

2016's Record-Breaking Temperatures Signal Increased Need for Urgent International Action

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Commenting on this, **WWF's global Climate & Energy Practice leader Manuel Pulgar-Vidal** said:

"2016 has been announced as the hottest year ever. If there was ever a time for urgent action on climate change, it is now. Even as global momentum for addressing this crisis is increasing, nature persistently reminds us that we have to pick up the pace.

"Across the world, human-caused climate change is already destabilising food production, increasing water scarcity and accelerating instability among our most vulnerable communities. From the accelerating pace of glacial melt in both the Arctic and Antarctic to devastating cyclones, droughts and fires, nature is sounding the alarm. The drivers of last year's severe weather events show no sign of slowing and will continue to impact conditions into 2017.

"It is time to leverage the Paris Agreement and to increase ambition for clean energy in the coming years. We need to harness actions from the private sector, civil society and national and local governments to make our collective response stronger and more ambitious. We need to be in this for the long-haul so long term plans and strategies are essential for transitioning to the economy of the future – one powered by clean, renewable sources."

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How many more **#climate** records have to be broken before we take action?
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