



**CLIMATE ACTION** 



**THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

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**MESSAGE ON LANCET COUNTDOWN: TRACKING PROGRESS ON HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

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The climate crisis is killing us.

It is undermining not just the health of our planet, but the health of people everywhere - through toxic air pollution, diminishing food security, higher risks of infectious disease outbreaks, record extreme heat, drought, floods and more.

Human health, livelihoods, household budgets and national economies are being pummeled, as the fossil fuel addiction spirals out of control.

The science is clear: massive, common-sense investments in renewable energy and climate resilience will secure a healthier, safer life for people in every country.

The upcoming COP27 UN climate conference in Egypt must deliver a down-payment on climate solutions that match the scale of the problem.

Specifically, we must see dramatically stepped-up efforts to slash emissions and keep the world's 1.5 degree climate goal within reach, protect people, ensure climate finance to help developing countries, and act on climate losses that can't be avoided.

The world is watching and G20 countries – the source of 80% of global greenhouse gas pollution - must lead the way to a just, greener and healthier future for all.