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Social economic impacts of climate change and its policies, a perspective by the Italian Association of Environmental and Resource Economists.

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Climate change impacts are pervasive and are already affecting many fundamental aspects of everyday life like food production, access to water, energy use and infrastructure security. In few decades, these climate change pressures will increase and concur with other global challenges to pose further stress on the texture of social and economic systems.

Furthermore, distributional aspects cannot be neglected. Climate change costs will fall and affect disproportionately lower income countries and weaker social group within each country.

Against this background, the Italian Association of the Environmental and Resource Economists is deeply convinced that climate change is not just an environmental problem, but a development challenge with inter-generational and intra-generational equity implications. As such, climate change mitigation and adaptation policies are not only necessary to cope with the adverse effects of climatic transformations, but can also offer important and further opportunities to foster development and redirect it toward more sustainable environmental and social paths.

The Association thus, while flagging the need for a more substantive and internationally coordinated action against climate change, also highlights the necessity, especially in an increasingly globalized world, to harmonize and fully mainstream this action within the wider policy effort to pursuit economic, environmental and social sustainability.

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