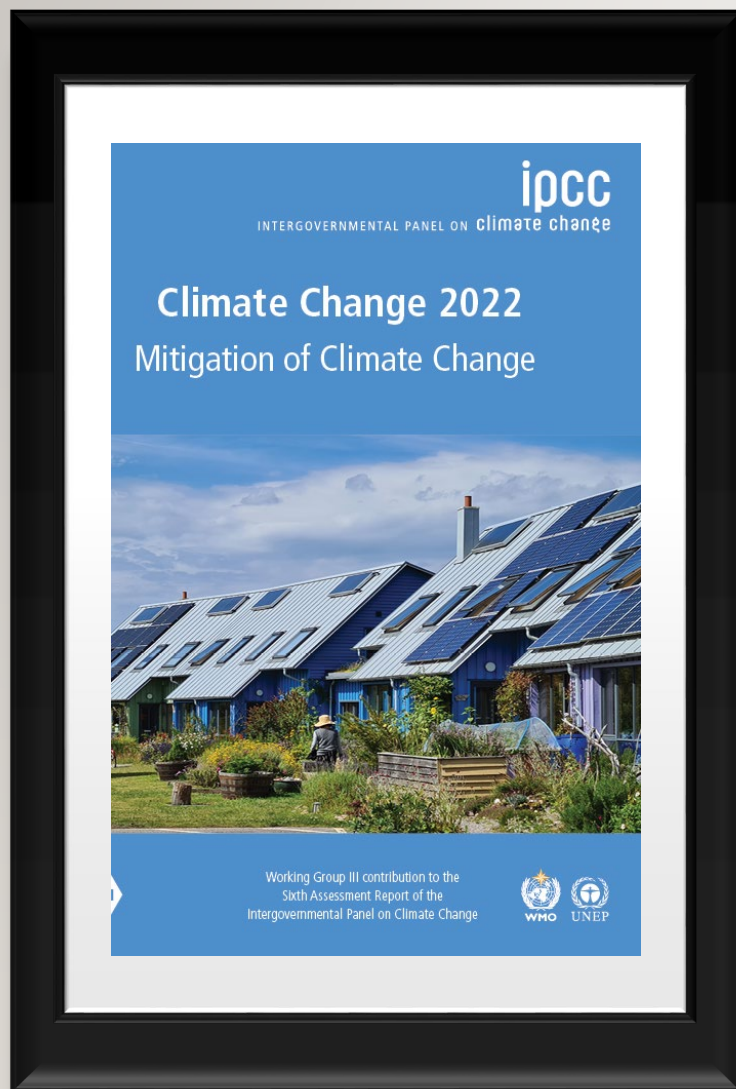
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Canada's GHG Emissions Reduction Targets

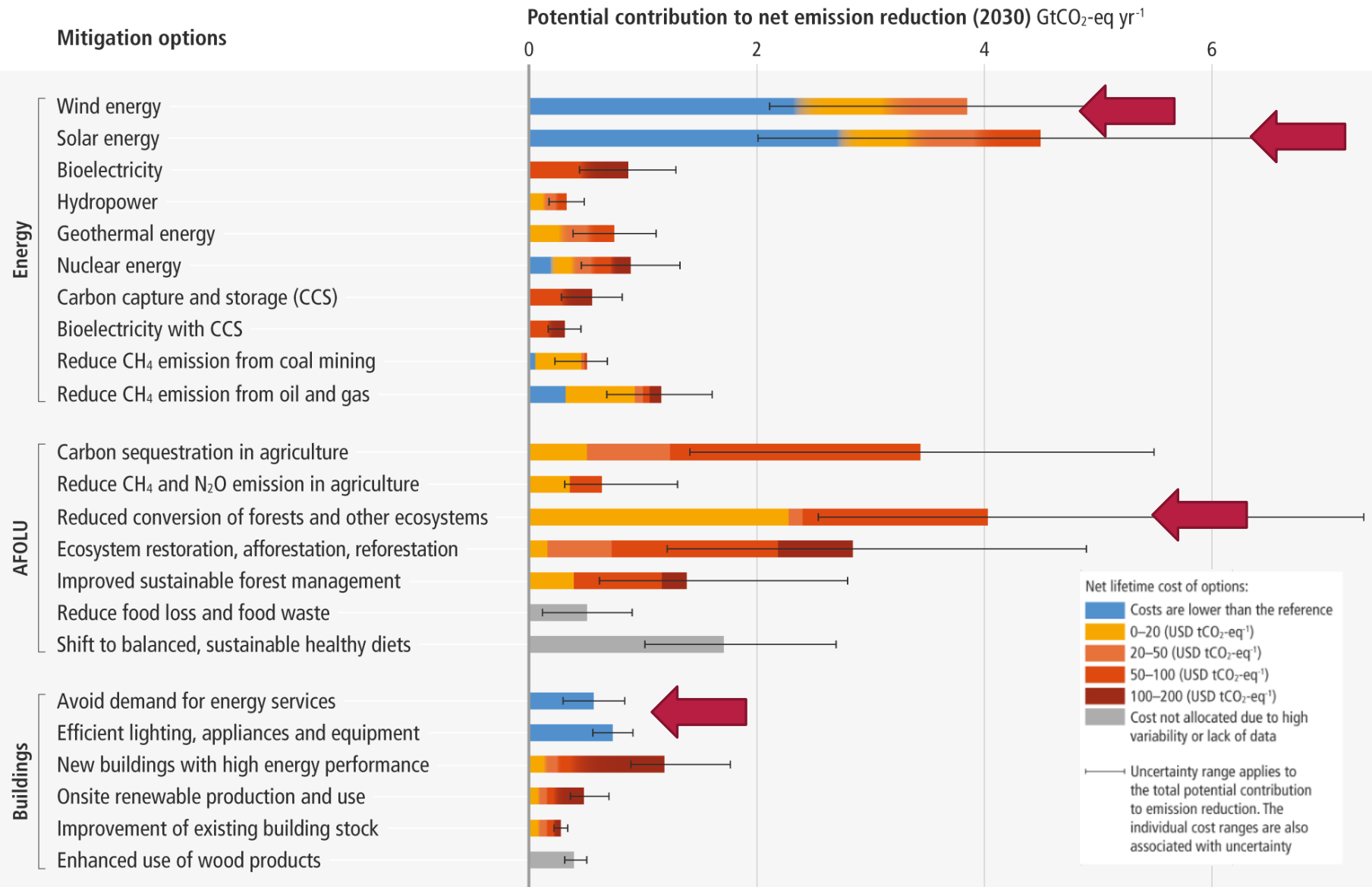




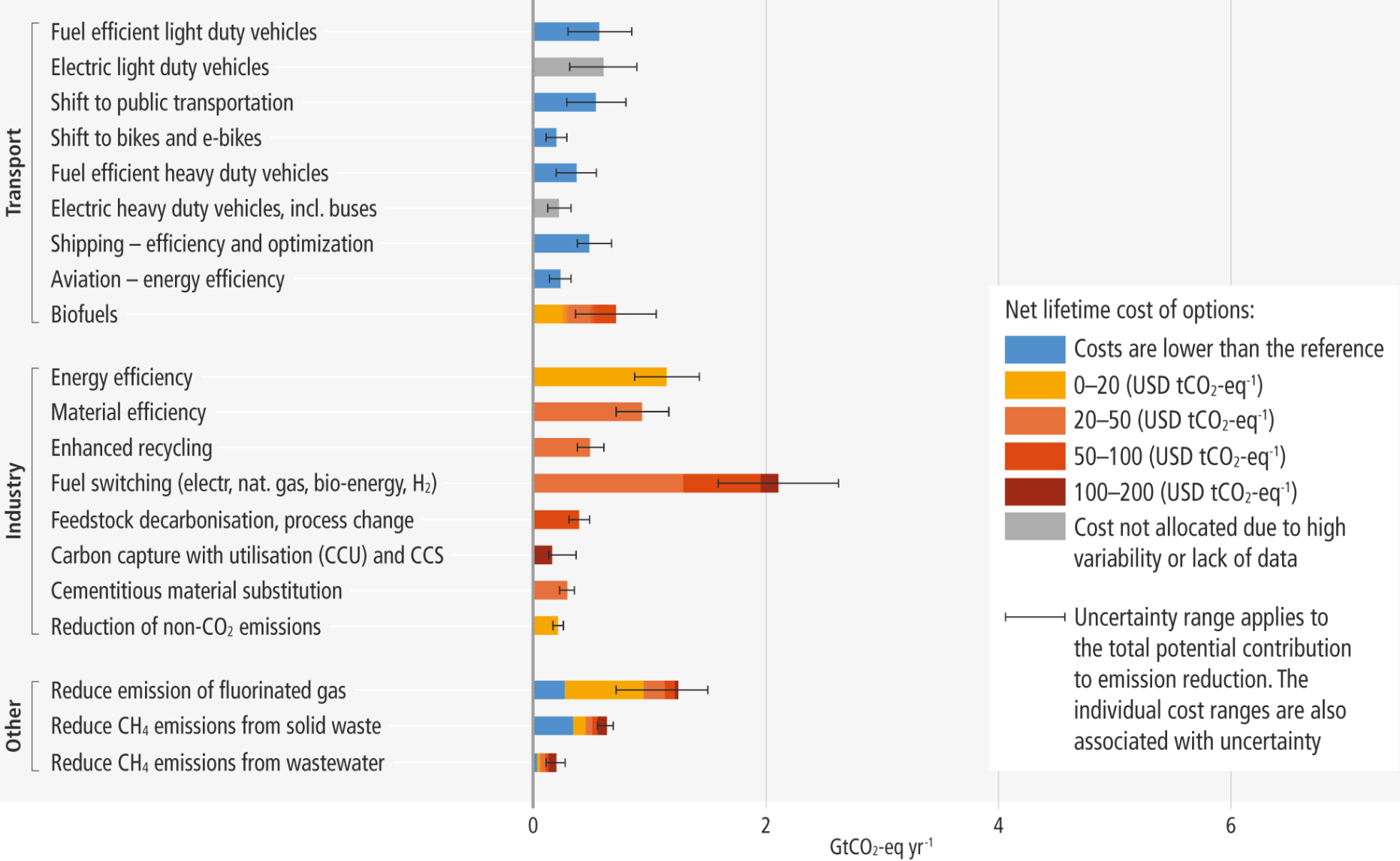
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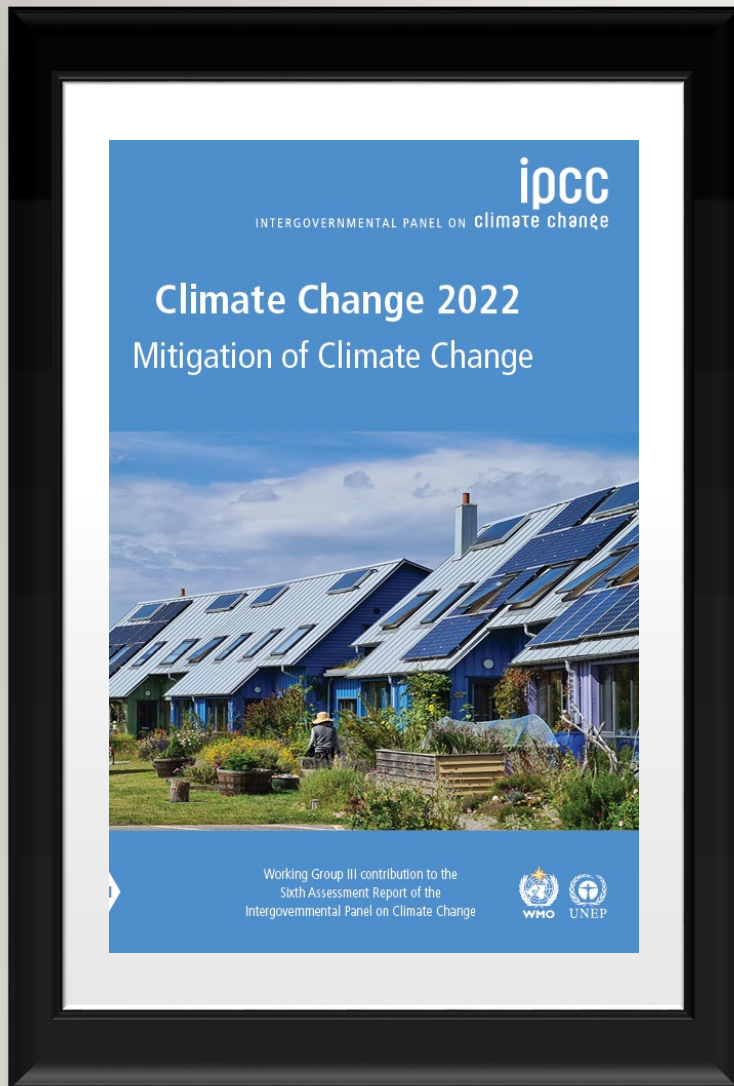
- **Highest** emissions in human history
- We are **not on track** to limit warming to 1.5 degrees C
- There is **real evidence** of sustained GHG reductions in some countries
- The cost of renewables has **plummeted**
- We have the **solutions** in every sector that can halve our emissions by 2030

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- **Lifestyle change** can provide up to 70% of emissions reductions
- BUT
- Individuals are **locked** into high-carbon pathways
 - We can't achieve **Sustainable Development Goals** without dealing with climate change
 - **Cities** are crucial

THE HIDDEN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF DRIVING



Smart Growth
America, 2021

CITY OF PORTLAND

CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

#CLIMATEJUSTICE | #CLIMATECRISIS



TORONTO CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO DECLARE A
CLIMATE EMERGENCY
AND COMMITTED TO ACCELERATE CLIMATE ACTION



OUR FINAL
WARNING

SIX DEGREES
OF CLIMATE
EMERGENCY



WE ARE LIVING IN A
CLIMATE EMERGENCY



SHIFTING OUR GAZE AND MOVING FORWARD

- Think in systems
- Step back and recharge
- Unshackle individuals
- Amplify, accelerate, inspire



MIDRISE DENSITY to optimize energy efficiency with high building standards and shared walls

Canadians switching to ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION to reduce driving and improve health

TREE SHADING for cooling to reduce air conditioning use in hotter summers

SOLAR ELECTRICITY for renewable electricity and hot water

MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT homes near offices and shops to reduce driving

ELECTRIC STREET CARS, BUSES and BIKE LANES to reduce driving

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