

# **Supporting Information for *Absorbing aerosol choices influence precipitation changes across future scenarios***

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**Table S1.** Individual CMIP6 Models used in ScenarioMIP Ensemble

Model	Member
CanESM5	rlilp1f1
CESM2-WACCM	rlilp1f1
CMCC-CM2-SR5	rlilp1f1
CMCC-ESM2	rlilp1f1
CNRM-CM6-1	rlilp1f2
CNRM-CM6-1-HR	rlilp1f2
CNRM-ESM2-1	rlilp1f2
GFDL-ESM4	rlilp1f1
INM-CM4-8	rlilp1f1
INM-CM5-0	rlilp1f1
IPSL-CM6A-LR	rlilp1f1
MIROC6	rlilp1f1
MIROC-ES2L	rlilp1f2
MPI-ESM1-2-HR	rlilp1f1
MPI-ESM1-2-LR	rlilp1f1
MRI-ESM2-0	rlilp1f1
NorESM2-LM	rlilp1f1
UKESM1-0-LL	rlilp1f2

**Table S2.** ScenarioMIP Global Ensemble Mean, SE Changes and Quantities

Variable	Units	SSP1-2.6	SSP2-4.5	SSP3-7.0	SSP5-8.5
$\Delta T$	$K$	$0.78 \pm 0.04$	$1.83 \pm 0.09$	$3.00 \pm 0.15$	$3.92 \pm 0.20$
$\Delta WVP$	$kgm^{-2}$	$1.30 \pm 0.07$	$3.29 \pm 0.17$	$5.74 \pm 0.29$	$7.75 \pm 0.39$
$\Delta AOD$	$\cdot 10^{-3}$	$-1.67 \pm 0.08$	$-1.76 \pm 0.09$	$0.15 \pm 0.02$	$-1.19 \pm 0.05$
$\Delta CO_2^*$	ppm	37.8	187.9	416.7	660.0
$\Delta CH_4$	ppb	$-795 \pm 7$	$-203 \pm 12$	$1386 \pm 22$	$576 \pm 17$
$\Delta SW$	$Wm^{-2}$	$-0.03 \pm 0.02$	$1.18 \pm 0.06$	$3.51 \pm 0.17$	$3.83 \pm 0.20$
$\Delta LW$	$Wm^{-2}$	$-2.00 \pm 0.11$	$-3.98 \pm 0.20$	$-6.24 \pm 0.31$	$-8.08 \pm 0.41$
$\Delta SH$	$Wm^{-2}$	$0.095 \pm 0.006$	$-0.34 \pm 0.02$	$-0.98 \pm 0.05$	$-0.97 \pm 0.05$
$\Delta LH$	$Wm^{-2}$	$2.01 \pm 0.10$	$3.27 \pm 0.17$	$3.86 \pm 0.19$	$5.41 \pm 0.27$
$\eta$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$2.21 \pm 0.22$	$2.06 \pm 0.26$	$1.86 \pm 0.25$	$1.84 \pm 0.28$
$\overline{\eta_{SSP}}$	$1.99 \pm 0.25$	-	-	-	-
$\eta_a$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$2.54 \pm 0.16$	$1.76 \pm 0.07$	$1.30 \pm 0.07$	$1.39 \pm 0.07$
$\Delta P$	$Wm^{-2}$	$2.00 \pm 0.10$	$3.23 \pm 0.17$	$3.90 \pm 0.20$	$5.44 \pm 0.27$
$\Delta P_{fast}$	$Wm^{-2}$	$0.43 \pm 0.27$	$-0.42 \pm 0.48$	$-2.07 \pm 0.80$	$-2.35 \pm 1.04$
$\Delta P_{fastCO_2}$	$Wm^{-2}$	$-0.28 \pm 0.02$	$-1.19 \pm 0.10$	$-2.21 \pm 0.19$	$-3.02 \pm 0.26$
$\Delta P_{fastCH_4}$	$Wm^{-2}$	$0.25 \pm 0.05$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$-0.25 \pm 0.05$	$-0.12 \pm 0.02$
$\Delta P_{fastAAOD}$	$Wm^{-2}$	$0.46 \pm 0.27$	$0.72 \pm 0.49$	$0.39 \pm 0.83$	$0.79 \pm 1.07$
$\Delta P_{fastAAODP20}$	$Wm^{-2}$	$0.33 \pm 0.26$	$0.41 \pm 0.50$	$-0.12 \pm 0.84$	$0.13 \pm 1.08$
$\Delta P_{AAOD}$	$Wm^{-2}$	$0.62 \pm 0.25$	$0.65 \pm 0.27$	$-0.05 \pm 0.34$	$0.45 \pm 0.28$
$\Delta SW_{AAOD}$	$Wm^{-2}$	$-0.87 \pm 0.04$	$-0.91 \pm 0.05$	$0.08 \pm 0.01$	$-0.62 \pm 0.03$

\*  $CO_2$  is prescribed in ScenarioMIP simulations thus no SE is reported.

**Table S3.** Mean, SE for Global Energy Budget Changes from Figure 2

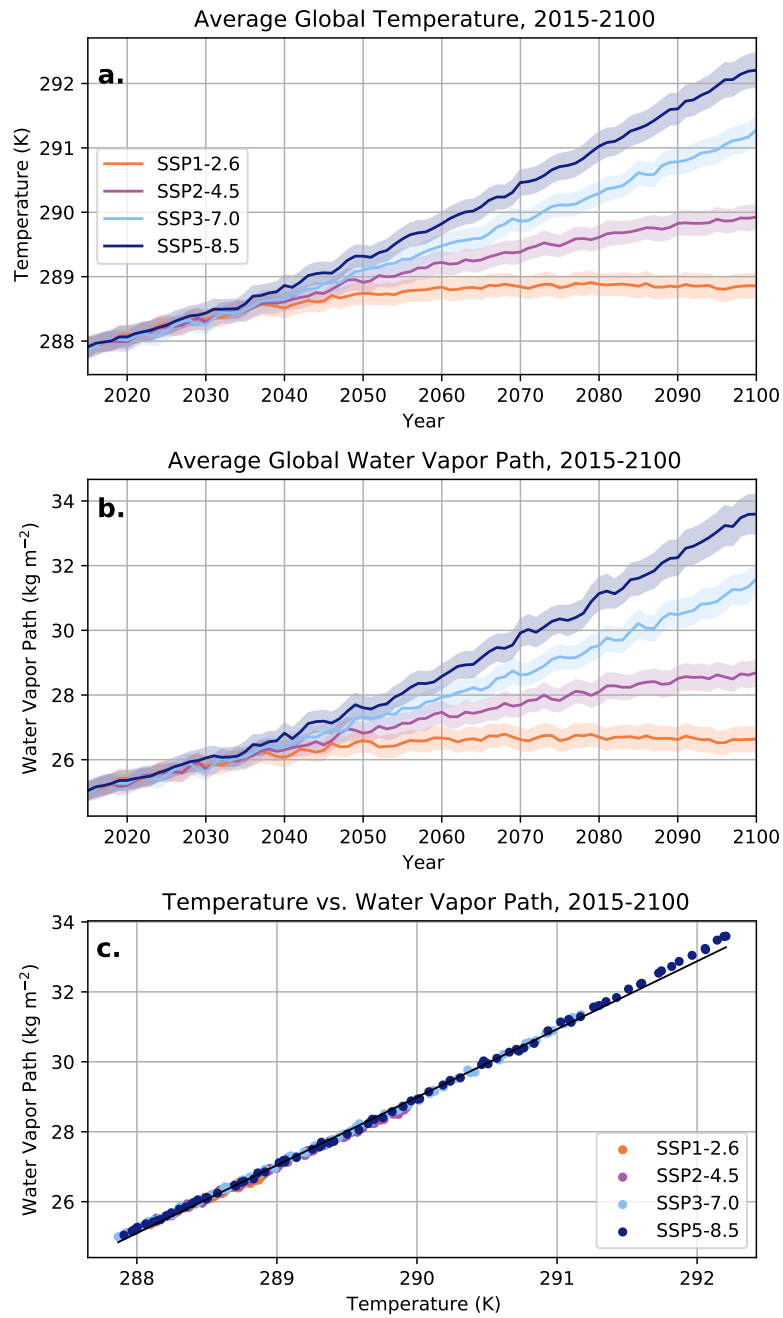
Variable	Units	SSP2-4.5	SSP3-7.0
$\Delta SW$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$0.64 \pm 0.09$	$1.2 \pm 0.2$
$\Delta SW_{AAOD}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$-0.50 \pm 0.07$	$0.026 \pm 0.007$
$\Delta SW_{WVP}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$	$1.1 \pm 0.2$
$\Delta LW$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$-2.2 \pm 0.3$	$-2.1 \pm 0.3$
$\Delta SH$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$-0.19 \pm 0.03$	$-0.33 \pm 0.05$
$\Delta LH = L_v \Delta P$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	$1.8 \pm 0.3$	$1.3 \pm 0.2$

**Table S4.** ScenarioMIP Regional Ensemble Mean, SE for  $\Delta AOD$ 

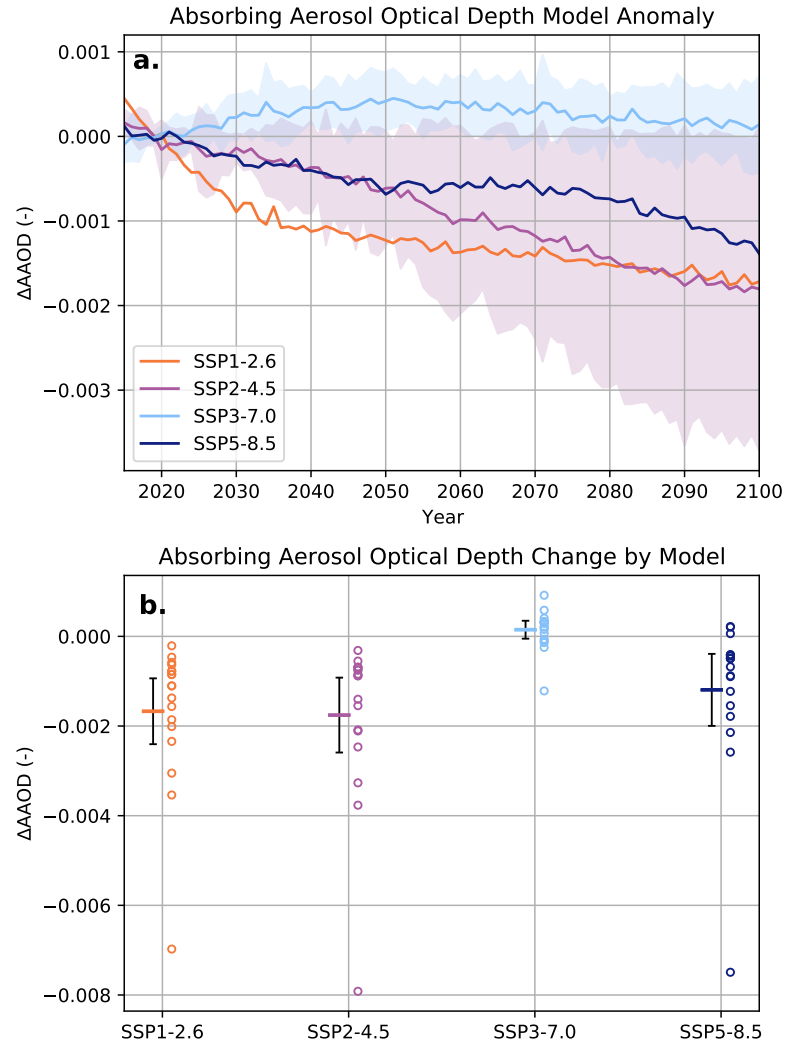
Region	Units	SSP1-2.6	SSP2-4.5	SSP3-7.0	SSP5-8.5
Global	$\cdot 10^{-3}$	$-1.67 \pm 0.08$	$-1.76 \pm 0.09$	$0.15 \pm 0.02$	$-1.19 \pm 0.05$
Southeast Asia	$\cdot 10^{-3}$	$-8.28 \pm 0.40$	$-9.12 \pm 0.49$	$-1.74 \pm 0.18$	$-8.85 \pm 0.42$
Equatorial Africa	$\cdot 10^{-3}$	$-2.95 \pm 0.13$	$-4.98 \pm 0.29$	$2.97 \pm 0.15$	$1.11 \pm 0.25$

**Table S5.** Mean, SE for Regional Budget Changes from Figures 3 and 4

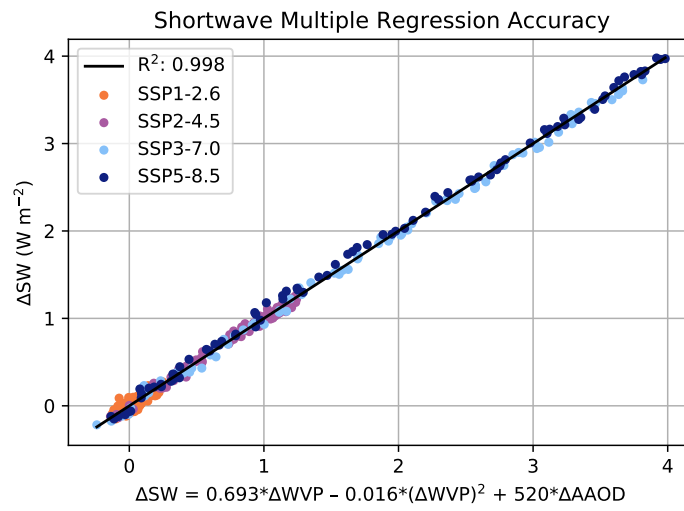
Variable	Units	SSP2-4.5	SSP3-7.0
Southeast Asia (0-45°N, 60-130°E)			
$L_v\Delta P$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	4.0±0.6	2.6±0.4
$L_v\Delta P_{thermo}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	4.8±0.8	3.6±0.5
$L_v\Delta P_{circ}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-0.8±0.8	-1.0±0.5
$\Delta SW$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-0.7±0.1	1.1±0.2
$\Delta SW_{AAOD}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-2.6±0.4	-0.30±0.07
$\Delta SW_{WVP}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	1.5±0.4	1.5±0.4
$\Delta LW$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-2.4±0.3	-2.6±0.4
$\Delta SH$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	0.58±0.09	-0.11±0.02
$\Delta div(s)$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	1.5±0.6	1.0±0.4
$\Delta div(q_v)$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-1.1±0.6	-0.9±0.4
$\Delta div(q_v)_{thermo}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-1.9±1.0	-1.9±0.8
$\Delta div(q_v)_{circ}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	0.8±1.1	1.0±0.9
$\Delta LH$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	2.8±0.4	1.7±0.2
Equatorial Africa (15°S-15°N, 30°W-30°E)			
$L_v\Delta P$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	1.6±0.3	1.3±0.3
$L_v\Delta P_{thermo}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	2.1±0.5	1.0±0.3
$L_v\Delta P_{circ}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-0.6±0.6	0.3±0.4
$\Delta SW$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	0.10±0.07	1.7±0.2
$\Delta SW_{AAOD}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-1.4±0.2	0.51±0.07
$\Delta SW_{WVP}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	1.7±0.5	1.6±0.5
$\Delta LW$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-2.7±0.4	-2.5±0.4
$\Delta SH$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	0.47±0.08	-0.14±0.03
$\Delta div(s)$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	-0.6±0.4	0.3±0.4
$\Delta div(q_v)$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	1.2±0.4	0.3±0.3
$\Delta div(q_v)_{thermo}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	0.6±0.2	0.6±0.5
$\Delta div(q_v)_{circ}$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	0.6±0.5	-0.3±0.6
$\Delta LH$	$Wm^{-2}K^{-1}$	2.7±0.4	1.6±0.2



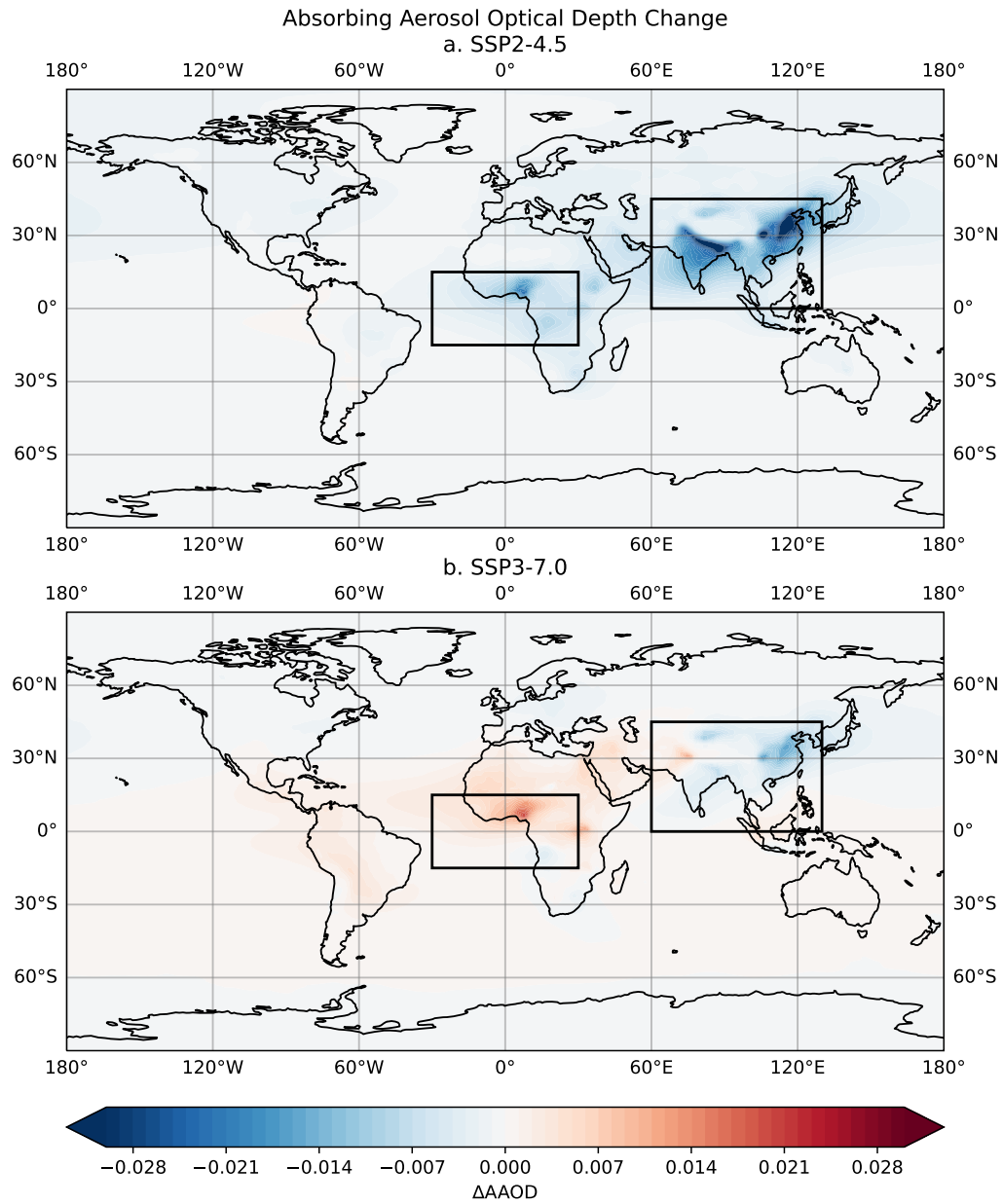
**Figure S1.** Global multi-model ensemble mean (line) and corresponding standard error (shading) by scenario across period of interest (2015-2100) for (a) temperature and (b) water vapor path. (c) The global multi-model ensemble mean temperature is correlated with water vapor path at  $R^2 = 0.997$  at 95% confidence and has a slope of  $m = 1.94 \text{ kg m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$ .



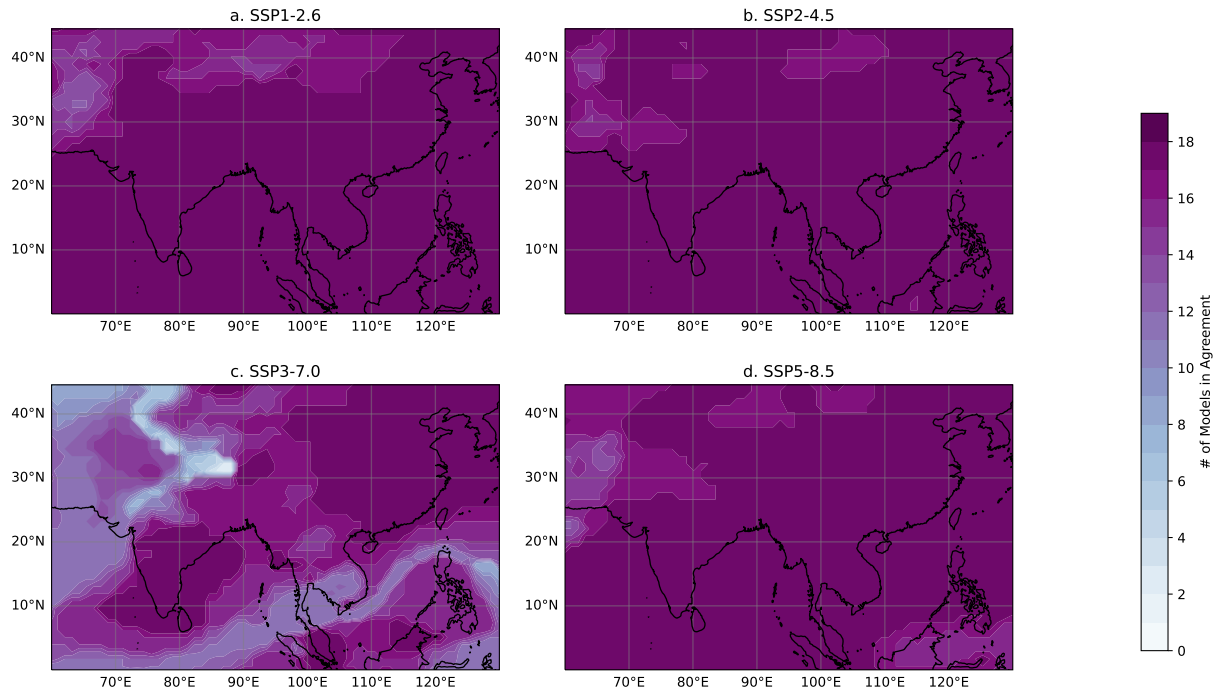
**Figure S2.** (a) SSP multi-model mean of trends in the anomaly of  $AAOD$  from the 2015-2025 period. Standard deviations are included for SSP2-4.5 and SSP3-7.0. (b) Global mean  $\Delta AOD$  for individual CMIP6 models (circles) with mean (horizontal bar) and 2SE (error bars) for all scenarios.



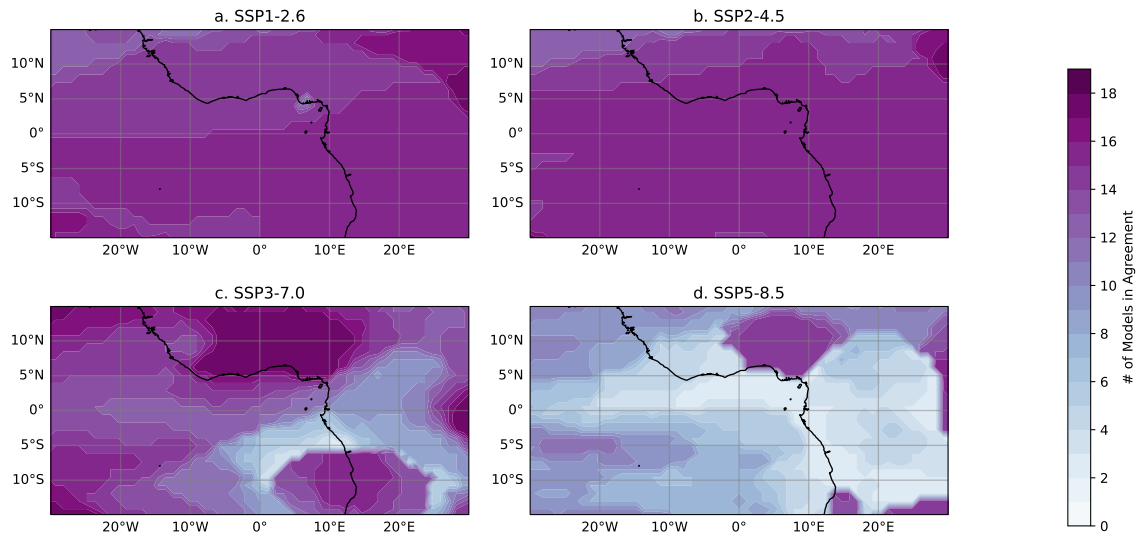
**Figure S3.** CMIP6 SSP change in SW vs. predicted change in SW based on changes in WVP and AAOD from Eq. 2. Each scatter point represents a year from 2015-2100.



**Figure S4.** Global changes in AAOD between 2015-2025 and 2090-2100 for two CMIP6 SSP simulations with contrasting aerosol choices: (a) SSP2-4.5 (*Middle of the road*) and (b) SSP3-7.0 (*Regional Rivalry*). Two regions of interest are highlighted: Southeast Asia (0-45°N, 60-130°E) which experiences decreases in AAOD in both (a, b) and Equatorial Africa (15°S-15°N, 30°W-30°E) which experiences decreases in AAOD in (a) but increases in (b). See Table S4 for values.

Model Agreement with Sign of Mean  $\Delta AOD$ 

**Figure S5.** Number of CMIP6 models that agree in the sign of the regional  $\Delta AOD$  in Southeast Asia (0-45°N, 60-130°E) between 2015-2025 and 2090-2100 for four ScenarioMIP simulations: (a) SSP1-2.6, (b) SSP2-4.5, (c) SSP3-7.0, and (d) SSP5-8.5.

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**Figure S6.** Number of CMIP6 models that agree in the sign of the regional  $\Delta AOD$  in Equatorial Africa (15°S-15°N, 30°W-30°E) between 2015-2025 and 2090-2100 for four ScenarioMIP simulations: (a) SSP1-2.6, (b) SSP2-4.5, (c) SSP3-7.0, and (d) SSP5-8.5.