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Climate change has been discussed as one of the most urgent global challenges faced by human society for a certain period of time. Rapid Urbanization and high dependence on fossil energy, two fundamental drivers of technological, social, and economic development globally, have been viewed as two key influencing factors to global climate change, hindering global sustainable development and causing serious problems. Therefore, the relationship between economic development & global climate change, along with the related health, social & economic consequences of climate change, needs to be further identified in the perspective and process of global urbanization. Furthermore, a considerable number of measures and policies have been formulated in the process of global climate governance, especially in emerging economies, so it is of equal importance to objectively and correctly evaluate and assess the effectiveness of these existing efforts & attempts, sort out more efficient & practical solutions, and help explore possible & sustainable development paths globally.

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