

The world is burning



The past five years have been the hottest on the planet ever since specialists began to study this kind of information, a tendency that will remain unchanged for five years from 2020 to 2024, as warned by experts from the World Meteorological Organization.

In fact, last June was the warmest month in history, but in the future temperatures are expected to go much higher. Due to human activity, such as deforestation, the emission of polluting gas and the uncontrolled growth of cities, There is now an increase of one degree centigrade compared to the so-called pre-industrial era, from 1850 to 1900.

WMO noted that there is a 70 percent chance that over the next five years, the temperatures increase 1 degree and a half, which gives way to disastrous events, such as intense droughts, forest fires or severe floods.

Furthermore, this new data jeopardizes the objectives set in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, which has not yet entered into force and is uncertain about accomplishing a decrease of 2 degrees centigrade before the end of the century.

In current times, drastic changes are occurring in places that are usually cold, as in Siberia, where an unprecedented temperature of 38 degrees was experienced, or in the Arctic, where the thermometer marked ten points above normal.

The WMO also cautioned that the decrease in emissions to the atmosphere of carbon dioxide and other polluting gases during quarantine for the COVID-19 pandemic, will not have a noticeable long-term effect in climate change.

Such decline has indeed occurred, but it implies a short duration episode, not enough to alter the warming phenomenon, taking into account that human beings have been destroying and attacking its natural environment for centuries.

However, it's more likely that the international health and economic crisis for coronavirus, will be added to climate change disruptions to make life more difficult for the world population.

This would be a good time for world leaders to make an effort to stop pollution and change the irrational models of production and consumption that sickens our planet.

It takes a collective political will, capable of placing the future of our species above individual considerations or the excessive eagerness of power and accumulation of wealth.

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