

A Smart Energy Decision for ESG: Positioning Africa to Leapfrog towards Global Decarbonization

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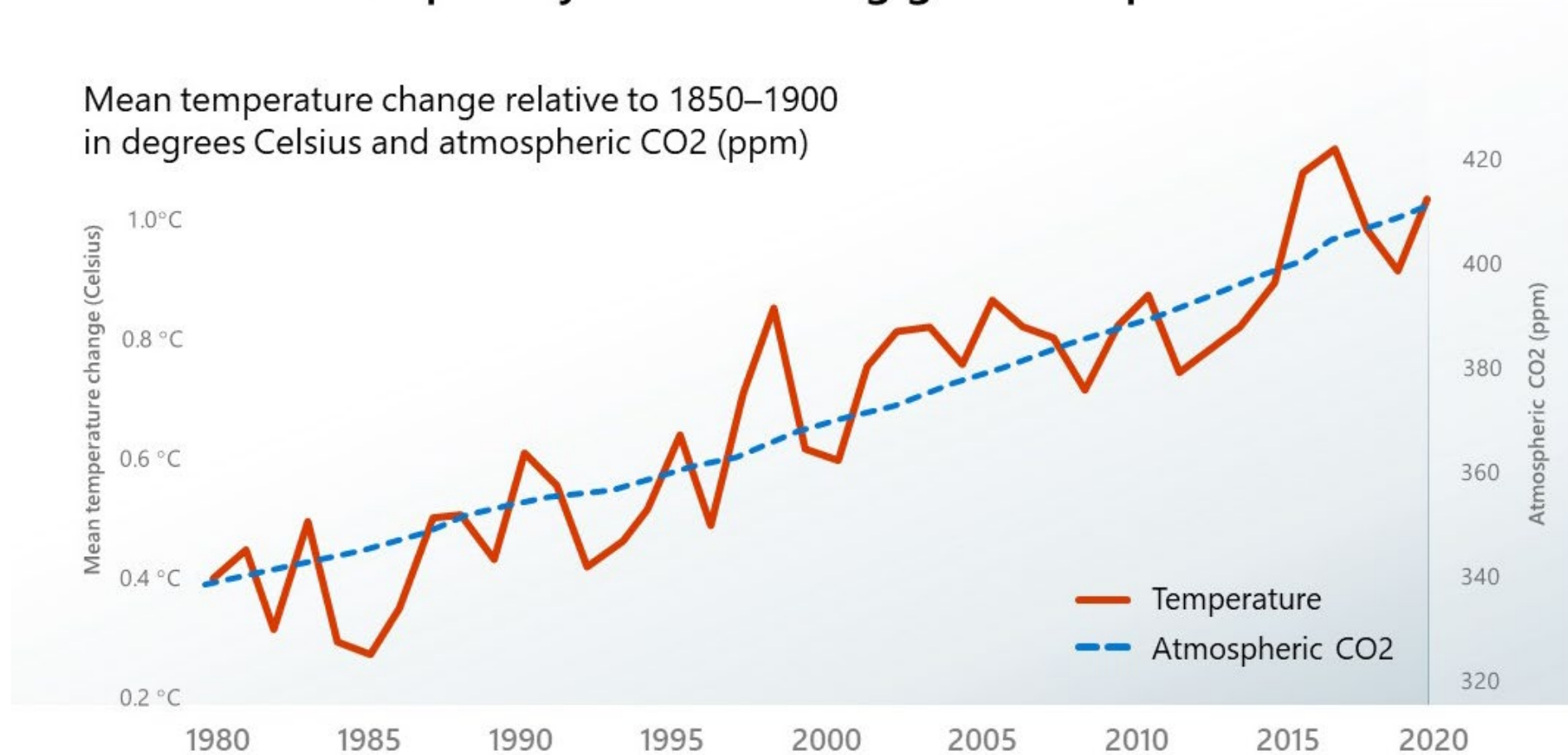


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The Urgent Need For Decarbonization

Increase in carbon dioxide emissions is the primary driver of rising global temperatures

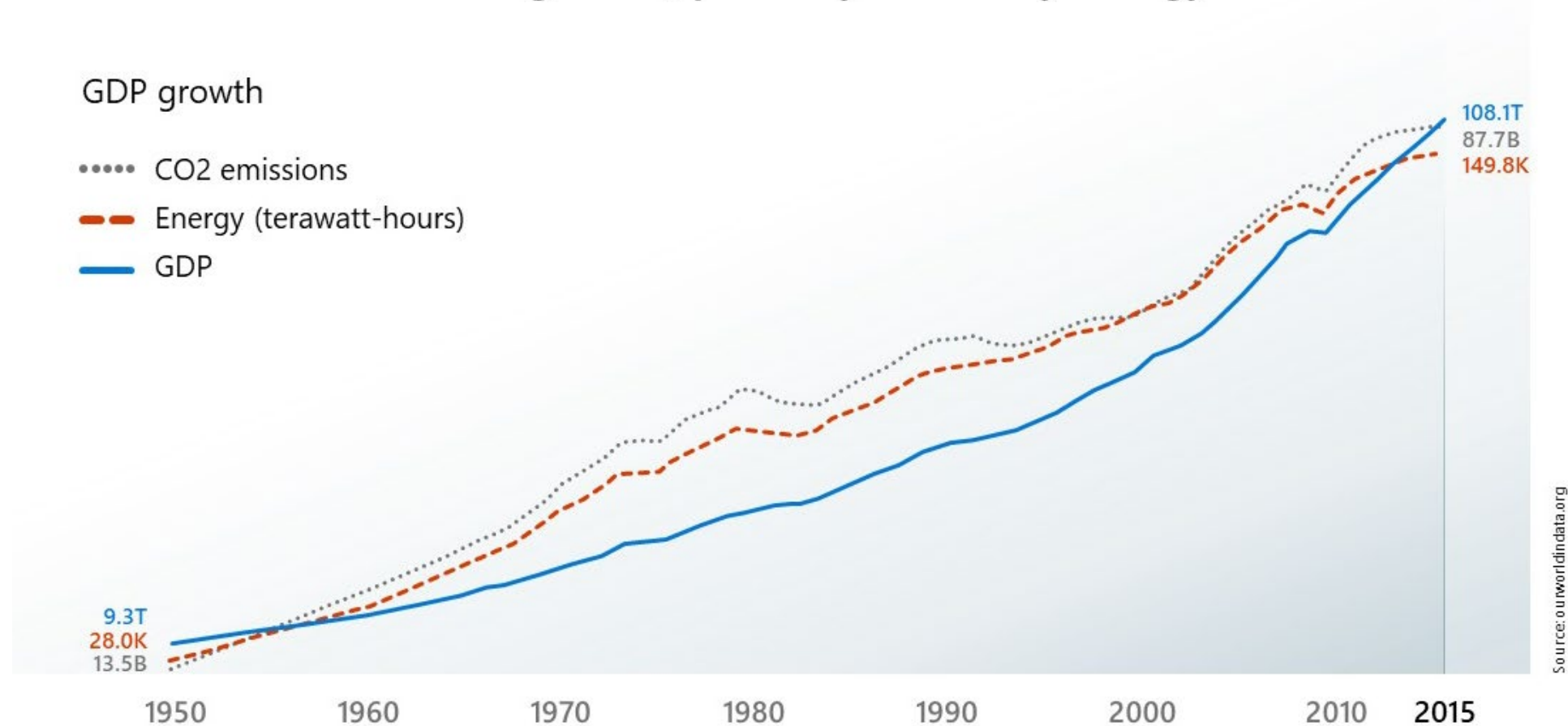
Mean temperature change relative to 1850–1900 in degrees Celsius and atmospheric CO2 (ppm)



Source: HadCRUT4.6 and NOAA

Economic Growth, Energy and Carbon Emissions

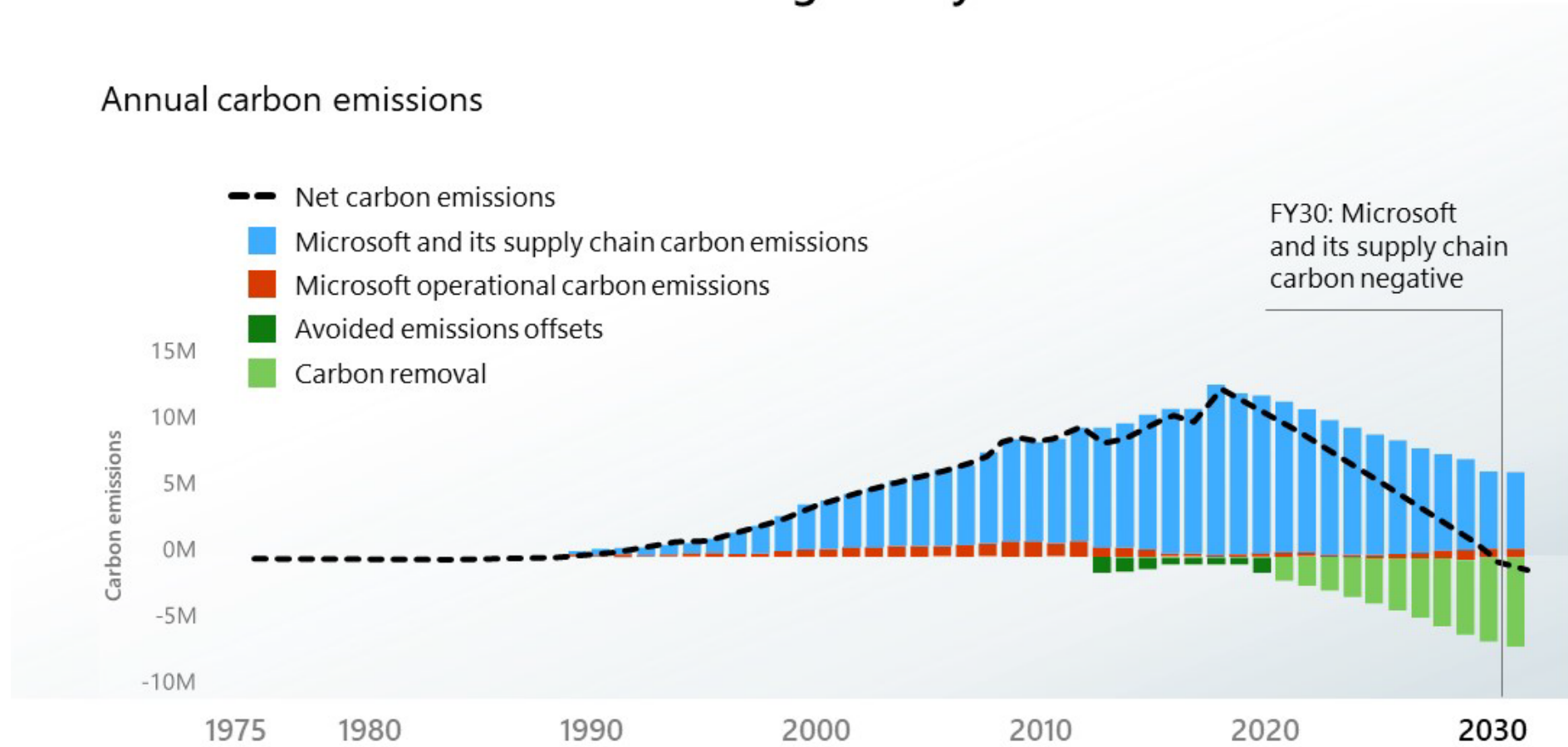
Over the last century, the world has experienced unprecedented economic growth, primarily driven by energy use



There is a Growing Demand for Global Decarbonization

An Example of Demand: Microsoft's pathway to carbon negative by 2030

Annual carbon emissions



Source: Microsoft internal

Nature Based Decarbonization in the Context of ESG



Goals and Objectives:

- Create jobs for local communities
- Support the development of a circular economy
- Produce plastic and steel alternative materials
- Avoid deforestation of traditional forests
- Educational opportunities for students
- Support carbon neutrality goals
- Develop carbon neutrality projects for off-takers
- Leverage existing global commitments and funding and other resources for climate action in Africa

ESG = Environmental, Social and Governance aspects of equitable global sustainable development (EGSD) for a just global sustainability journey where no one is left behind!

Bamboo Based Decarbonization in the Context of ESG

➤ Environmental

- Captures and Store Carbon – Nature Based Solution
- Restore Natural Habitat – Bamboo Forests
- Circular Economy – Bamboo products

➤ Social

- Sustainable Income for Farmers
- Equity and Justice
- Poor Communities Transformation

➤ Governance

- Transparency by Verification
- Digital access from farmers to corporate boards
- Direct payment to famers – minimize corruption

Project Partners

- Bucknell University (BU)
- Africa Decarbonization Company (ADC)
- Smart Energy Decision (SED) Community
- A Global Financial Company
- Seeking Off-takers, Investors and Donors

Overview of Bamboo Production Program

Roles and Responsibilities

- ADC will work with local farmers and traditional leaders to plant and harvest bamboo
- ADC will assist community to develop bamboo-related added-value products
- Off-Taking companies will buy carbon credits and bamboo products
- Government involvement: to ensure adequate land, security and labor.

Benefits

- Uses of Bamboo: Furniture, Building materials, Pulp, Fabric, Renewable Fuel
- Afforestation and Reforestation
- Local and community job creation
- From import/export perspective:
 - ✓ *Use bamboo as a substitute for wood and allied materials currently being imported*
 - ✓ *Export a variety of bamboo-based products to generate foreign exchange*

Needed Enablement from Government

- Support through socialization of project
- Connectivity with appropriate agencies
- Timely approvals for land, easements, permits, etc.
- Introduction to local partners in the value chain
- Determination of contribution towards Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

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