

100% RENEWABLES - WHY DO WE HAVE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY TO GET THERE?

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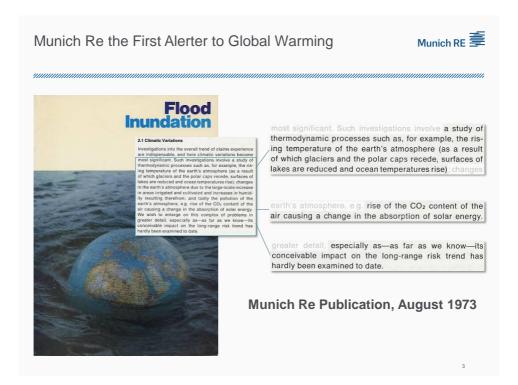
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# Changing Hazards of Weather Related Natural Catastrophes

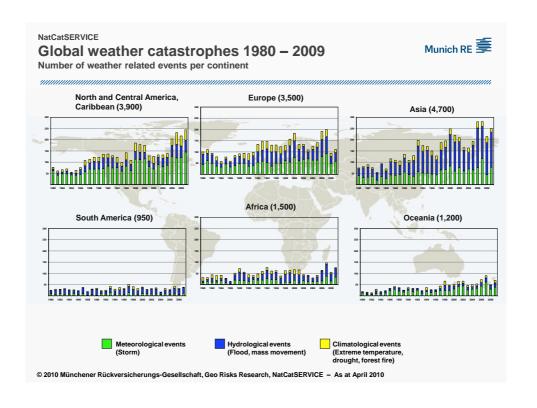


- · More intense weather events
- More frequent weather extremes
- Loss potentials have reached new dimensions





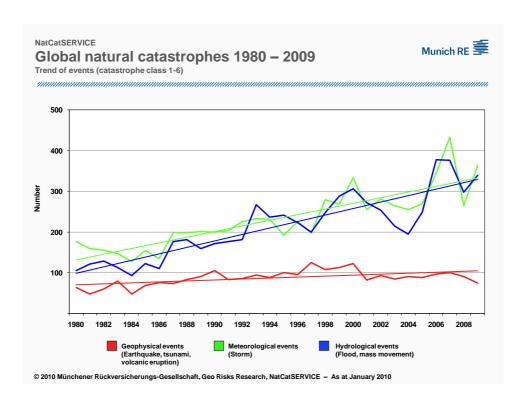
# Munich Re NatCatSERVICE The world's most comprehensive database on natural catastrophes From 1980 until today all loss events For USA and selected countries in Europe all loss events since 1970 Retrospectively all Great Natural Catastrophes since 1950 In addition all major historical events starting from 79 AD (eruption of Vesuvio) Currently more than 28,000 events documented 850 natural catastrophes in 2009



# Reasons for globally increasing losses caused by natural disasters



- · Rise in population
- · Better standard of living
- · Increasing insurance density
- · Settlement in extremely exposed regions
- Increased vulnerability of modern societies and technologies to natural hazards
- · Change in environmental conditions Climate Change



# Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events (IPCC, 2007)

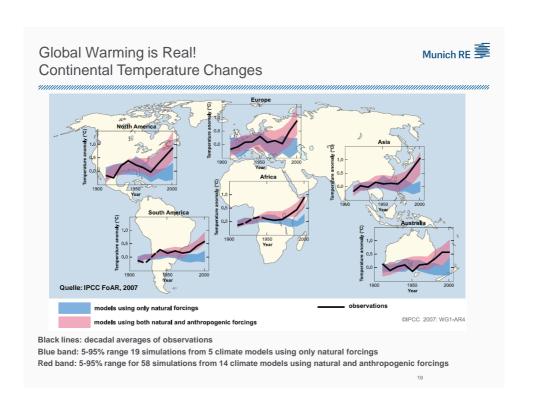
very likely > 90%

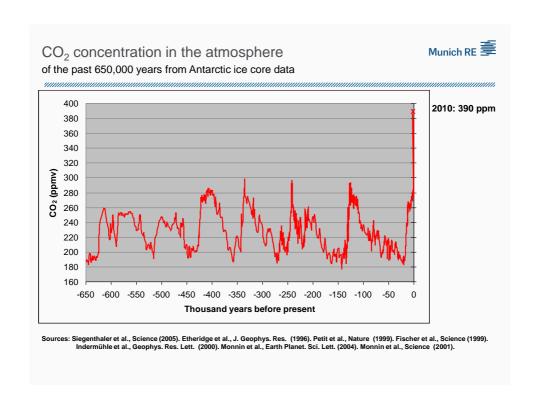


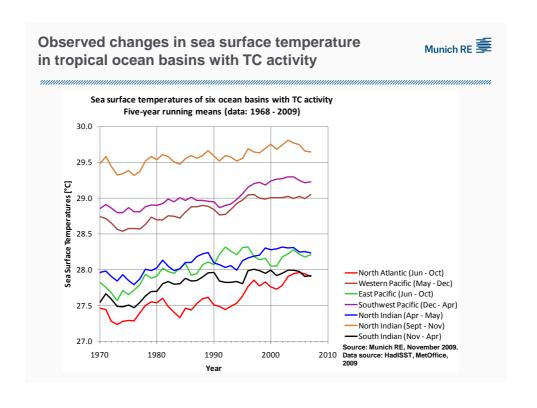
Phenomenona and direction of trend	Likelihood that trend occurred in late 20th century (typically post 19 <del>6</del> 0)	Likelihood of a human contribution to observed trend <sup>b</sup>	Likelihood of future trends based on projections for 21st century using SRES scenarios
Warmer and fewer cold days and nights over most land areas	Very likely°	Likely <sup>d</sup>	Virtually certaind
Warmer and more frequent hot days and nights over most land areas	Very likelye	Likely (nights)d	Virtually certaind
Warm spells/heat waves. Frequency increases over most land areas	Likely	More likely than not <sup>f</sup>	Very likely
Heavy precipitation events. Frequency (or proportion of total rainfall from heavy falls) increases over most areas	Likely	More likely than not <sup>t</sup>	Very likely
Area affected by droughts increases	Likely in many regions since 1970s	More likely than not	Likely
Intense tropical cyclone activity increases	Likely in some regions since 1970	More likely than not <sup>t</sup>	Likely
Increased incidence of extreme high sea level (excludes tsunamis)	Likely	More likely than not <sup>t,h</sup>	Likelyi

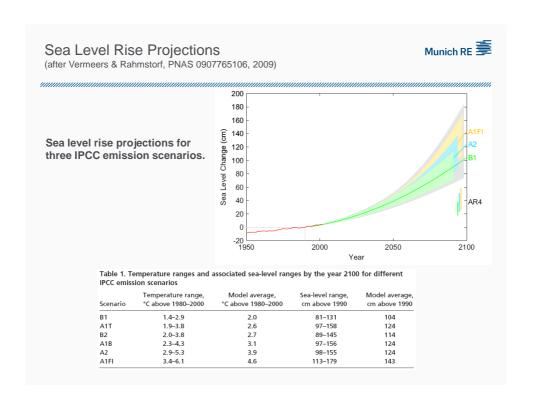
likely >66%

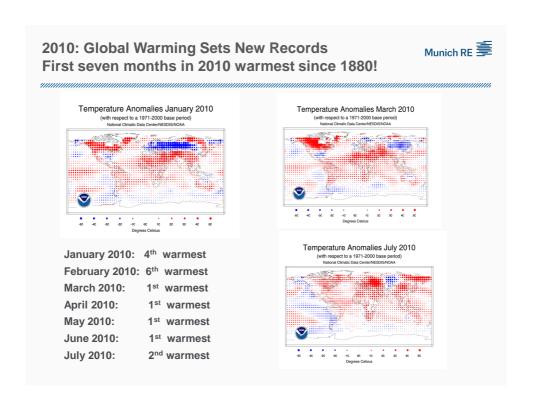
more likely than not > 50%











### 2010: Global Warming Sets New Records

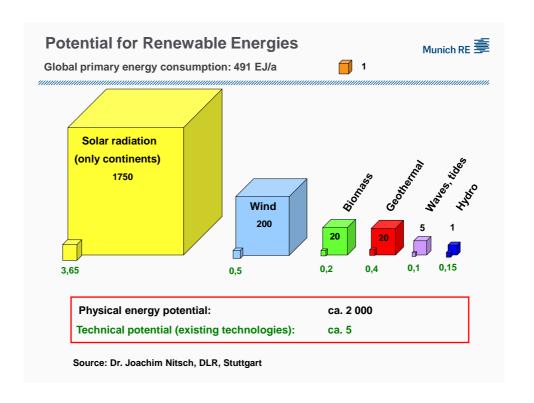


- New temperature record for Moscow on 29 July with 37.8°C, in other places in Russia more than 40°C.
- Highest ever measured air temperature in Asia: May 2010, Pakistan, 53.5°C
- Pakistan Flood in July and August 2010 the worst ever documented
- 1st half year 2010 with second highest number of weather related natural catastrophes since 1980
- Arctic sea ice cover at record low until end of June 2010
- August 2010 the wettest ever recorded in Germany

# CO<sub>2</sub> – the Most Important Greenhouse Gas



- CO<sub>2</sub> contributes more than 60% to anthropogenic global warming
- CO<sub>2</sub> on average stays in the atmosphere more than 100 years
- The largest part of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions stems from burning of fossil fuels
- => Key to long term environmentally friendly and sustainable energy supply are renewable energies





### Motivations for the Dii



### Basic assumptions and facts

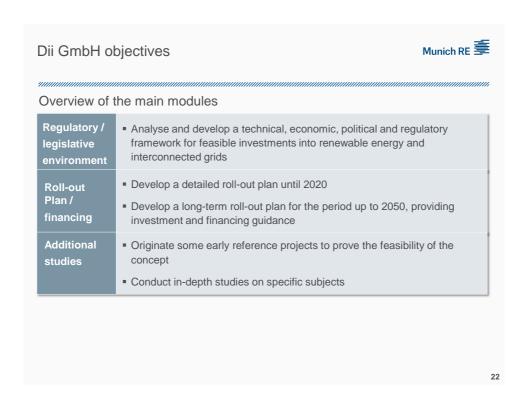
- Sources of renewable energy are abundant.
- The concept aims to make use in particular of solar energy from the deserts,
   the biggest energy resource available on earth and also other renewable energy sources.
- 90% of the world's population are living less than 3.000 km from deserts and thus could be easily supplied via efficient modern HVDC lines with clean power.
- The concept offers an integrated solution for a variety of mankind's key future problems: Climate change, lack of energy, lack of drinking water, further economic development for MENA\*.

\*Middle East and North Africa Source: www.desertec.org

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# Munich RE The founding of the Dii GmbH Milestones Joint signature for a memorandum of understanding by 12 companies and the DESERTEC Foundation for the formation of the Dii GmbH ABB ABENGOA SOLAR ce ital Deutsche Bank DESERTEC CON FLAGSOL Munich RE Www.zander VORWEG GEHEN SCHOTT SIEMENS Legal foundation of the planning company Appointment of Paul van Son as CEO Definition of Dii's governance structure Appointment of Prof. Klaus Töpfer as special envoy 03/10/10 Development of an implementable roadmap to "green energy generation" in the deserts of North Africa and the Middle East 20GW installed capacity (according to political goal of MSP) 2020 100GW installed capacity (referring to the 15% aim of the Dii concept) 2050





Result from pre-studies by the German Centre for Aerospace Munich RE Generation: Advantages for CSP plants





### Concentrating Solar-Thermal-Power-Plants (CSP):

- Focusing of solar power with the aid of mirrors
- Transformation of radiation into heat, which can be stored easily
- Power generation by steam turbines
- Turbines can supplementary be run by biomass or
- → Base load capability



Reflects current status, however Dii remains open to new technologies!

Result from pre-studies by the German Centre for Aerospace Munich RE Transmission: Advantages for and high-voltage direct current grids

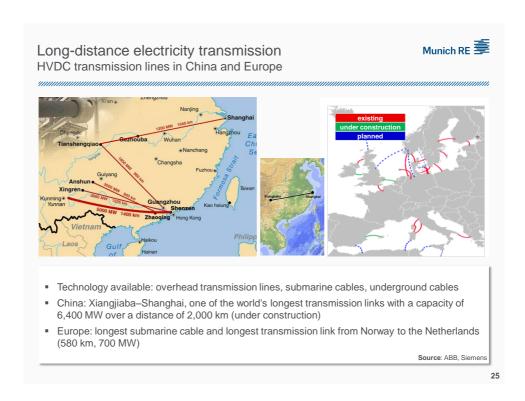


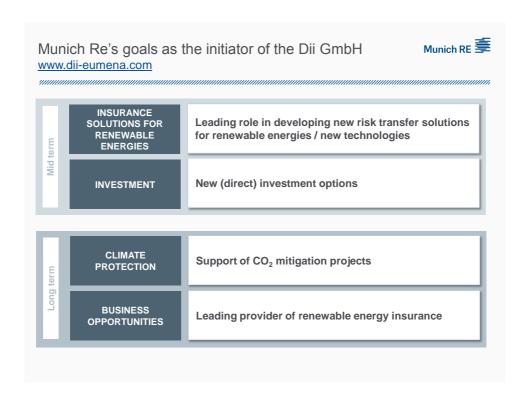


### High-voltage direct current (HVDC)

- Losses add up to a maximum of 3% every 1,000 km of transmission
- Existing experience with HVDC grids up to 3 5 GW capacity (Siemens, ABB)
- The DLR has estimated that the costs of producing and transporting solar-thermal power between 2020-2030 will be lower than that of the conventional power production technologies in Europe due to constantly rising fuel prices and environmental costs

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# Munich Re Publication on "Energy Situation, Problems with Commodities and Insurance" dated 1978





Das Titelbild zeigt eine Sonnen- oder Solarfarm, wie sie für Afrika und die südlichen Gegenden Europas konzipiert wird. Mehrere zusammengeschaltete Parabolspiegel sorgen für Wassererhitzung im Paraboloidbrennpunkt. Der Wasserdampf wird zu einer Dampfturbine geleitet, die einen Stromgenerator antreibt. Vor dem Rücklauf zu den Spiegeln durchläuft das Wasser noch einen Kühlturm (neben dem Generator-Container sichtbar). Die hier gezeigte Anlage, deren kleinste Einheit auf 50 kW ausgelegt ist, wurde vom Luft- und Raumfahrtkonzern Messerschmitt-Bölkow-Blohm entwickelt.

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# **Characteristics of Renewable Energies**



- High circadian, diurnal, seasonal and interannual fluctuations
- New technologies with little operational experience
- Construction in adverse environments (off shore, deserts)
- High start investments necessary
- -> Insurance products will play a key role for the quick switch to renewables and thus for climate change mitigation and a long term sustainable energy supply.
  - Without appropriate insurance investors would shun to go into these new technologies.

## **Security for Investors into Renewable Energies**



Protecting the entire life cycle of renewable energy projects

### Challenge

- Increased demand for renewable energy and related investments
- New technological challenges create new risks
- Risks and threats change as projects move through different phases of their life cycle
- Developing renewable energy technology creates new technical problems which often lead to increased losses.

### Solution

- Construction Phase: Erection All Risk, Transit/Marine, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability, Advance Loss of Profits/Delay in Start-Up
- Operational Phase: All Risks Traditional P&C Covers, including Machinery Breakdown, Loss of Profits, Delivery Guarantee, Premature Aging of Solar Cells
- Strengthen security and reliability for investors by offering complete life cycle protection



### **Conclusions**



- Climate change is real and one of the largest risks humankind has to cope with in this century
- In order to avoid unmanageable conditions we have to reduce CO<sub>2</sub>emissions significantly
- Key to climate protection are renewable energies and increased energy efficiency
- 100% renewable energies is feasible in the next decades
- New technological solutions can be supported by insurance covers, which transfer the largest risks for investors and thus incentivize investments
- Munich Re is ready to support new energy technologies by custom made insurance solutions and direct investments



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