# UNA-NCA SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE ACTION

### WE'RE IN A RACE TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE.

### **ARE WE WINNING?**

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

#### TO LIMIT GLOBAL WARMING TO 1.5°C, GLOBAL CARBON EMISSIONS NEED TO FALL BY A STAGGERING 45% BY 2030 FROM 2010 LEVELS.

#### Why?

As greenhouse gas levels continue to climb, climate change is occurring at much higher rates than anticipated, and its effects are evident worldwide. By addressing climate change, we can build a sustainable world for everyone. But we need to act now.

CLIMATE-RELATED AND GEOPHYSICAL DISASTERS CLAIMED AN ESTIMATED 1.3 MILLION LIVES BETWEEN 1998 AND 2017



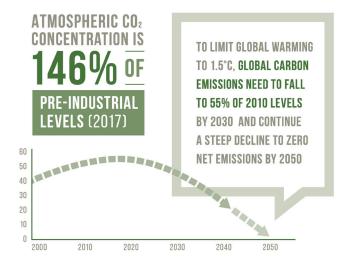
## Are people's lives really being affected by climate change?

Yes. Severe weather and rising sea levels are affecting people and their property in developed and developing countries. From a small farmer in the Philippines to a businessman in London, climate change is affecting everyone, especially the poor and vulnerable, as well as marginalized groups like women, children, and the elderly.

#### **READY TO TAKE ACTION?**

We're taking the fight to Congress. Email <u>takeaction@unanca.org</u> for more information on how you can join us on Capitol Hill and beyond.

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## Can we solve this problem or is it too late to act?

To address climate change, we have to vastly increase our efforts. Much is happening around the world – investments in renewable energy have soared. But so much more needs to be done. The world must transform its energy, industry, transport, food, agriculture and forestry systems to ensure that we can limit global temperature rise to well below 2° C, maybe even 1.5°C.

In December 2015, the world took a significant first step by adopting the Paris Agreement, in which all countries committed to take action to address climate change. However, in November 2019 the

United States formally declared its intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. The future of this globally cooperative effort to tackle climate change, and the viability of sustainable reform within the US, remains uncertain.

**186 PARTIES** Have ratified the paris agreement