ANTARCTICA AND OVERSHOOT SCENARIOS: RISKS OF IRREVERSIBLE SEA-LEVEL RISE

Recent published research shows the danger of massive, potentially irreversible, global sea-level rise within the next couple of centuries should temperatures overshoot 2°C. SCAR and IPCC scientists provide a clear-eyed look at risks from Antarctica and implications for SIDS and future generations. SCAR Scientific Research Programme leaders (including IPCC SROCC, SR1.5 and AR6 lead authors on Antarctic ice loss and committed sea level rise even with later CDR) and 1.5 emissions pathways experts will discuss the risk of irreversible sea-level rise.

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