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In terms of global temperature, what has been the hottest year in the last century?

ANSWER

The World Meteorological Organization reported in 2011 that based on observational data “2010 tied [with 2005 and 1998] for warmest year on record in records dating back to 1880.”

2011 was the world’s 10th warmest year and the warmest year with a La Niña event.

References:

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