

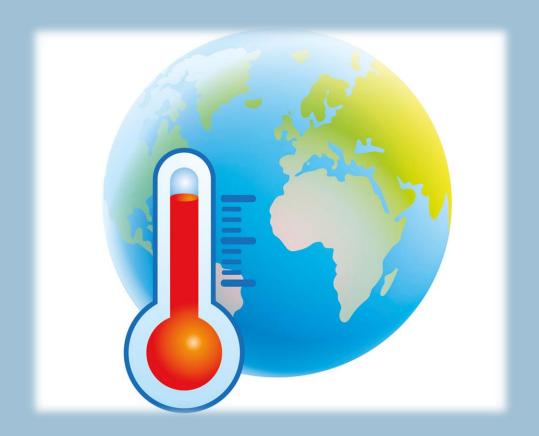


1st semester





Topic 19: SAVE THE EARTH. GLOBAL WARMING.







WHAT IS GLOBAL WARMING?

Global warming refers to climate change that causes an increase in the average of Earth's temperature. Natural events and human influences are believed to be top contributions towards the increase in average temperatures. Global warming is a rise in the surface and atmospheric temperature of the earth that has changed various life forms on the earth. The issues that ascertain global warming are divided into two broad categories – "natural" and "human influences" of global warming.



NATURAL CAUSES OF GLOBAL WARMING



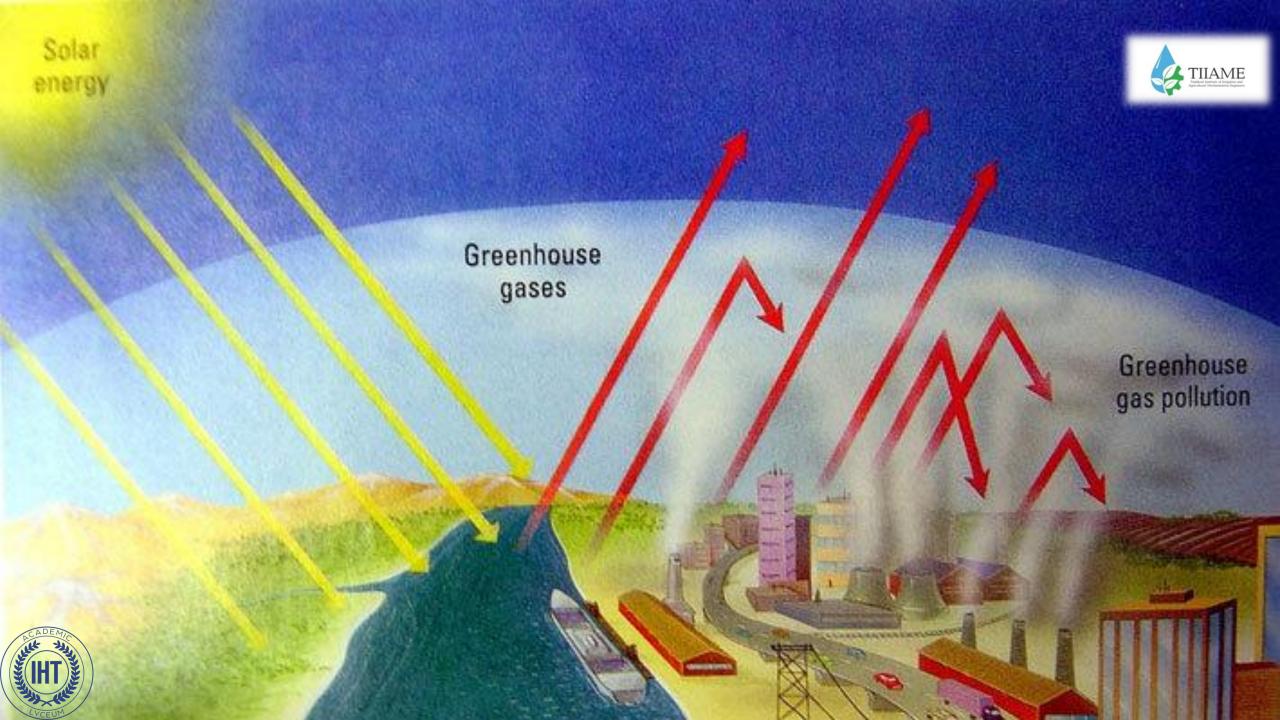


One natural cause of global warming is Greenhouse Gases. Greenhouse gases are carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide. It traps the solar rays and prevents them from escaping the surface of the earth.

Methane is also a greenhouse gas.

Methane is twenty times more effective in trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Usually, methane gas is released from many areas like animal waste, landfill, natural gas, and others.







NATURAL CAUSES OF GLOBAL WARMING



<u>Deforestation</u> is a human influence because human have been cutting down trees to produce paper, wood, build houses and more. Trees can absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and their absence can lead to the concentration of such gases.





THE EFFECT OF GLOBAL WARMING



The impact that global warming is causing on earth is extremely serious. It includes melting of polar ice caps, leading to an increase in sea level drowning coastlines and slowly submerging continents. Recent studies by National Snow and Ice Datacenter "if the ice melted today the seas would rise about 230 feet". Another effect is climate change leading to the extinction of various species. More hurricanes, cyclonic storms, heat waves, drought, and extreme rainfalls will occur causing disaster to humankind.







THE SOLUTION TO STOP GLOBAL WARMING

We humans need to work together towards the prevention of global warming. To reduce global warming we can contribute by reducing the production and concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. We need to curb usage of gasoline, electricity and other activities including mining and industrialization that cause global warming.





