



3 November 2014 – The IPCC, the UN climate panel has issued a dire warning in its latest scientific assessment on Climate Change. In its report, which was launched yesterday in Copenhagen, IPCC warns that if left unchecked, climate change will increase the likelihood of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts.

Echoing that dire warning, [UN Secretary-General](#) Ban Ki-moon said that if the world maintains its 'business as usual' attitude about climate change, the opportunity to keep temperature rise below the internationally target of 2 degrees Celsius, '[will slip away within the next decade](#)'

'With this latest report, science has spoken yet again and with much more clarity. Time is not on our side...leaders must act.'

'Our assessment finds that the atmosphere and oceans have warmed, the amount of snow and ice has diminished, sea level has risen and the concentration of carbon dioxide has increased to a level unprecedented in at least the last 800,000 years,' said Thomas Stocker, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group I, which participated in the compilation of the final installment of the [Fifth Assessment Report](#) of the IPCC (the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) along with two other expert working groups.

Most comprehensive assessment of climate change

Calling the report the 'most comprehensive assessment of climate change' ever carried out, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, said that the good news is that if we act now, immediately and decisively, we have the means to build a better and more sustainable world.

'There is a myth which is shared unscientifically and uneconomically that climate action will cost heavily but I am telling you that inaction of climate action will cost much, much more. Climate action and economic growth are two sides of just one coin,' declared the UN chief, in Copenhagen in an official visit to Denmark that included the press conference to launch the IPCC report.

In his visit the Secretary-General met with danish leaders such as Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Prime Minister; Martin Lidegaard, Foreign Minister; and Rasmus Helveg Petersen, Minister for Climate, Energy and Building as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, Edgars Rinkēvičs.

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