

2016 set to be hottest year on record

Analysts warn that global average temperatures in 2016 are likely to be the warmest on record. The strong El Niño event of 2015-16 has had an impact, but the main factor driving temperatures up continues to be CO2 emissions

TEMPERATURE ANOMALY (°C)

Relative to 1961-90 average

2016: Global temperatures for January to September were 0.88°C above average, 0.11°C above record set last year, and about 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels

El Niño

La Niña

Neutral

