

Building Bridges

A large sculpture of hands holding each other, symbolizing unity and cooperation, set against a cityscape at dusk. The sculpture is the central focus, with hands of various colors and sizes reaching towards the center. The background shows a city with a prominent tower and a dome under a blue sky.

.....amongst formal and informal groups established in the UNFCCC negotiations".

Rita Mishaan

Ambassador to Climate Change-Guatemala
University of Oregon, April 19, 2021

BRIDGES that bridge; rock to rock, land over water, mountains, cities, buildings and PEOPLE



**THE WORLD must AGREE and shake hands!
At the UNFCCC is by “consensus”**



Nations Unies

Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques 2015

COP21/CMP11

Paris France



COP 21, París, France, December 2015

“To strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.”

Who are the Main Actors in the Negotiations

- **Countries (Parties)** – Country members that have ratified the Convention
Vote and Voice.

Access to: All meetings and rooms.

- **Observers** – NGO's, Civil Society, Indigenous People, UN Agencies, Academia, other countries that are not a Party.
- Access to: Formal Meetings and Informal meetings (when parties agree)

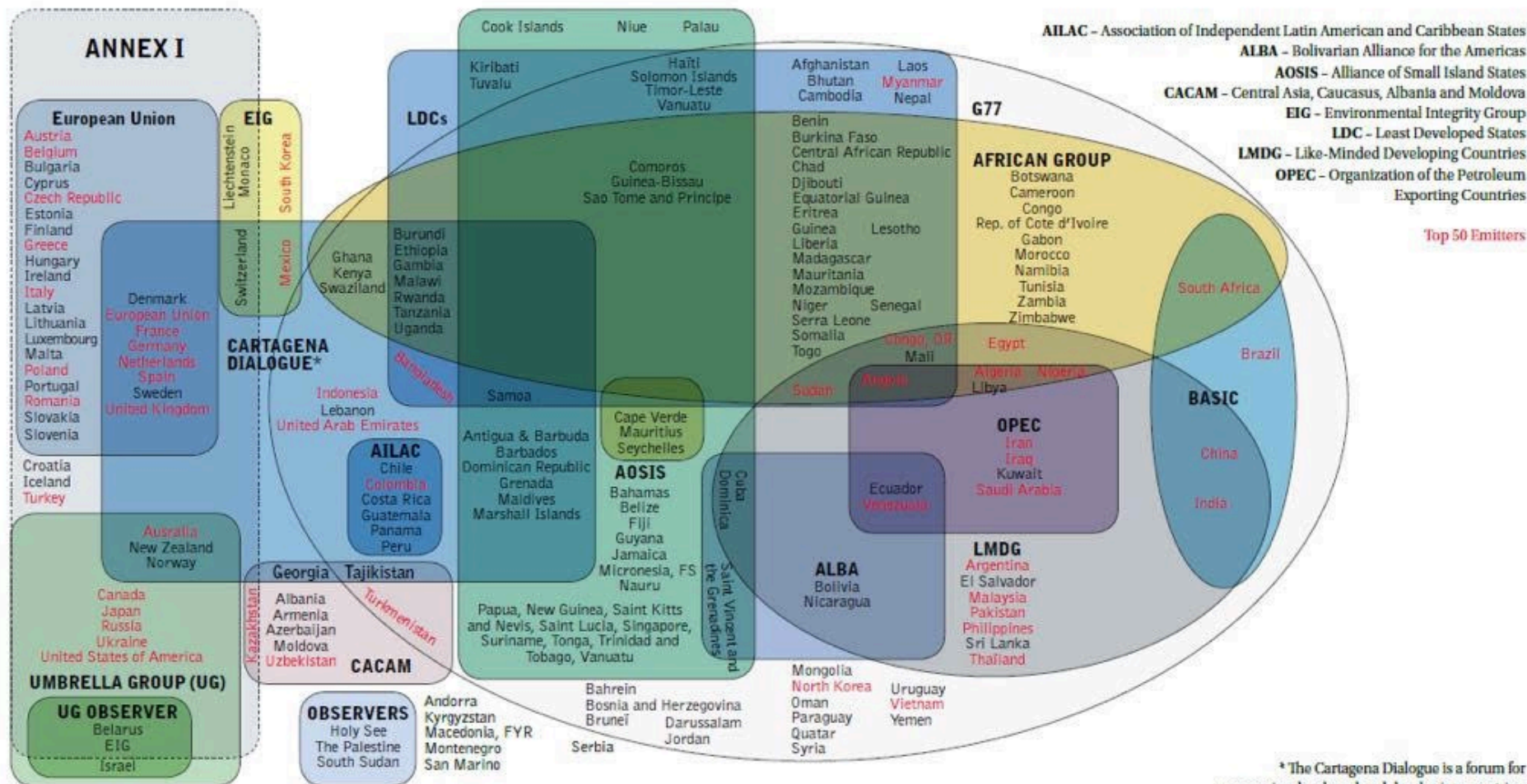
- **Press** – International and National Press

Access to: Formal Meetings
Press Conferences

- **Secretariat to the Convention** – organization of the session, ample access

FORMAL AND INFORMAL GROUPS - UNFCCC

Key Negotiating Groups in the UN Climate Talks



AILAC - Association of Independent Latin American and Caribbean States
ALBA - Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas
AOSIS - Alliance of Small Island States
CACAM - Central Asia, Caucasus, Albania and Moldova
EIG - Environmental Integrity Group
LDC - Least Developed States
LMDG - Like-Minded Developing Countries
OPEC - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

Top 50 Emitters

* The Cartagena Dialogue is a forum for progressive developed and developing countries. While it doesn't negotiate as a group, its members advocate shared positions in their formal blocs.

MAJOR GROUPS

EU -
European
Union
(57M)

• UG-
Umbrella
Group
(11M)

G77 +
China
(130M)

AOSIS
Alliance
of Small
Islands
States
(43M)

EIG-
Environmental
Integrity
Group
(3M)

African
Group
(53M)

GRUL
AC
Latin
American
Group
(33M)

LDSs
Least
Developed
Countries
(50M)

OTHER GROUPS

ALBA

Bolivarian
Alliance
for Our
Americas

AILAC

LA and
Caribbean
Alliance
(8M)

RAIN
FOREST
COALITION
REDD+
(41M)

GROUP
OF
ARABES

SICA

Central
American
Integration
System
(8M)

OPEC

Outside of the
Convention
(11M)

GRULAC

Latin
American
Group
NY

Cartagena Dialogue

Ojective

Reduce GHG emissions in view to holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

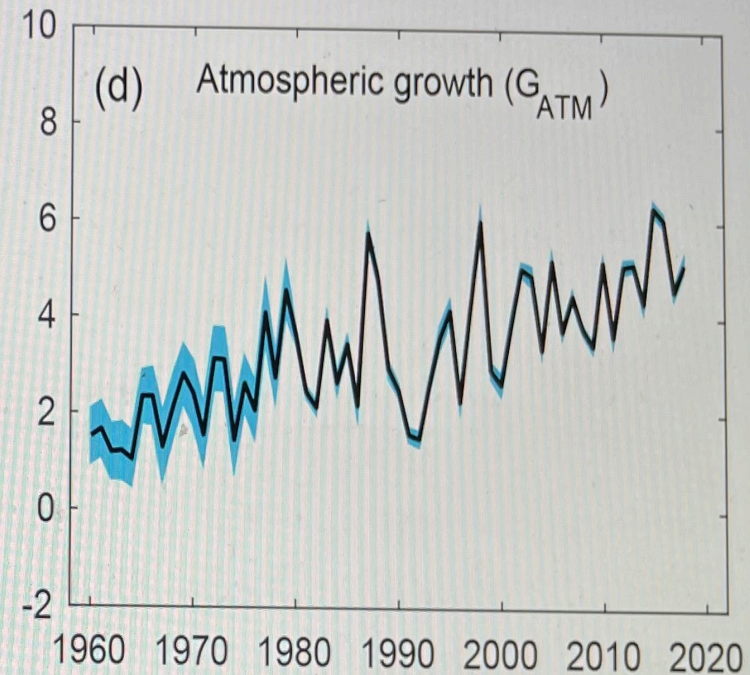
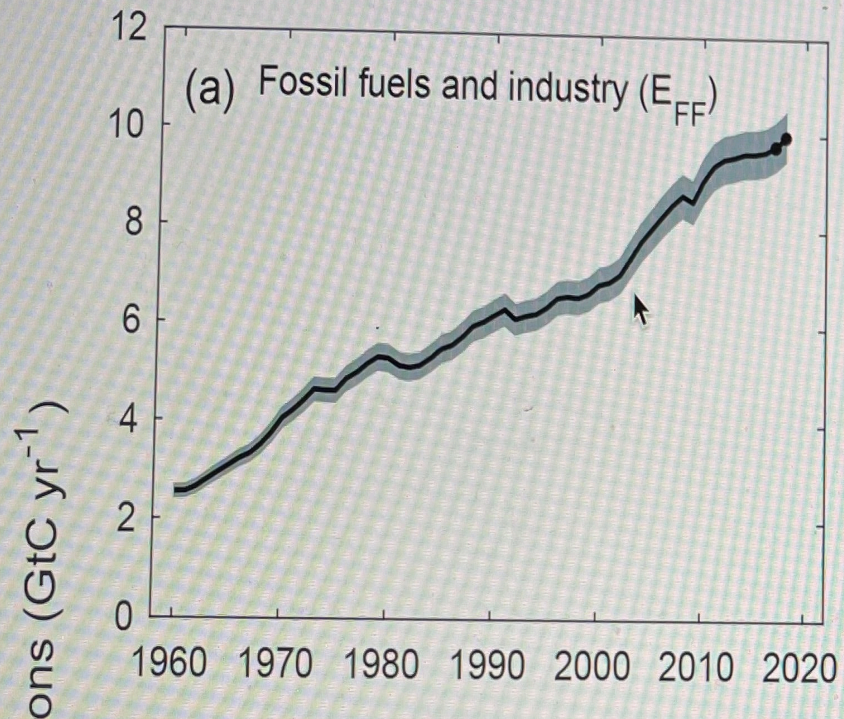
To Achieve the former we must have clarity on..... What are the facts?

- *The activities of society in the modern world emit GHE every step of the way; the more population grows, the more GHE we add to the atmosphere.*
- *51 billion tons of GHE we add each year to the atmosphere ,*
- *Zero is what we need to aim for ,*
- *The result will be catastrophic*
- *The Decisions are “collectively agreed”, they are a set of pacts, affirmations, road maps and tolls that become legally binding*
- *TIME is of essence*
- *The Planet is one and our only home*
- *There is no “Plan B”*
- *We need ambition*
- *Goal is Net Zero*

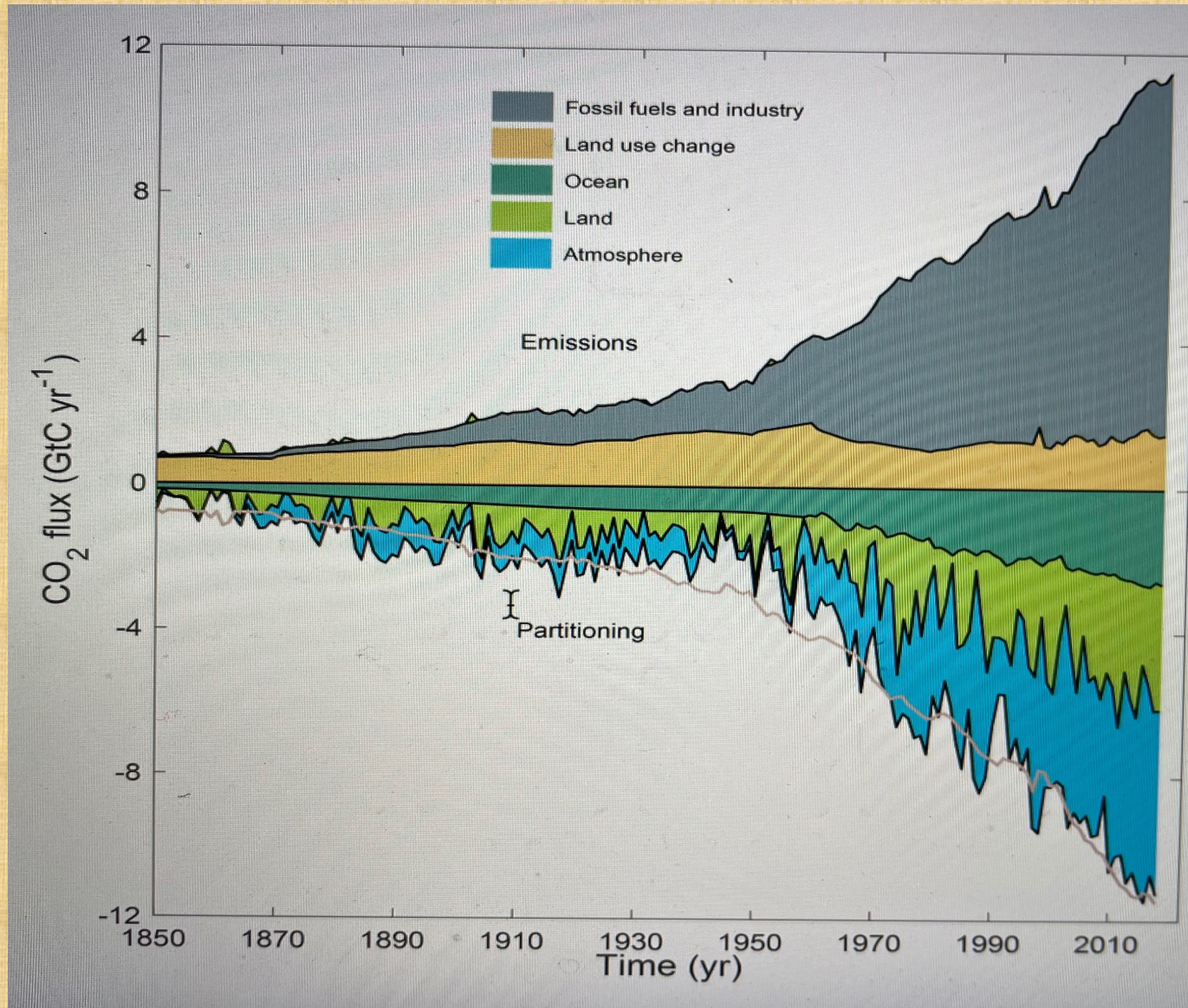
What has been proven.....

Raise of temperature and GHE

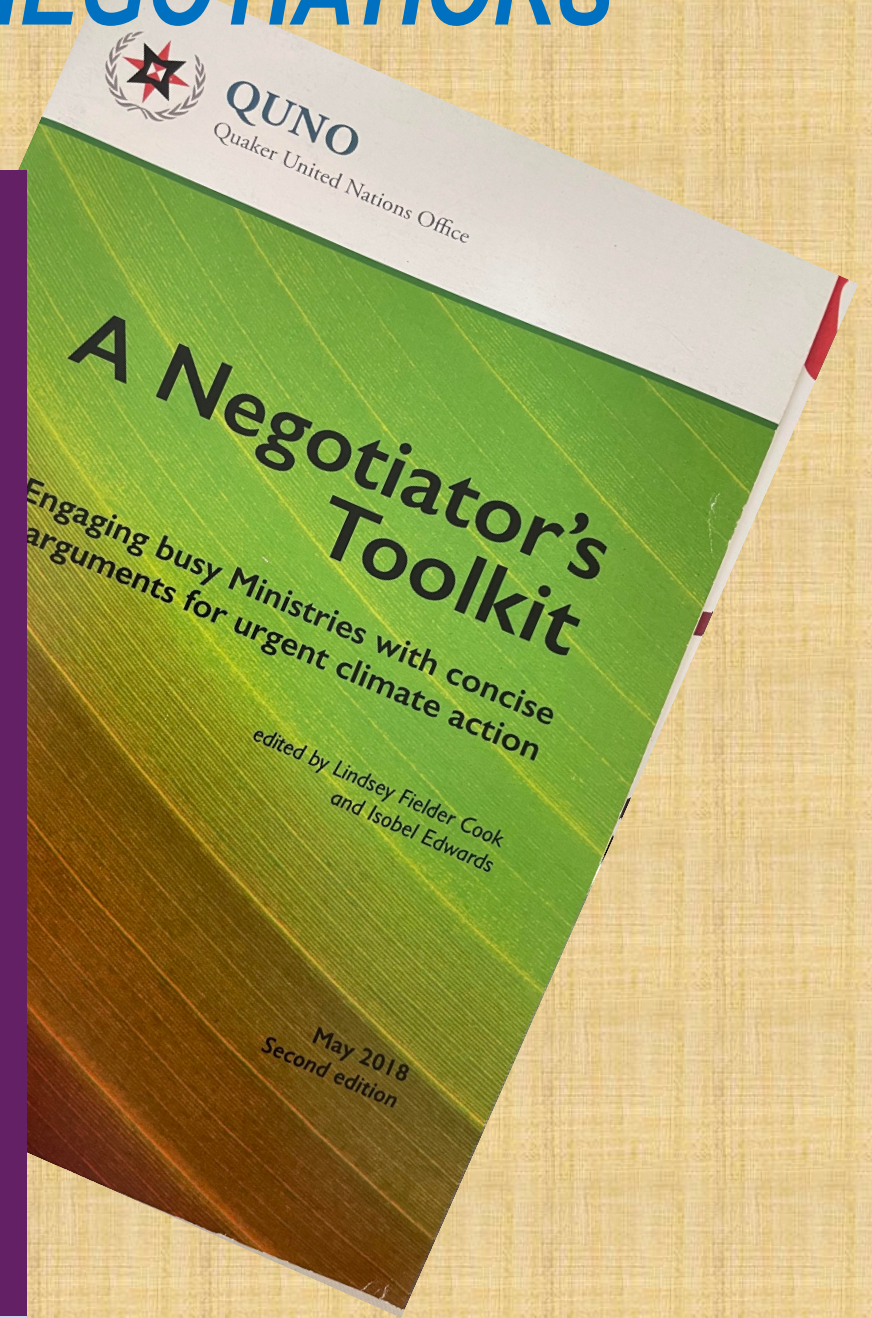
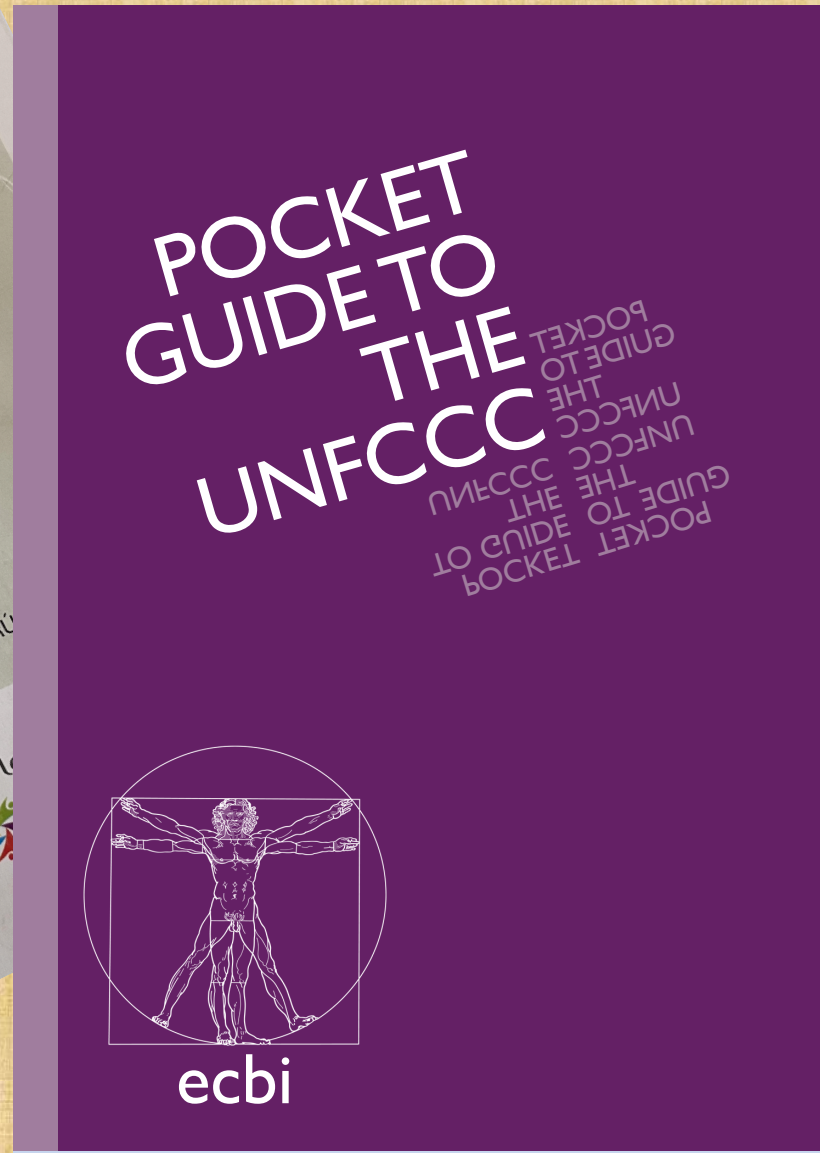
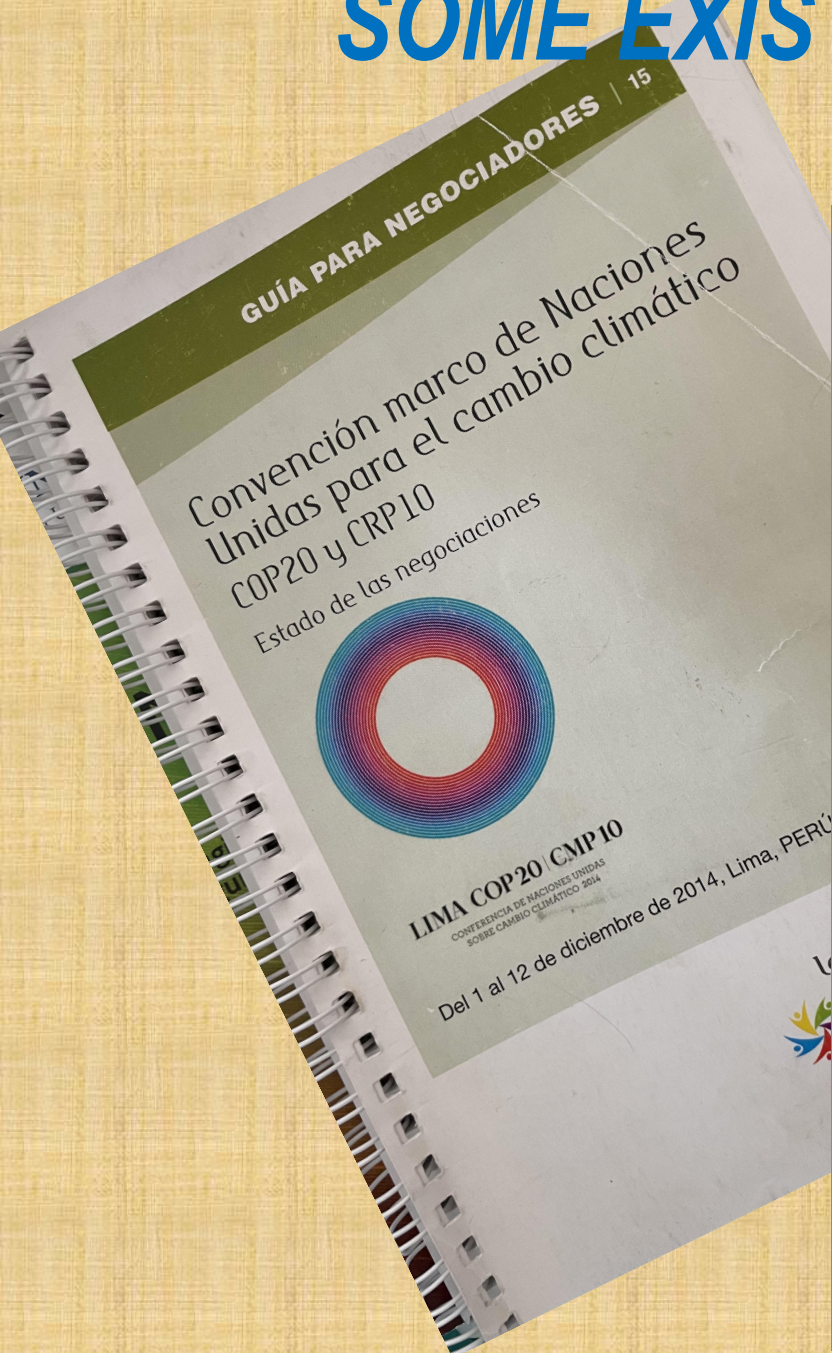
stein et al.: Global Carbon Budget 2019



Sectors emit most GHE



SOME EXISTING TOOLS FOR NEGOTIATIONS



POLITICAL WILL

"Let's not fool ourselves about climate, there is NO PLAN B" President Macron, Message from Emmanuel Macron, President of the Republic of France after the US withdrawal announcement "

"After so many failed negotiations on climate change and other issues, this agreement has opened the door for hope and it confirms that it is possible to reach global agreements," stated **Cristiana Figueres** to EFE, during her participation in the World Energy Congress in Abu Dhabi. January 19, 2016.

- There is no "turning back" from global agreement to combat climate change, said the Moroccan Foreign Minister on the eve of the UN talks in Marrakech, -UNFCCC- 2017***

"We no longer have the luxury of time. We must act now. This is where we start", said Patricia Espinoza at the opening session of the summit of the Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

***DOING THE RIGHT THING,
BECAUSE,
IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!***



***Mayor Brown, San Francisco, Ca.,
September 2018***



Thank you!