

# GREAT DECISIONS

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## The renewed climate change agenda

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**UNFCC**- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

**NOAA**- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**PG&E**- Pacific Gas and Electric Company

**LNG**- Liquid Natural Gas

**Bernd**- German Weather Service

**MeCCO**- Media and Climate Change Observatory

**DNI**- Director of National Intelligence

**NIE**- National Intelligence Estimate

**DoS**- U.S. Department of State

**NDC**- Nationally Determined Contribution

**COP 26**- Conference of the Parties

**UAE**- United Arab Emirates

**USTDA**- U.S. Trade and Development Agency

**USAID**- U.S. Agency for International Development

**DFC**- Development Finance Corporation

**MCC**- Millennium Challenge Corporation

**GND**- Green New Deal

**GNP**- Gross National Product

**IPCC**- Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change

**IEA**- International Energy Agency

**GHG**- Green House Gases

**EPA**- Environmental Protection Agency

**CCS**- Carbon Capture and Storage

**SMR**- Small Modular Reactor

**MSR**- Molten Salt Reactor

### Glossary

**Greenhouse Gases**- Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere and warm the planet

**Gavin Newsome**- American Politician serving as the 40th governor of California since January 2019. He is a member of the Democratic party and previously served as the lieutenant governor of California

**Carbon Sink**- Anything that absorbs more carbon from the atmosphere than it releases

**Center for Climate and Energy Solutions**- Environmental nonprofit organization based in Arlington, Virginia. Works closely with politicians to promote policy that combats climate change

**Paris Climate Agreement**- International treaty on climate change, adopted in 2015. Its aim is to help member countries adapt to the effects of climate change

**Keystone Pipeline**- Oil pipeline system in Canada and the United States. On January 20, 2021 President Biden signed an executive order cancelling the project

**Pew Research Center**- Nonpartisan American think tank based in Washington, D.C.

**Green New Deal-** Proposal that calls for public policy to address climate change

**Deforestation-** Clearing, destroying, or otherwise removal of trees through deliberate, natural, or accidental means

**Fossil Fuels-** Natural fuel such as coal or gas

**Electrolysis-** Technique that uses direct electric current to drive a chemical reaction

**Clean Air Act-** United States' primary federal air quality law, intended to reduce and control air pollution nationwide