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# Mitigating Short-lived Climate Pollutants for Development

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# In the beginning was...

# ... science





## HFCs: A Critical Link in Protecting Climate and the Ozone Layer

A UNEP Synthesis Report



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## Simultaneously Mitigating Near-Term Climate Change and Improving Human Health and Food Security

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### Abstract

Tropospheric ozone and black carbon (BC) contribute to both degraded air quality and global warming. We considered ~400 emission control measures to reduce these pollutants by using current technology and experience. We identified 14 measures targeting methane and BC emissions that reduce projected global mean warming ~0.5°C by 2050. This strategy avoids 0.7 to 4.7 million annual premature deaths from outdoor air pollution and increases annual crop yields by 30 to 135 million metric tons due to ozone reductions in 2020 and beyond. Benefits of methane emissions reductions are valued at



## who we are...



**In 2012 with 7 founding partners**

Today the Coalition has **111** partners:

**50** countries

**16** IGOs

**45** NGOs



**First global effort on collective SLCPs action**  
**Voluntary, partner-led**  
**Catalytic**  
**Complementary to CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation**

**Action-oriented**  
**Partners on the ground**  
**Scale up good practice**  
**Policy based on science**

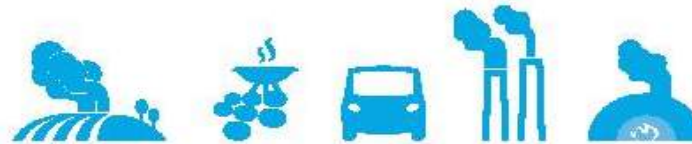
# THE SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS

Relatively short lifetime in the atmosphere and a warming influence on near-term climate.

## ANTHROPOGENIC SOURCES

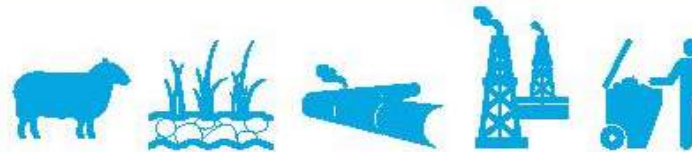
## LIFETIME IN ATMOSPHERE

**Black Carbon (BC)**



**Days**

**Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)**



**12 years**

**Tropospheric Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)**



**Weeks**

**Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)**



**15 years  
(Weighted by usage)**



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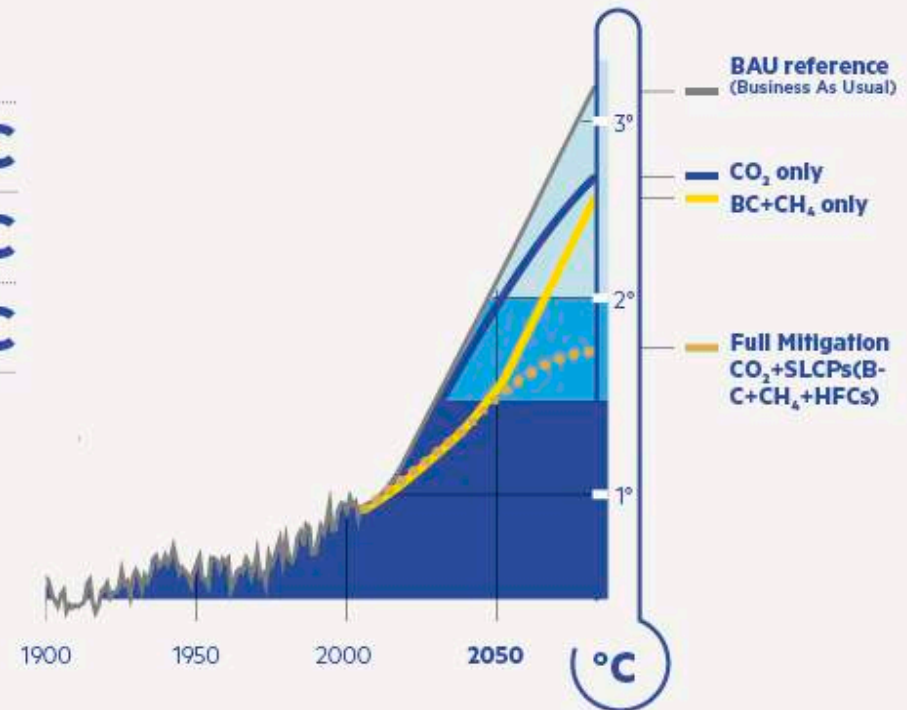
## SLCP CLIMATE BENEFITS

Avoided Global Warming **by 2050**

**BC + CH<sub>4</sub> 0.5°C**

**HFCs 0.1°C**

**SLCPs 0.6°C**



SIMULATED TEMPERATURE CHANGE  
UNDER VARIOUS MITIGATION SCENARIOS



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## ANNUAL BENEFITS

From large-scale mitigation **by 2030**

CLIMATE



**AVOIDED  
WARMING**



**REDUCED  
DISRUPTION OF  
WEATHER**



**REDUCED RATE  
OF MELTING**



**REDUCED RATE  
OF SEA-LEVEL RISE  
BY ~20% BY 2050**

HEALTH



**2.4  
MILLION**



**AVOIDED PREMATURE  
DEATHS ANNUALLY  
FROM OUTDOOR  
AIR POLLUTION**

**REDUCED AIR POLLUTION  
- WORLD'S LARGEST  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK**

CROPS

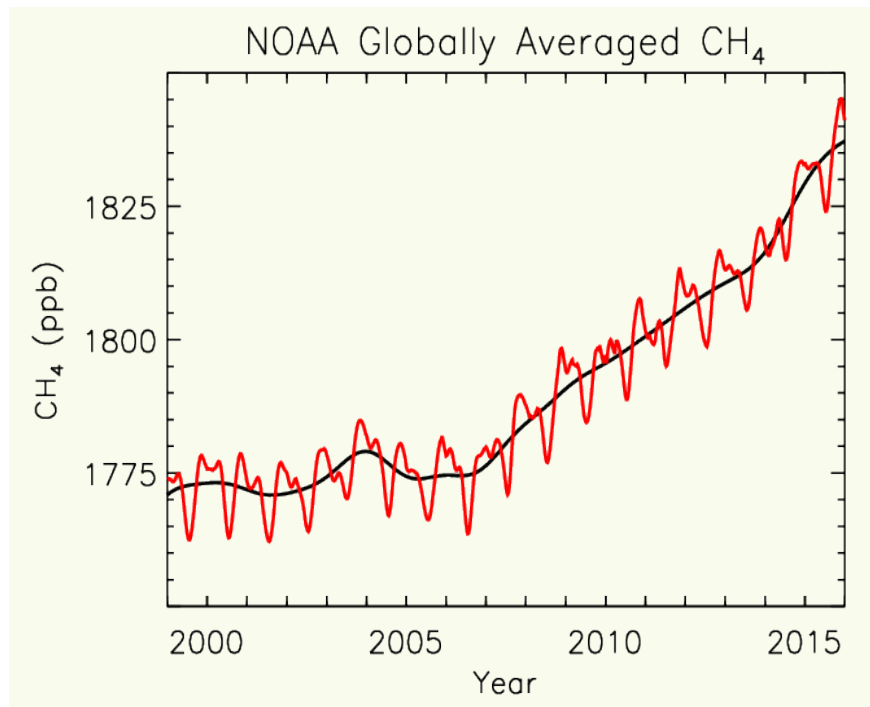
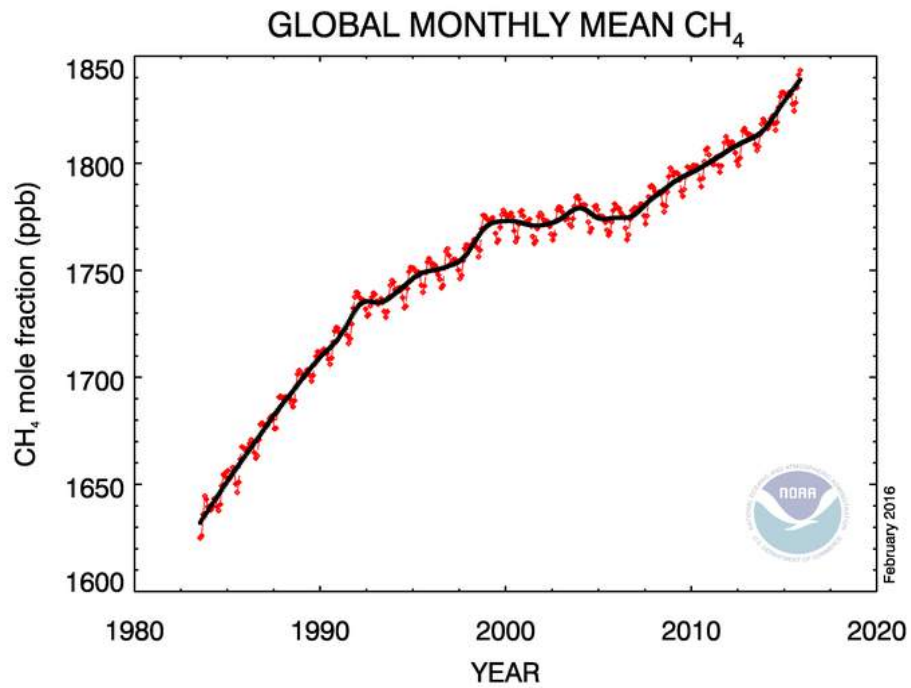


**52  
MILLION**

**TONNES OF AVOIDED  
CROP LOSSES FROM  
4 MAJOR STAPLES YEAR**

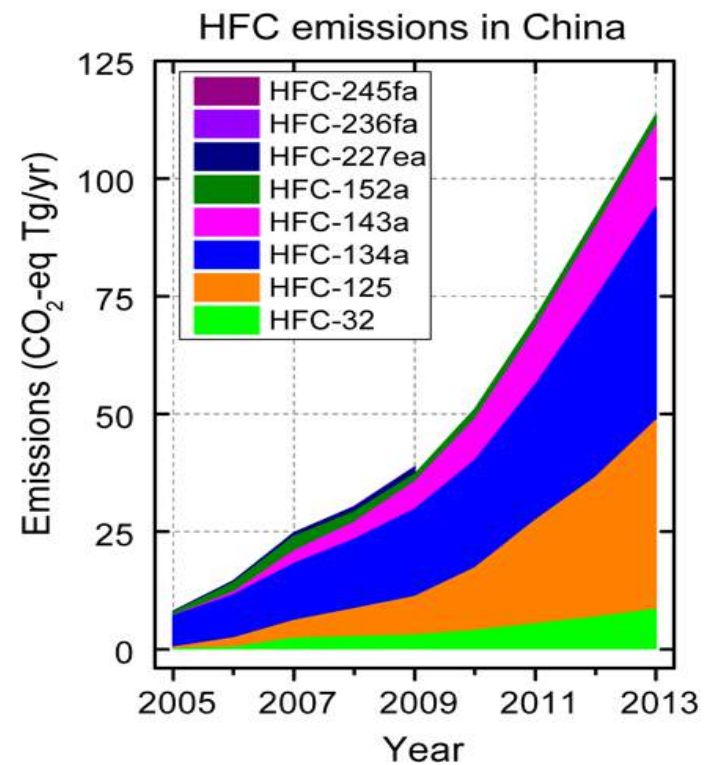
# RECENT SLCP KNOWLEDGE

Methane emissions is growing...



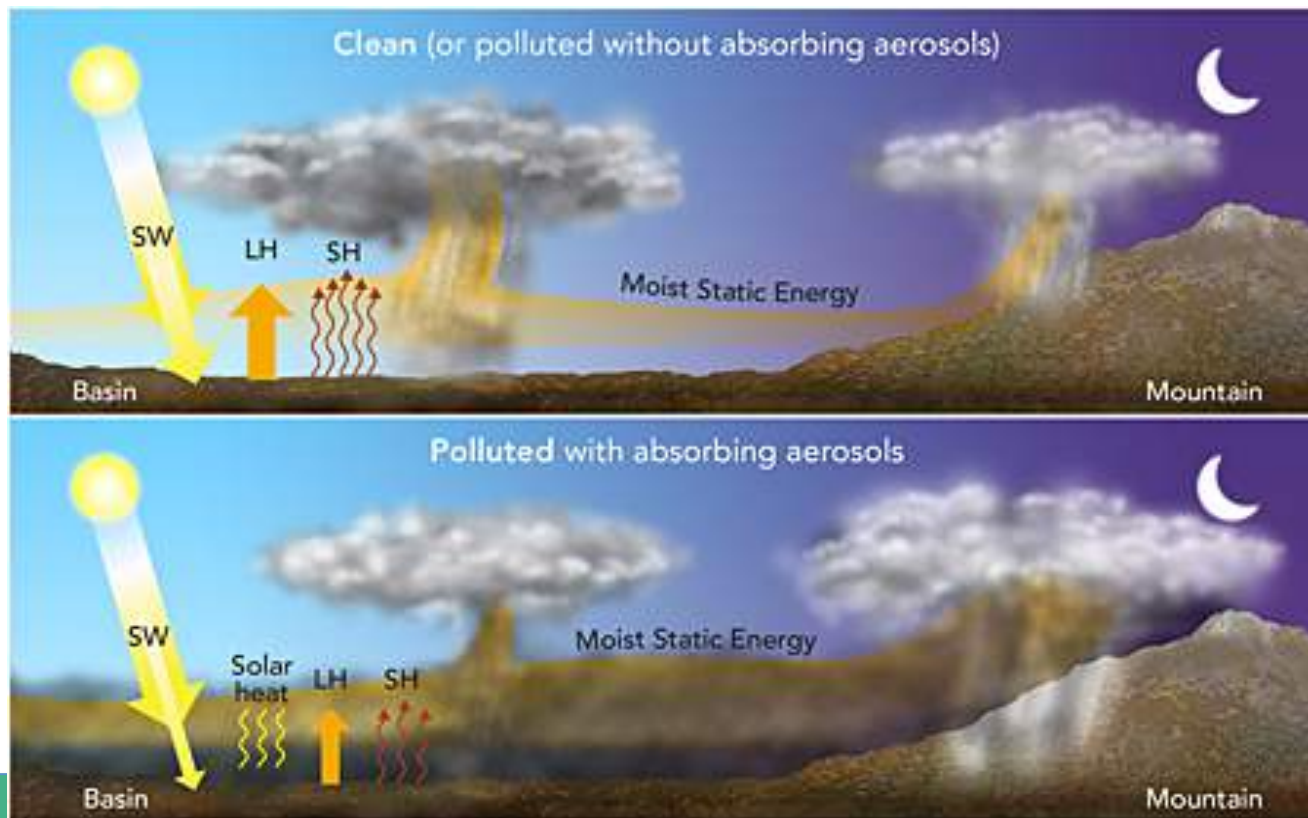
# RECENT SLCP KNOWLEDGE

HFCs are growing too...



## RECENT SLCP KNOWLEDGE

Black carbon is impacting climatic patterns...



Fan et al. 2015 – The 2013 flood in Sichuan was linked to absorbing air polluting aerosols including black carbon - *Geophysical Res. Lett.*



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## URGENT ACTION NEEDED...

SLCP mitigation will help slow down the **rate of climate change**

### Climate Change is Already On Us

Arctic sea ice vanishing in fall; Glaciers retreating worldwide  
Permafrost retreating poleward; Species moving upward and poleward  
SW US & Mediterranean drying out; More heatwaves in Europe, Asia, Australia



Repeated large-scale retreat and advance of Totten Glacier indicated by inland bed erosion



Current **rates** of climate change could trigger instability in a major Antarctic glacier, resulting in more than 2m of sea-level rise

# BLACK CARBON MITIGATION MEASURES



improved biomass stoves



modern coke ovens



remove big smokers / DPF



cooking with clean fuel



pellet biomass heating stoves



improved brick kilns



reduce flaring



coal briquettes replacing coal



reduce agricultural burning

# METHANE MITIGATION MEASURES



intermittent aeration -paddy



recovery from wastewater



recovery from oil and gas



recovery from landfill



recovery from livestock manure /change feed



coal mine methane capture



reducing pipeline leakage

# HFCs MITIGATION MEASURES



phase-down the use of high-GWP HFCs in all sectors

# SLCP MITIGATION MEASURES

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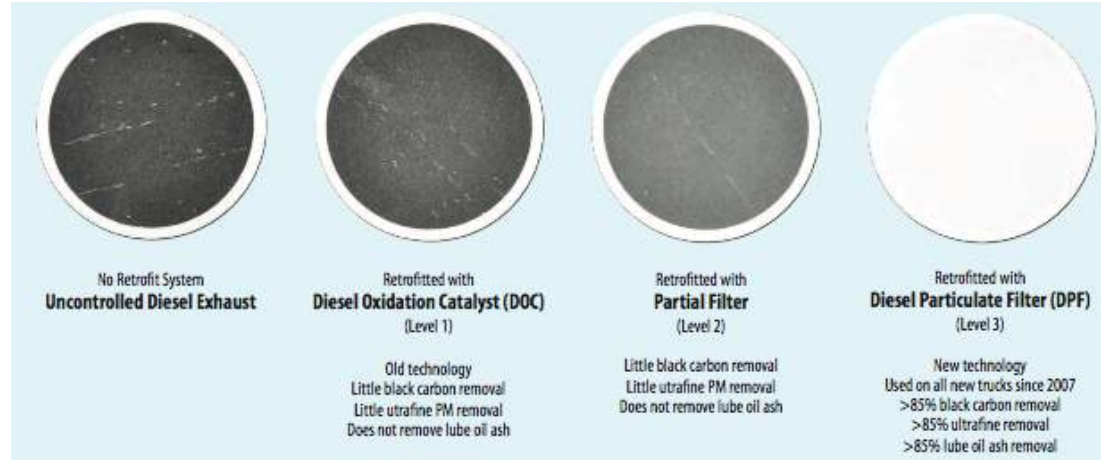
- **proven and often already in use, hence does not require significant technical innovation**
- **at little cost or no net cost, although initial capital investment may be needed, many will achieve cost savings over time**
- **Could also contribute to carbon dioxide mitigation**



**ULTRA-LOW  
SULFUR FUEL**



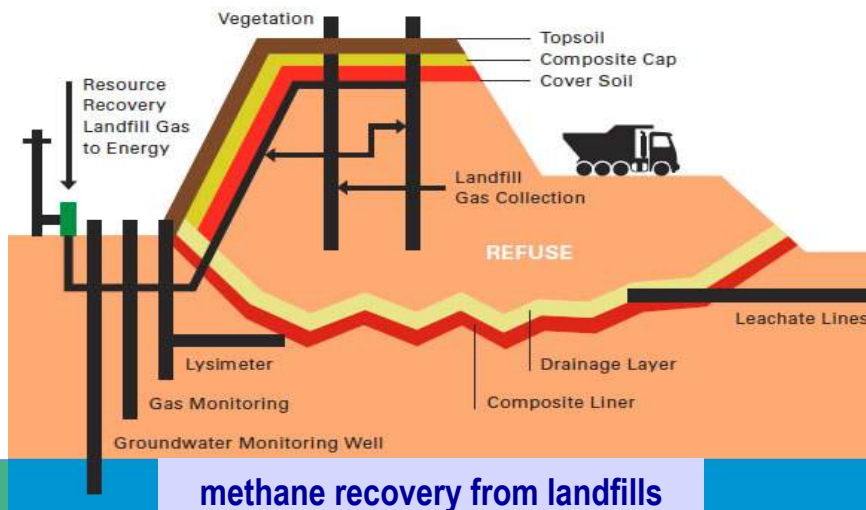
**Diesel Particulate  
Filter (DPF)**



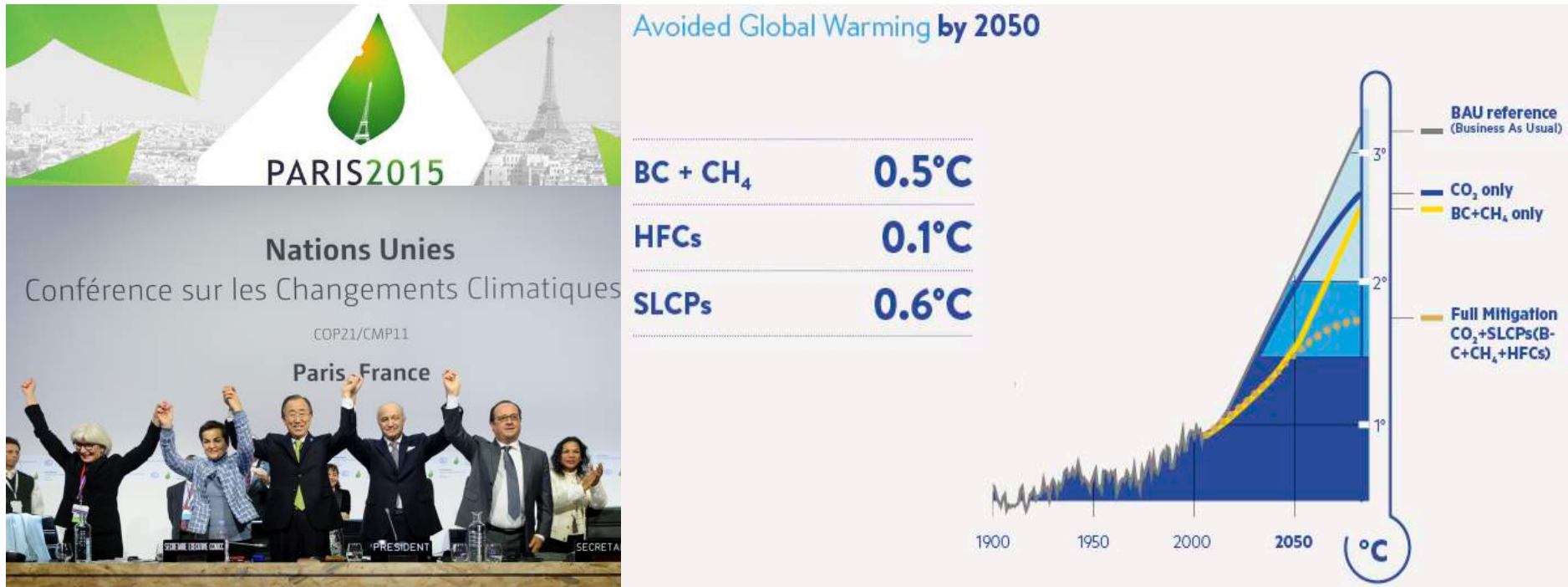
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# SLCPs MITIGATION & PARIS AGREEMENT

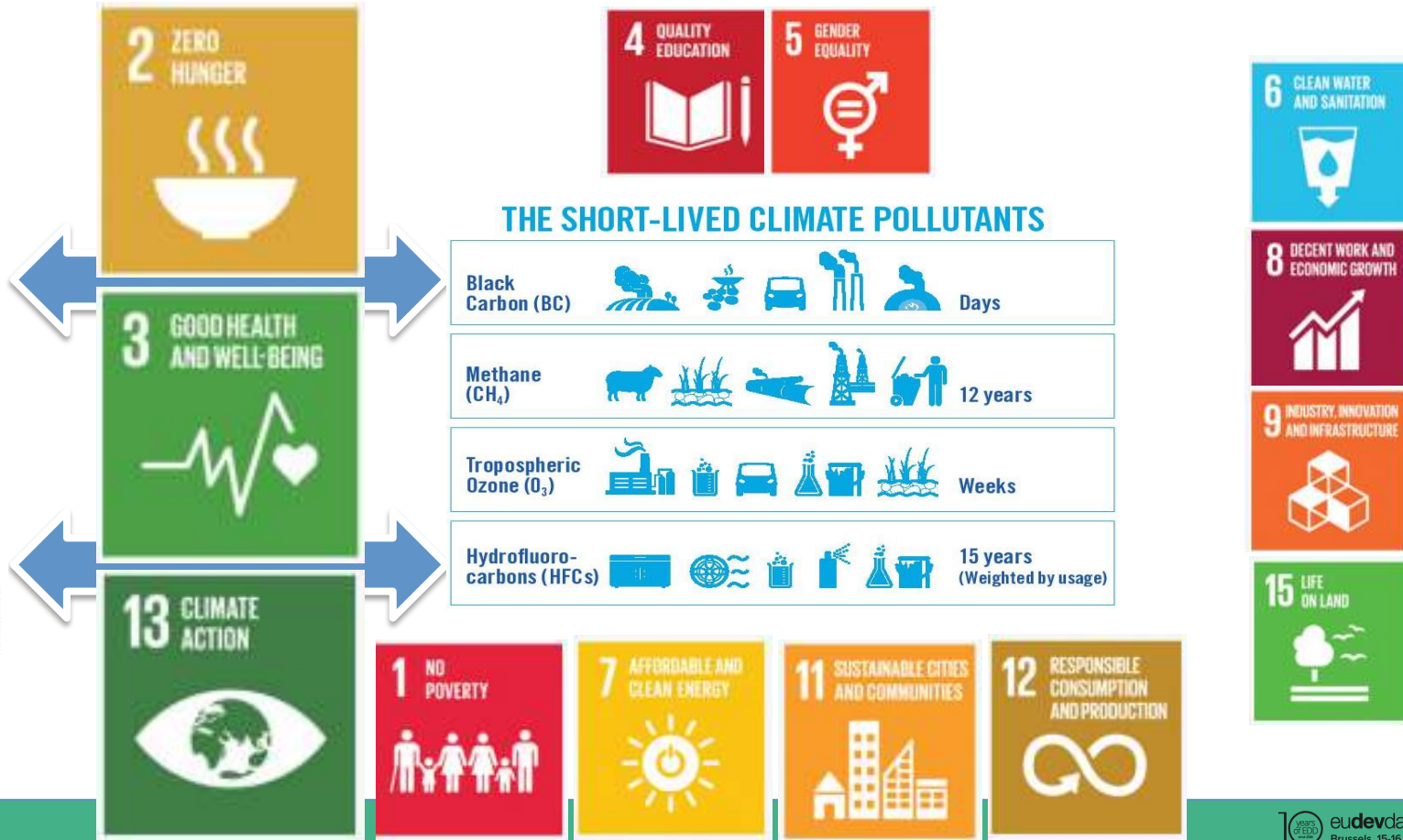


*“...holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels...”*

# SLCP MITIGATION & THE SDGs



**THE GLOBAL GOALS**  
For Sustainable Development





# SLCP MITIGATION, PARIS AGREEMENT & SDGs



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**Two-target approach in NDCs – long lived & short lived pledges – co-benefits**

**Metrics methodology - accounting for SLCPs**

**Opportunities NDCs:**

- Stock taking 2018
- Increase ambitions in reviews

**Opportunity to achieve SDGs...**



## IN SUMMARY...

- ▶ Latest knowledge shows that emissions of important of SLCPs including methane and HFCs are increasing.
- ▶ Yet proven, cost effective and already in use SLCP abatement measures are available.
- ▶ Actions on SLCPs can significantly contribute to achieving the Paris Agreement.
- ▶ SLCP emission reduction is interlinked with several of the Sustainable Development Goals and will contribute to their achievement.
- ▶ One way of incorporating SLCPs mitigation into the Paris Agreement and SDGs implementation process is by adopting a “two target approach” which takes into consideration the near- and long-term impacts and benefits of mitigation actions.



# THANKS!

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