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Anthropogenic climate change is already impacting every region of the globe and affecting vulnerable people more severely than others.

Climate change is a whole-of-economy problem. To tackle it, we need transformational change across economic sectors. Economic responses to climate change must address 'negative externalities' but also avoid regressive and inequitable outcomes.

International climate governance has multiple action channels but is centred on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) regime and most notably the 2015 Paris Agreement, which sets ambitious goals and has nearly universal adoption. However, there is still a substantial gap between what the Paris goals require and aggregate implementation. Progressives must work through multilateral, bilateral and other channels to strengthen the climate transition.

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