

Embedding evaluation in national plans and policies to foster sustainable development

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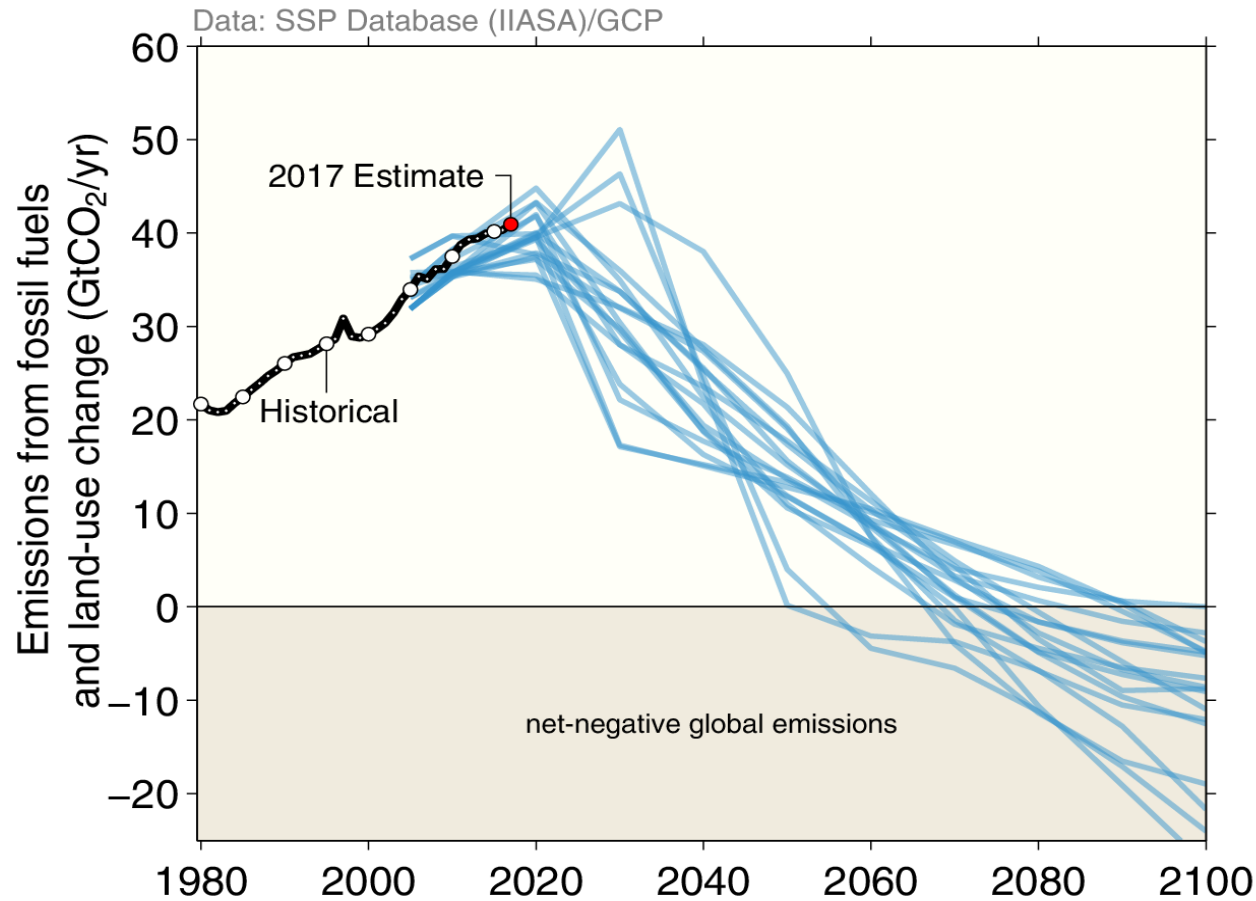
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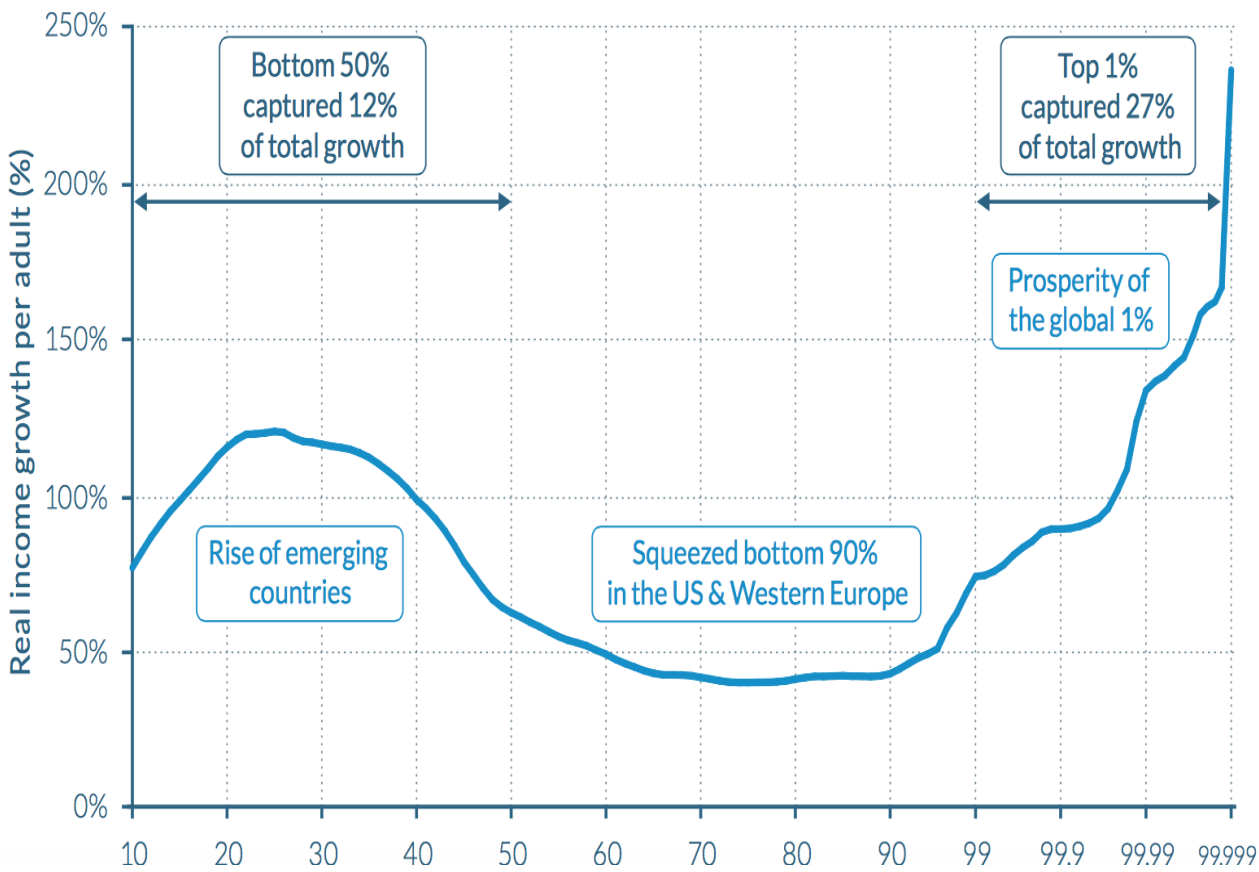
Emissions pathways for preventing a warming of more than 2° C

The warmer the world becomes, the greater the likelihood of triggering feedback process that will further accelerate warming. To avoid reaching such tipping point, temperature must stay at 1.5.



Inequality

The elephant curve of global inequality and growth, 1980-2016



Source: Alvaredo, Chancel, Piketty, Saez, Zucman, 2018, World Inequality Report

Global income inequality has been rising – driven by the rise of the 1%. Global income inequality is hard to measure; this data draws from appropriate range of sources (hh surveys, tax data, national accounts)

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1. *Embed evaluation in national plans and policies*

Countries can take a more strategic and systematic approach by simultaneously **embedding evaluation of SDGs into national policies and development plans**. In this way, countries can work towards assessing whether their national plans and policies will deliver **transformative change**. This approach **encourages a shift in perspective of the 2030 Agenda**, moving from an adopted framework to a political force for change.



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2. Evaluation to **set national priorities**: a practice to focus on what matters

Using evaluation to set national priorities for sustainable development. Evaluation could help decision makers at different stages of the policy cycle, including agenda setting and prioritisation. Evaluative processes can help to understand countries' needs by engaging both decision makers (commonly in power) and agents who are out of power in identifying critical problems hindering sustainable development.



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3. Evaluation *to involve multiple stakeholders* in identifying, prioritising and assessing critical problems

A more participatory process can help countries identify which are the most pressing social, environmental and economic problems, and how they provide direction on where to focus their energies. Participatory approaches in evaluation also help to take into account multiple views and value frameworks in the assessment of benefits and challenges created by different national and sub-national policies and plans.



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4. Evaluation to assess the value of policies and plans: *a strategic exercise*

Conducting evaluation as a strategic exercise to assess the value of policies and plans for transformative development. Countries could benefit from a more pragmatic approach to follow-up and review of the SDGs by using evaluation as a strategic exercise to assess policies and plans in terms of their value for transformative development.



Summing up

Yes, we can because transformation is the only solution we have

if countries take a more strategic and systemic approach to evaluation by embedding it into national policies and development plans, evaluation can be an effective tool for spurring country-level transformative development.

