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National and Global Cooperation to achieve Low Carbon Societies through Sustainable Development

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# Emissions to 1850-2000, and IPCC projections to 2100



#### How much climate change is too much?

<b>1-2 C</b> Above pre- industrial	Major impacts on ecosystems and species; wide ranging impacts on society, including developing county agriculture.
1.5 – 3 C	Greenland ice-cap starts to melt irreversibly (7 m)
2 - 3 C	Major loss of coral reef ecosystem; considerable species loss; large impacts on agriculture; water resources; health; economies.
	General increase in droughts and extreme rainfalls as temperature increases. Up to 88cm sea level rise in next 100 years.
2 - 3 C	Terrestrial carbon sink becomes a source.
1 - 4 C	North Atlantic circulation collapses
2 - 4.5 C	West Antarctic ice sheet collapses (5 m)

#### Extreme events and economic costs – threat to sustainable evelopment

\* \$298bn

Economic and insured losses of major natural disasters



## Sustainable development issues related to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the next 100 years

#### Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (GtC)

- IPCC High Scenario 2030 to 2100
- IPCC Low Scenario and stabilisation scenarios 2030 to 2100
- IEA projection 2000 to 2030
- Historic 1750 2000



### Some implications for achieving deep cuts in global emissions

- Long-term policy framework with sustainable development and integral part.
- Wide range of issues and large number of actors
- Comprehensive range of technologies and policies
- Political leadership