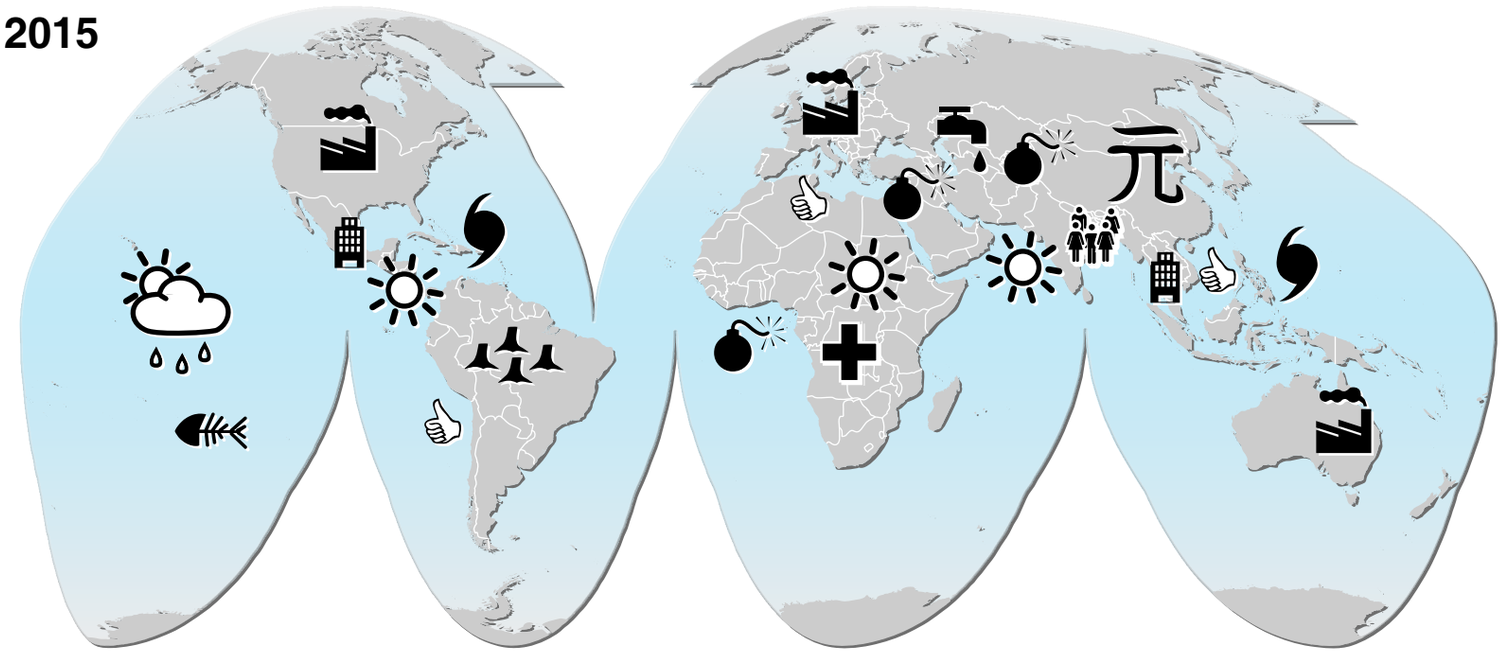
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The overall outlook for the upcoming period is overall fairly gloomy, with occasional bright spots. It is still not too late, though, to do something about it.

The forecast for Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as North Africa and large parts of Asia is generally good. Current trends indicate that these regions are on track to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. However, these and other regions will feel the increasing effects of climate change, such as rising temperatures and increased occurrence of extreme events (like hurricanes).

Increased urban populations will lead to new problems, primarily in Southeast Asia and Latin America, while destruction of ecosystems happen everywhere, like the deforestation in the Amazon or overfishing of all seas.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, HIV continues to be a problem. Achieving the Millennium Development Goals will be further complicated by climate change and conflicts.

The potential for conflicts and tension will affect the conditions in Central Asia and Western Asia, particularly in the area of water resources.

The economy will continue to grow and become stronger. China and Southeast Asia will emerge as new major players in the international market.

The developed countries will continue to pollute and abuse the global environment, but trends indicate that measures are being taken to reduce pollution and help the rest of the world.



Population forecast 2015:

World	7.22 billion	+12%
India	1.26 billion	+14%
China	1.39 billion	+5.8%
Bolivia	10.9 million	+18%
Zambia	47.9 million	+1%
Australia	22 million	+10%

Life expectancy at birth 2015:

Laos	59 years	+8.3%
USA	78 years	+1.6%
Kyrgyzstan	71 years	+4.1%
Gabon	61 years	+7.6%
Peru	73 years	+3.9%
Mozambique	39 years	+3.1%

Data sources: United Nations Common Database, through http://globalis.gvu.unu.edu



Water governance disputes

Urban problems

Good progress on the MDGs

Overfished seas

Economic progress

Hurricane warning!

HIV/AIDS

Industrial pollution

Conflicts and tension

Loss of biodiversity

Overpopulation

Rising temperatures