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Climate change: Taking action now will pay off

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摘要
Abstract

The world is heating up - the melting polar ice cap in the Arctic and glaciers around the world are but the most obvious signs. Today there is a general scientific consensus that the observed climate change is linked to human greenhouse gas emissions. The 4th Assessment Report of IPCC describes a multitude of impacts that will negatively affect societies and economies on a global scale. As our climate is a highly complex system, its future reaction to continued greenhouse gas emissions is uncertain - however, the predicted scenarios include long tail possibilities of severe economic impacts. Detailed analyses (eg. the Stern report) of this economic impact indicate that appropriate emission reductions taken today are cost-effective and should hence not be delayed. In other words: taking preventive action today will be cheaper than having to pay a full climate change impact bill in the future.