



Put Climate on Pause Coalition calls on UNFCCC to adopt dual term GWP₂₀/GWP₁₀₀ greenhouse gas accounting standard

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Panel

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The Put Climate on Pause coalition is calling on the UNFCCC to adopt a dual-term 20 year (GWP₂₀) 100 year (GWP₁₀₀) greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting standard across all of its activities, including IPCC reporting.

The proposed 20 year, GWP₂₀, accounting period is required to expose the real potency of short lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) such as methane gas, and reveal the great potential they offer to mitigate climate change in the short term, buying crucial time for CO₂ reductions to limit global warming to the target 1.5-2°C.

CO₂ is the main driver of long-term warming and targeting it is vital for long-term mitigation strategies. However, [42% of current warming](#)² is due to SLCPs and an exclusively long-term focus overlooks the role of SLCPs in driving short-term warming.

GWP₁₀₀ focuses climate mitigation on sectors which are the dominant sources of CO₂: energy, industry and transportation. It underplays the need for action on the major sources of the SLCPs: agriculture, deforestation, stubble fires and industrial livestock; and fugitive emissions from natural gas extraction. The adoption of GWP20 could drive SLCP mitigation and provide a vital window of opportunity to enable the achievement of international climate goals.

Currently coalition members

Organisations: [Less Meat Less Heat](#), [Climates Network](#), [UK Youth Climate Coalition](#), [Environment Centre NT](#), [Proveg International](#), [Carbon Market Watch](#), [Food and Water Europe](#), [Food and Water Watch](#), [Tzu Chi Foundation](#), [Australian Religious Response to Climate Change](#)

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