

Some general thoughts on overarching goals

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- Thinking of overarching goals as a way to improve implementation: How? What was the problem?

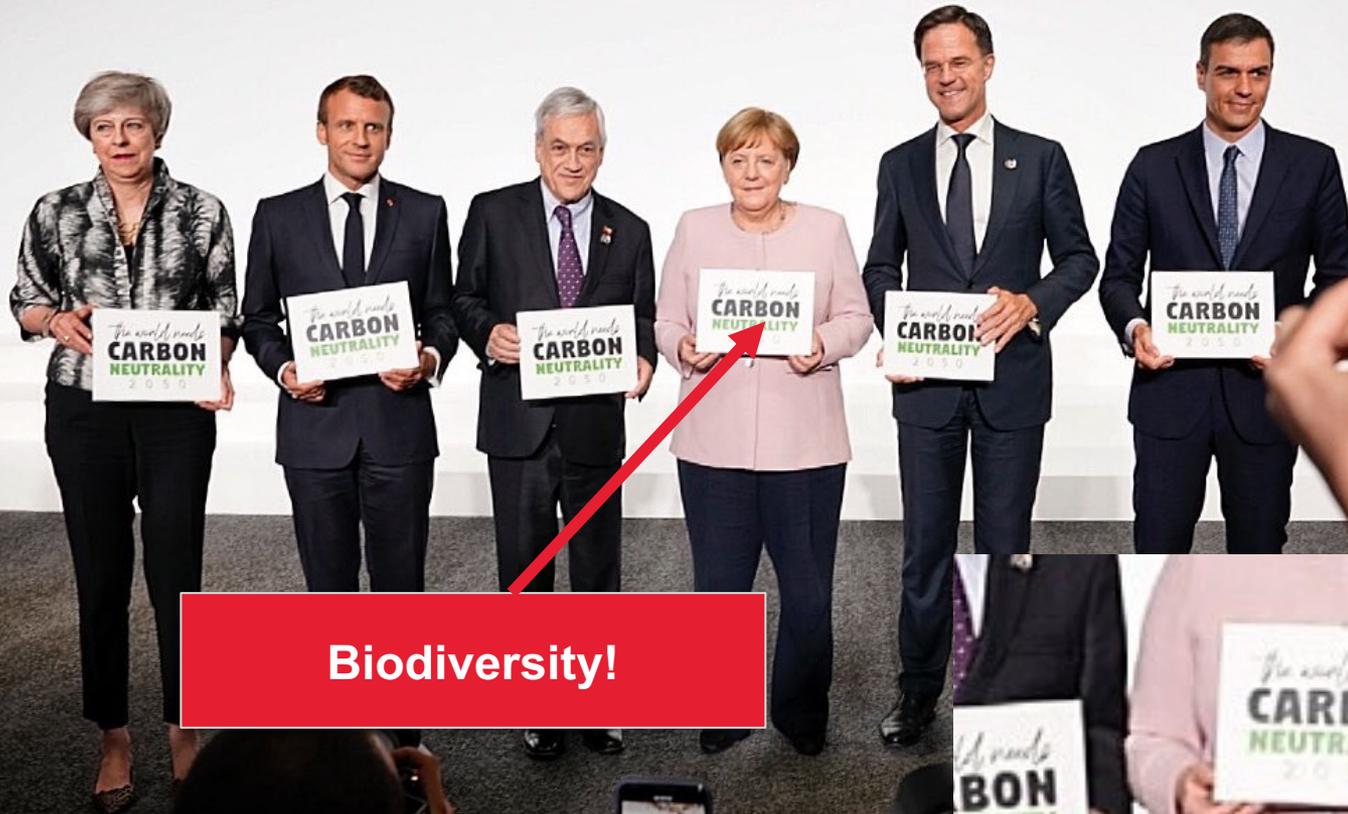
■ Objectives in the Paris Agreement

- **Article 2** on well below 2°C
- **Article 4.1** on GHG neutrality in second half of 21st century
- **Article 2, Article 4.2** and **Article 4.19**: countries need to communicate efforts (NDCs) and invited to develop low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (e.g., transformation on drivers)

→ A “**state**” target (2°C/1.5°C) achieved through a target on “**pressure**” (carbon neutrality) and supported through commitments from countries (NDCs) to transform “**drivers**”

→ Net-Zero / Carbon Neutrality is having more political success than temperature

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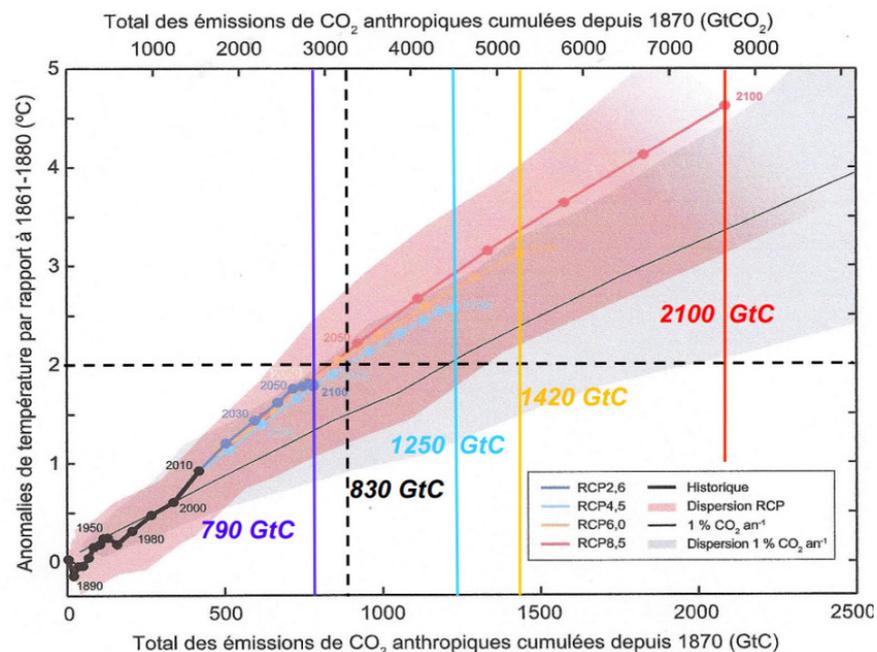
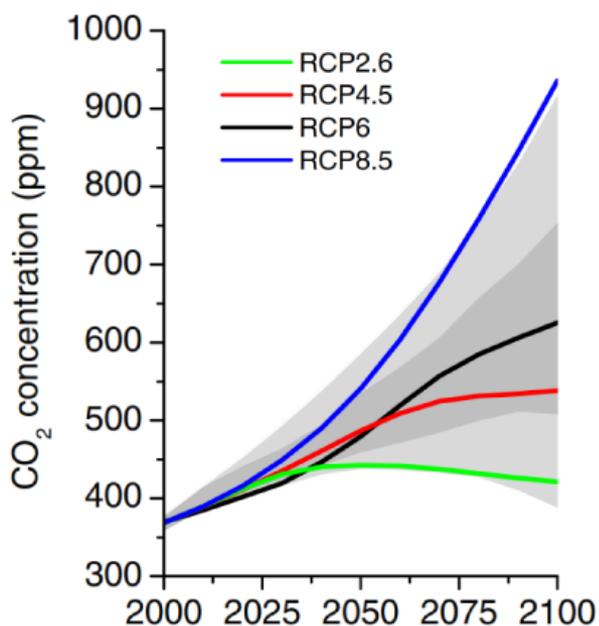


Biodiversity!



■ Geopolitics of efforts

- Temperature targets are proxy to negotiate efforts in emissions reduction



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- Efforts: important to evaluate *collective pathway* (where are we going, are we on track towards 2050 vision?) but also important for political dynamics between Parties (name and shame, funding...)
- Linkage between current ideas in the air (30 by 30 etc.) and efforts in terms of socioeconomic transformations is much less clear!
- Example: increasing PA is not effortless, but can represent very different effort for different countries. I.e., a land use index (PA/intensive agriculture/organic agriculture) would reflect the effort more.

- **Overarching targets for biodiversity?**
 - Political constraint: reflect three objectives of CBD (cf. 2050 goals of zero draft)
 - Should enable measuring individual efforts and collective progress
 - Strongest political dynamics might not happen around overarching goals, but around action targets



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- **If we pursue the parallel with climate...**

1. **We have** a long-term target on “state of the system”: **2050 Vision**.

→ *Need to make it more concrete, on three objectives of CBD (cf. SBSTTA work)*

2. We might need to identify **action objectives** (e.g. “carbon neutrality” equivalent) on shorter-term, and **2030 milestones** towards **2050 state (backcasting)**

→ could compose 2030 Mission? IPBES is telling us where to start, and the priorities (agrifood systems, especially)

3. **National contributions on 5 years basis** to 2030 goals, **NBSAPs are long-term strategies** exploring the transformations envisioned to achieve 2050 Vision