Rotary and Environment



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District 5000 Training Assembly

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2024 Top Risks over a 10-year period

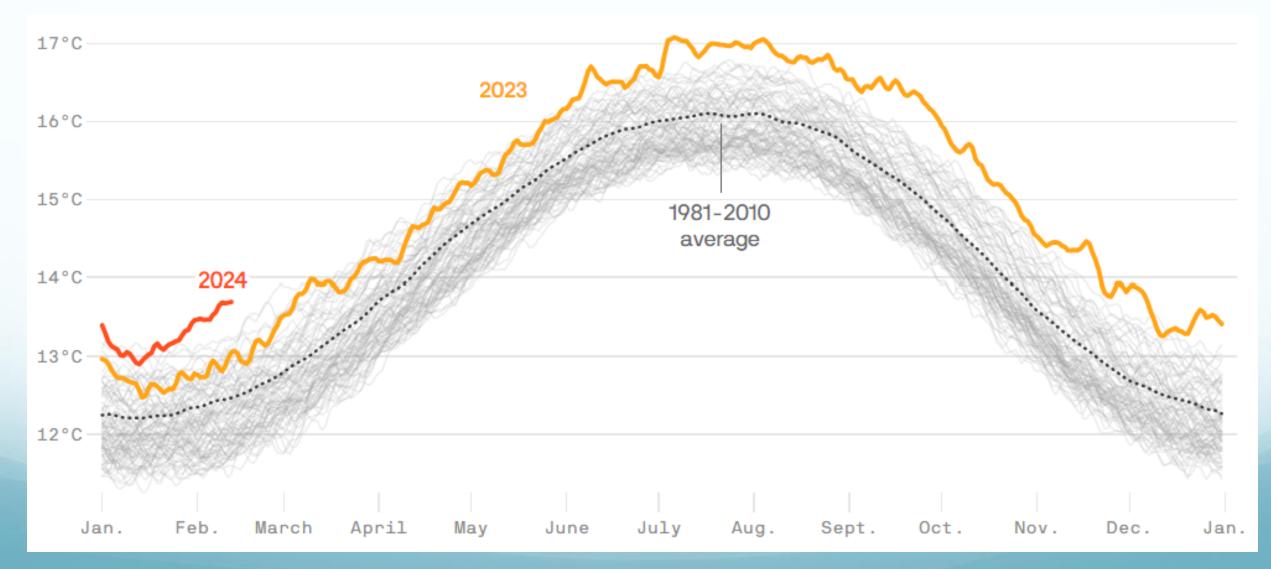
- 1. Extreme weather events
- 2. Critical change to Earth systems
- 3. Biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse
- 4. Natural resource shortages
- 5. Misinformation and disinformation



RISK – TRIPLE CRISIS United Nations

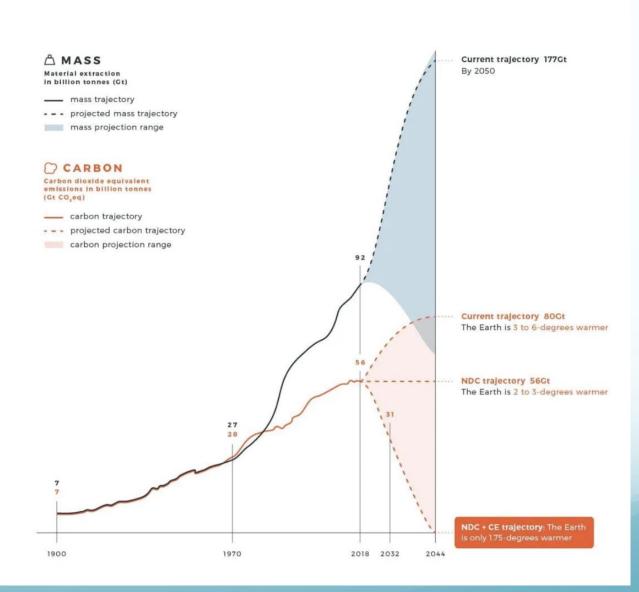
- Climate Crisis
- Biodiversity Loss-Ecological Crisis
- Pollution

WARMING OF THE PLANET



MATERIAL EXTRACTION & GHG TRAJECTORY

MATERIAL COMSUMPTION

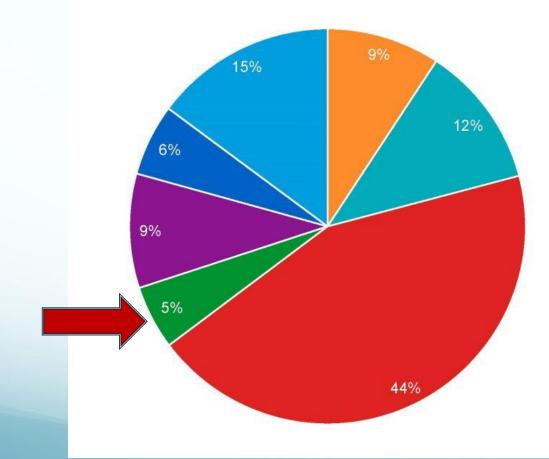


RECOMMENDATIONS

- Appoint a District Environment Officer-DEO
- Appoint a Club Environment Officer
- Events; make them green- Use ESRAG Green
 Event Handbook

GLOBAL GRANTS

RY2022-23 GLOBAL GRANTS BY AREA OF FOCUS





- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Environment
- Maternal and child health
- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene





JOIN ESRAG CAMPAIGNS

- Million Solar Panel Campaign https://esrag.org/million-solar-panel/
- Plant Rich Diet Challenge

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeL-_2-OGHI98oIhPoK4NIf9oHtkotMugzLvWrmBKuYVF0YAw/ viewform

Every Club Climate Friendly- ECCF https://esrag.org/every-club-climate-friendly/

GENERAL PROJECTS

- Repair Café
- Library of things
- 2nd hand goods: collect, recycle, sell
- Eliminate single use plastics at clubs, district
- Educate, start competions on environment at schools
- School projects: eliminate food waste see ESRAG Lunch Out of Landfill project
- Establish Pollination Gardens at schools ESRAG

LOCAL SPECIFIC

Need to carry a need assessment

• Ocean: Establish Artificial reefs

• Sea level rise: Netherlands dykes

Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

- Assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in
 - planning and implementing IMPACTFUL projects
 - building awareness
 - building global and local networks
 - supporting RI in environmental initiatives





ESRAG

- Members 1700+
- 90 countries, 320 Rotary Districts
- 13 Regional Chapters
- Support in finding project partners
- Rotaract programme (coming)
- Weekly webinars, Website, Newsletter, Social media, PETS, District Conferences, Zones

https://esrag.org

ESRAG INITIATIVES ON CLIMATE WITH RI

Climate change need to be taken seriously

- Establish a *Rotary Climate Task Force* now Advisory Council
- Publish a Climate Policy Statement
 - Rotary net-zero emissions by 2040
 - Train all Rotary officers: club presidents up. DGE's at the International Assembly, and Rotary staff

THANK YOU

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Ecologic Footprint Calculator: http://www.footprintcalculator.org/

