

COP30 Health Pavilion brochure

Monday 10 November

Event title: Resilient Cities, Reimagining Health: The power of prevention to support health in a changing climate

Time: 09:00 - 10:00, 10 November

Organizers: Sustainable Markets Initiative and the Resilient Cities Network, led by Reckitt and Bupa, with support from the Yale School of Public Health, Mode Economics, and Sanofi.

Event description:

A high-level panel convening senior leaders within the climate x health ecosystem such as private sector, policymakers, multilateral institutions, local and national governments, city chief resilience officers, and academia, to share insights from the Case for Action report, demonstrating why and how health prevention should embed into city urban resilience plans, and be prioritized in global and local policy frameworks. Spotlight on Lagos as a case example of how practical, city-led interventions can ease pressure on health systems while delivering climate x health benefits. Discussion will highlight practical tools, investment cases, and partnerships enabling prevention-focused climate and health action in cities.

Speakers:

- Arthur Wyns, Climate and Health Advisor, University of Melbourne (Moderator)
- Jader Barbalho Filho, Minister of Cities, Brazil
- Kaushik Janakiraman, Head of Multilateral Affairs, Reckitt
- Josh Karliner, Healthcare Without Harm

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Event title: Stories That Heal: From Screen to Policy - How Personal Climate Stories Drive The Belém Health Action Plan

Time: 12:00 - 13:00, 10 November

Organizers: Healthy Planet Now, Think-Film Impact Production

Event description:

How can personal climate-health stories unlock a new wave of climate action and engagement? Ahead of the launch of the Belém Health Action Plan, this dynamic film-centred session will explore how authentic human storytelling can transform abstract climate-health policy into compelling calls for action.

Inspired by the [Healthy Planet Now](#) campaign, national and local climate leaders, health experts and storytellers will exchange views on new methods for climate communication that can support and champion the Belem Health Action Plan's implementation at multiple national levels, considering different cultural and social contexts and needs - and demonstrate storytelling in action.

Featuring exclusive content from the upcoming new international documentary "My Planet Now", the event will showcase stories from real people across the globe who are experiencing and responding to climate health impacts in their daily lives. These powerful stories has already inspired 180+ leading organisations and experts call for health to be mainstreamed across climate policy.

Speakers:

- **Yik Kei Leung**, Senior Project Officer, Think-Film Impact Production
- **Fiona Macklin**, Global Optimism
- **Wanjira Mathai**, World Resources Institute
- **Leonela Moncayo**, Representative of Guerreras por la Amazonía
- **Katherine Kruger**, Nurse Scientist & Emergency Nurse Practitioner
- **Dr. Ronald P. Law**, Director of Health and Climate Change, Philippines Department of Health

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Event title: Decarbonising the Healthcare Supply Chain: strategic actions for health systems

Time: 14:00 - 15:00, 10 November

Organizers: NHS England, World Health Organization

Event description:

Healthcare supply chains are global and account for between 60-80% of the carbon footprint of health systems. Reducing emissions in the supply chain is vital for low carbon care and offers the opportunity to deliver further benefits such as improved health outcomes, cost savings and increased supply chain resilience. International alignment on these approaches is key to accelerate progress and avoid unnecessary burden.

Greener NHS, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Initiative of Climate Action and Nutrition (ICAN) are co-leading the Alignment of Procurement Standards ATACH Task Team. Greener NHS is leading the sub task team focused on health systems and has led the development of a report: 'Decarbonising the Healthcare Supply Chain: Strategic Actions for Health Systems'.

The report provides a detailed guide to the path to action for health systems to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the supply chain, while supporting supply chain resilience. It sets out practical actions for health systems to take in two areas: accelerating supplier decarbonization through procurement criteria and optimizing demand and usage of supplies.

This event will discuss key approaches to healthcare supply chain decarbonisation, raising awareness, inspiring action and accelerating global efforts to decarbonize healthcare. It will highlight practical examples of implementation - encouraging better understanding of supply chain hotspots, partnership working and international alignment. This event will also discuss the key steps that will lead to the most transformative action moving forward.

Attendees to the event will receive an introduction to a number of suggested approaches that can be tailored to fit their healthcare system, priorities and resources.

Useful resources: (TBC, report to be published shortly)

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Tuesday, 11 November 2025

Event title: Integrating Health and Energy Indicators in Just Transitions Progress Tracking

Time: 9:00-10:00, 11 November

Organizers: Wellcome Trust, International Energy Agency

Event description:

Clean energy transitions provide unprecedented opportunities to create broad positive socio-economic impacts, including direct health benefits, beyond emission reductions. Tracking these benefits can make visible and communicate the positive socio-economic impacts of clean energy transitions across different population groups.

The latest work of the IEA's [Global Commission on People-Centred Clean Energy Transitions: Designing for Fairness](#), most specifically its *Indicators Handbook for Just and Inclusive Energy Transitions*, has identified several health related indicators that have been used to design, monitor and evaluate clean energy policies. These range from tracking respiratory health improvements from access to clean cooking to measuring thermal comfort enhancements and reductions in pharmaceutical usage from energy efficiency programmes. However, significant gaps remain in systematically integrating such indicators into energy policies, as well as into international frameworks tracking progress on people-centred clean energy transitions.

This side event will showcase emerging models and international best practice for integrating health indicators into policy design and implementation of clean energy policies, exploring how such efforts can strengthen progress tracking on just transitions. It will address some of the following questions:

- How have integrated health and energy indicators helped improve clean energy programme design and monitoring, particularly for women, children, and low-income communities?
- How can health impacts be more systematically embedded into national energy policies and international frameworks such as NDCs?
- What are the key methodologies and models used by different stakeholders to collect data to track the health co-benefits of clean energy advancements?
- What role can health and energy indicators play in making the business case for clean energy transition investments and demonstrating their value to healthcare systems?

Speakers:

Welcome and Introduction

- *Wellcome Trust (speaker tbc)*
- *Jane Cohen, Senior Programme Manager – People-Centred Clean Energy Transitions, IEA*

Expert Panel Discussion

- *Mansi Shah, Senior Technical Coordinator, Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) (India)*
- *Marina Romanello, Executive Director, Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change*
- *Dr. Wenlu Ye, Technical officer and expert on household air pollution, Air Quality, Energy and Health Unit, World Health Organisation (online)*

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Event title: Infectious Diseases in a Changing Climate: Innovation, Equity, Country and Community Engagement

Time: 10.30 - 11.30, 11 November

Organizers: CEPI, DNDi, Gavi, Unitaid, Fiocruz, Medicines for Malaria Venture, PAHO

Event description: Climate change is reshaping the landscape of infectious diseases, with rising risks of malaria, dengue, and other vector-borne and climate-sensitive diseases. The 2022 report of the IPCC on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability estimated that, due to climate change among other factors, an additional 4.7 billion people could be at risk of mosquito-borne diseases like malaria and dengue by 2070. Communities already most

vulnerable to infectious diseases may be hardest hit by the impacts of climate change, exacerbating existing health inequities.

Adaptation measures are urgently needed to reduce the vulnerability to climate change impacts that have already occurred, and also present solutions to address future threats posed by climate change.

Given the shrinking fiscal space, countries are increasingly looking for “best buys” when investing in health systems strengthening. Investments in the research of health products and supply chains that can enhance pandemic and climate resilience, as well as ensuring equitable access, will be increasingly sought after.

In this context, health system resilience requires concrete investments in products, supply chains, and models of care that are fit for purpose in a changing climate. Ensuring equitable access to diagnostics, treatments, vaccines, and vector-control tools, supported by robust supply chains and adapted models of care, will be essential to mitigate the health impacts of climate change and sustain disease control and elimination goals.

This event will highlight case studies from CEPI, DNDi, Gavi, Unitaid, MMV and IVCC, international organizations committed to climate and health, to showcase innovative solutions, from new product development and delivery strategies, to supply chain innovations and community-based care models. It will also explore opportunities for cross-sectoral collaboration to scale up these approaches, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

As a concrete outcome, the event aims to agree on a set of recommendations for national authorities and partners to advance climate-smart health products, resilient supply chains, and equitable models of care, building on the Belem Health Action Plan and the WHO Global Action Plan on Climate and Health.

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Event title: Climate, Health, and Just Transition: LAC Perspectives for COP30

Time: 12:00-13:00, 11 November

Organizers: Red de Clima y Salud de América Latina y el Caribe de GCHA,
Lancet Countdown Latin América, International Labour Organization

Event description: The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region faces disproportionate health impacts from climate change, from heat stress and vector-borne diseases to air pollution and food insecurity.

This panel will bring together voices from science, policy, civil society and labor to highlight the latest evidence on climate–health linkages, and explore solutions that deliver co-benefits for health, climate ambition, and a just transition. The discussion will showcase how integrated, cross-sectoral action can strengthen health systems, protect vulnerable populations, and accelerate equitable climate policies in the lead-up to COP30 outcomes.

The session will open with the new Lancet Countdown Latin America report, presenting the latest regional evidence on how climate change is already impacting health, from heat stress and air pollution to vector-borne diseases. Building on this evidence base, the LAC Climate and Health Network will present the Common LAC Position on Climate Change and Health, a collective agenda endorsed by over 60 organizations to place health and equity at the center of climate negotiations. The discussion will then turn to negotiation insights, followed by the International Labour Organization, underscoring how labor and socioeconomic dimensions can be integrated into climate and health policies. Together, these contributions will set the stage for an interactive dialogue on cross-sectoral solutions and co-benefits, culminating in a call to action for COP30 negotiators, governments, and civil society.

Speakers:

- Stella Hartinger, Director, Lancet Countdown on Climate Change and Health - Latin America
- Francisco Chesini - Common Position Coordinator, Red de Clima y Salud de América Latina y el Caribe, GCHA
- Tzvetomira Radoslavova - Regional Occupational Safety and Health Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Labour Organization
- Blanca Patiño - Green Jobs and Just Transition Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Labour Organization
- Milena Sergeeva - Liaison Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Climate and Health Alliance

Useful resources:

- [Common Position of Latin America and the Caribbean on Climate Change and Health](#)
- [The 2025 Lancet Countdown Latin America report: moving from promises to equitable climate action for a prosperous future](#)
- [Just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies](#)

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Event title: The CIDACS Climate Platform: Integrating Health, Social, Environmental and Climate Data to Generate Evidence on the Impact of Climate Change on Health and to Evaluate Adaptation Measures

Time: 14:00-15:00, 11 November

Organizers: Center of Data and Knowledge Integration for Health (Cidacs)/ FIOCRUZ, Federal University of Bahia, State University of Southeast of Bahia, and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Amapá Black Women's Institute (INEMA), the Semiarid Network(ASA), Iyaleta Research Association

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Event Title: Exploring the Growing Evidence for the Economic Value of Health Adaptation Actions

Time: 15:30 –16:30, 11 November

Organizers: World Health Organization and Health Canada

Event description: Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of extreme heat events across the world, with heat illness now the leading cause of weather-related mortality. Therefore, exploring the benefits and costs of extreme heat adaptation initiatives is of particular importance. While there is consensus that climate-health adaptation investments will generate long-term net monetary benefits, there is a need to produce and communicate additional evidence from economic evaluations and analyses that quantify economic benefits and costs of health adaptation actions to support effective decision making.

Consequently, this side event aims to highlight country needs and priorities, by bringing together national governments (including from finance ministries), and international organizations working in this space, to facilitate a discussion on the economic value of health adaptation actions and to identify evidence gaps and how countries and international organizations can collaborate to fill these.

While participants can speak to what is required to make the economic case for health sector adaptation actions more broadly, there will be a particular focus on adaptation actions for extreme heat, in recognition of the significant direct and indirect economic benefits; and ongoing studies on the value for money of heat adaptation that can inform global thinking on making the economic case for health sector adaptation.

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Event title: First, Do No Harm: Integrating Health into Climate Negotiations

Time: 17:00-18:00, 11 November

Organizers: Apolitical and Wellcome Trust

Event description: Climate change is the greatest threat to global health in the 21st century. Yet despite rising awareness, health remains underrepresented in the architecture of international climate negotiations. This high-level roundtable brings together negotiators, public health leaders and multilateral partners to explore how health can be more systematically integrated into climate policy and diplomacy. The event draws on insights from

Apolitical's global learning programme on climate and health, completed by hundreds of government officials across ministries, regions, and negotiating blocs.

The session will examine where health currently sits in the UNFCCC process — and where it must go next. While landmark declarations such as WHA77.14, the COP28 UAE Declaration, and the G20 Health Ministerial Statement mark significant progress, structural integration remains weak across Nationally Determined Contributions, the Global Stocktake, adaptation metrics, and climate finance. Participants will consider how to embed health more explicitly into each of these mechanisms, including through better data, stronger cross-ministerial collaboration, and clearer mandates for representation in negotiations.

Framed as a space for practical alignment and forward planning, this roundtable aims to catalyse next steps ahead of COP31 and beyond. It will surface priority actions for negotiators and policymakers: from including health indicators in adaptation frameworks and finance instruments, to empowering health ministries to co-lead on climate action. Placing health at the heart of climate negotiations is not a co-benefit — it is a necessity for effective, just, and people-centred climate policy.

Useful resources: [Embedding Health in Climate Change Negotiations](#), online course for government officials

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Wednesday, 12 November 2025

Event title: Health, migration and displacement in a changing climate: preparing health systems for the future

Time: 9:00 – 10:00, 12 November

Organizers: WHO Special Initiative on Health and Migration, UN University, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the World Federation of Public Health Associations.

Event description

Climate change is accelerating human mobility at an unprecedented scale, intensifying displacement, deepening health inequities, and placing growing pressure on already strained health systems. As millions move in response to extreme weather, environmental degradation, and slow-onset climate impacts, the intersection of climate change, health, and migration has become one of the most urgent global challenges of our time.

This high-level COP30 event brings together representatives from Member States, UN agencies, and non-state actors to spotlight the climate–health–migration and displacement nexus and explore how health systems can be reimagined to be both migrant-inclusive and climate-resilient, ensuring no one is left behind. Grounded in the latest evidence, including the recently published [7th WHO Global Evidence Review on Health and Migration](#), the discussion will consider the full spectrum of climate mobilities, from immobility to displacements, and the implications for equity, preparedness, and access to care. Aligned with WHO’s call for health systems that are people-centred, equitable and adaptive, the session will highlight policy and practice solutions that promote inclusion of refugees, migrants and displaced populations within universal health coverage (UHC) and climate adaptation frameworks.

Moderated by:

Dr Revati Phalkey, Director, International Institute for Global Health, United Nations University

Speakers:

- **H. E. Dr Qasem Buhaibeh**, Minister of Public Health and Population, Yemen
- **Dr Santino Severoni**, Head, Special Initiative on Health and Migration, World Health Organization
- **Loyce Pace**, Regional Director, Americas Region, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- **Hannah Marcus**, Co-Chair, Environmental Health Working Group, World Federation of Public Health Associations
- **Dr Sri Hari Govind**, Migration and Health Team Lead, Migration Youth and Children Platform

Useful resources:

- [WHO Global Evidence Review on Health system strengthening interventions to improve the health of displaced and migrant populations in the context of climate change](#)
- [WHO global action plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants, 2019–2030](#)
- [World report on the health of refugees and migrants](#)

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Event title: Six Strategies for Climate Resilient Supply Chains

Time: 10:30 - 11:30, 12 November

Organizers: Health Care Without Harm, Unitaaid, Asian Development Bank

Event description:

With an eye on solutions, this hour-long set of two panels will discuss the emissions footprint of, and the risks the climate crisis poses to, the health care supply chain. We will explore how the climate crisis threatens access to the viability of the globalized health care production and logistics industry as well as how the industry contributes significantly to the crisis. It will bring together stakeholders from international agencies, research institutions, the private sector, health care NGOs and community youth leaders to have an animated discussion on how issues of climate justice and health equity intersect with the multitrillion dollar health care supply chain. And it will provide a preview of a forthcoming paper from ADB, Unitaaid and Health Care Without Harm by sharing six strategies: a set of forward looking, innovative, replicable solutions that can point toward adapting and decarbonizing the supply chain for a just transition in the production of medical devices, diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, vaccines and more.

Speakers:

- Vincent Bretin, Unitaaid
- Clarice Araujo, Fiocruz
- Arghya Sinha Roy, Director, Climate Change, Asian Development Bank (invited)
- Leonardo Bia, VP, Corporate Affairs & Sustainability, Brazil, Novo Nordisk (invited)

- Eric del Bianco de Pelegia, Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis, Brazil
- Abdul-Fatawu Salifu, Executive Secretary, Ghana Network of People Living with HIV; alternate board member representing youth and the West African region, Unitaid
- Moderated by Josh Karliner, Health Care Without Harm

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Event title: The Heat is On: Future-proofing health product in a warming world

Time: 12:00 - 13:00, 12 November

Organizers: Unitaid

Event description: Climate change is intensifying heat and humidity extremes, threatening to increase current risks to the stability, efficacy, and safety of essential health products—such as pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, and medical devices. These conditions could challenge the functionality and reliability of products during use, while also requiring more complex and costly supply chains. This not only jeopardizes product quality, but it could increase the risk to supply security, and increase cost and CO2 emissions through reliance on energy intensive storage and logistics; these impacts pose a threat to equitable access to affordable and quality products.

There are critical evidence gaps regarding the impact of current heat and humidity scenarios on products and how that impact may evolve with climate change. The Unitaid-led ATACH consultation on the heat stability of health products, conducted on September 2nd 2025, has surfaced key questions that need to be answered including:

1. What real-world conditions are products being exposed to and how might those evolve over time due to climate change?
2. What impact are these scenarios having on the quality of priority products?
3. Is there a direct impact on health?

4. What are the most impactful areas for innovation (aligned with evidence) and what scale-ready solutions exist versus new solutions that are needed?

There is a need for coordinated evidence generation on this topic to understand the risks that exist and to determine how we can strengthen product resilience and ensure high-quality products are a cornerstone of health systems in the hottest places in the world, both today and tomorrow.

Useful resources: <https://unitaid.org/climate-and-health/>

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Event title: From Commitment to Action: Accelerating monitoring and evaluation to advance and inform health-protective climate action

Time: 14:00 - 15:00, 12 November

Organizers: The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change, ATACH, World Health Organization (WHO)

Event description:

This session brings together technical experts, country representatives, and multilateral partners to explore how monitoring and evaluation frameworks can accelerate health-protective climate action. Drawing on insights from the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change, WHO, UNDRR, and national experiences, the event will examine how indicators can be used not only to assess progress, but to shape policy and drive implementation across sectors.

The session will interrogate the current landscape of climate-health indicators — from those embedded in the Sendai Framework to emerging metrics under the Global Goal on Adaptation and the Belém Health Action Plan. Speakers will reflect on experiences at a national level and discuss how international collaboration can support locally relevant, scientifically sound monitoring systems.

Looking to the future, this session aims to surface priority actions ahead of COP31. These include refining indicators to better capture health outcomes, embedding health metrics into adaptation and finance frameworks as well as the Belem Health Action Plan, and strengthening capacity for cross-sectoral implementation.

Speakers:

- Marina Romanello, Executive Director, The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change
- World Health Organization (tbc)
- Animesh Kumar, Head, UNDRR Office in Bonn
- RVIM Netherland - Werner Hagens, Coordinator National Heat Health plan (remote)
- Fiocruz - Paulo Gadelha

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Event title: Frontline Resilience: Health and Humanitarian Workers as Essential Climate Adaptation

Time: 15:30-16:30, 12 November

Organizers: Seed Global Health & IFRC

Event description: Extreme weather is accelerating all burdens of disease and fueling humanitarian emergencies. In every crisis, health and humanitarian workers are the first responders, protecting lives, ensuring essential health services are maintained – they are the backbone of resilience and an essential adaptation to climate change.

Yet, despite their role as a core climate adaptation measure, the health workforce is under-recognized in discussions on climate change. Despite billions pledged for adaptation, little funding reaches the people who translate resources into resilience for communities.

At COP30, there is an urgent need to recognize health and humanitarian workers as indispensable to adaptation - safeguarding populations against extreme weather and strengthening long-term resilience – as well as consider strategies to better integrate the health workforce into climate policy.

This session will elevate frontline perspectives – hearing from health workers in climate-vulnerable communities and link policy to practice: exploring how health can be better integrated into Nationally Determined Contributions and Health National Adaptation Plans.

Speakers:

- **Moderator:**
 - Tom Fairchild, Director of Advocacy, Seed Global Health
- **Keynote speakers:**
 - Loyce Pace, Regional Director for the Americas, IFRC
 - Dr. Brian Agaba, Deputy Director Uganda, Seed Global Health
- **Additional Panelists TBC**

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Event title: Moving Locally Against Climate-driven Health Risks

Time: 17:00 - 18:00, 12 November

Organizers: World Economic Forum, together with Novartis Foundation and the Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO)

Event description: Climate change is accelerating the spread of diseases, disproportionately affecting vulnerable urban populations such as children and informal workers. In Brazil alone, the societal costs of dengue exceed \$1 billion annually, underscoring the urgent need for coordinated, locally led action.

This panel will explore how local interventions can mobilize health-determining sectors and deliver tangible impact for underserved communities. The session will highlight how public

and private actors can reduce health inequalities and climate-induced health risks through locally-driven action, with a focus on Brazil and broader Latin America.

Join this session to discover practical approaches for advancing health equity and resilience to climate change. Engage with leading experts and practitioners to learn how multi-stakeholder partnerships can drive meaningful change at the local level.

On the agenda:

- The impact of climate change on health in urban and vulnerable populations
- Case studies of local interventions in Brazil, Latin America and beyond
- Opportunities for public-private collaboration to address health inequalities, including through innovative financing approaches.
- Interactive Q&A with panellists

Speakers:

- Johannes Boch, Director of Population Health at Novartis Foundation (confirmed)
- Dr. Mariângela Simão, Secretary of Health and Environmental Surveillance at Brazil's Ministry of Health (confirmed)
- Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, Director of the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) (confirmed)
- Dr. Shyam Bishen, Head of the Centre for Health and Healthcare at the World Economic Forum (confirmed)
- Ms. Sandrine Bouttier-Stref, Group Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Sanofi, and General Delegate ad interim at Foundation S (confirmed)
- Ms. Dorethe Nielsen, Vice President of Corporate Environmental Strategy at Novo Nordisk (confirmed)

Useful resources: <https://initiatives.weforum.org/climate-and-health/home>

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Thursday, 13 November 2025

Event title: Regional Dialogue on Climate Change and Health Equity in the Americas

Time: 15.00-16.00, 13 November

Organizers: Pan American Health Organization

Event description: Climate change is a major global threat, affecting health, well-being, and health equity both directly and indirectly. The Americas is the most inequitable region in the world, and the region is also particularly vulnerable to climate change, with a disproportionate health impact on small island developing states (SIDS), and populations in situations of vulnerability, including Indigenous peoples, low-income communities and migrants among others. The health sector needs to take immediate and decisive action on climate change and health, with specific efforts to integrate equity into adaptation and mitigation measures. This includes the recognition that poorly planned or implemented adaptation efforts can inadvertently widen pre-existing inequalities. Barriers to more effective action by the health sector include insufficient awareness and knowledge on the magnitude of climate change impacts on health and health equity; the lack of meaningful engagement of diverse communities and limited intersectoral action. Furthermore, the traditional biomedical approach, present in many ministries of health, tends to downplay the importance of environmental and social determinants. It is important to address these barriers and scale up financing for these efforts from all sources.

The Belém Health Action Plan, to be launched at COP30 in Belém, emphasizes equity, climate justice, and social participation as central to climate–health action. This event will bring together stakeholders to shape an equity-focused approach through discussion of the implementation of regional and subregional climate and health action plans and their alignment with the Belém Plan and the WHO Global Action Plan on Climate and Health. The objectives of the event are to identify priority equity issues in climate-related health risks and responses, share best practices and community-led approaches to advance climate and health equity, and to strengthen multi-sector partnerships.

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Friday, 14 November 2025

Saturday, 15 November 2025

Event title: Active Mobility for lower emissions and better health

Time: 09.00 - 10.00, 15 November

Organizers: Partnership for Active Travel and Health (PATH) + FIA Foundation + UNEP + Walk21 Foundation + European Cyclists' Federation

Event description: The PATH Active Mobility policy template for member states will be presented + a global status report on the new NDCs that recognise active mobility as a solution to lower emissions and better health. WHO's physical activity team will also share their new practical toolkit + representative member states will share their active mobility actions as inspiring case studies to accelerate the implementation of existing climate commitments, translating global agreements into tangible action on the ground.

Speakers:

- Bronwen Thornton, CEO Walk21 Foundation
- Laurianne Krid, CEO of ECF
- Dr Fiona Bull, Head of Physical Activity Unit, WHO
- Hon. Letsema Adonts'I, Minister of Environment and Forestry, Kingdom of Lesotho (INVITED)
- H.E.Dr Eang Sophalleth, Minister of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia (INVITED)
- Ms. Diana Mejia Molina, Director of Economic, Social, and Environmental Affairs, Colombia (INVITED).

Useful resources: <https://pathforwalkingcycling.com/report/>

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Event title: From Pollution to Solutions: Regional Action Plan on Air Quality and Health for Latin America and the Caribbean – Actions and lessons learned

Time: 10:30 - 11:30, 15 November

Organizers: Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), World Health Organization (WHO), Clean Air Fund (CAF), Ministry of Health of El Salvador, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador, Ministry of Health of Brazil.

Event description: Air pollution, closely linked to climate change through shared sources such as fossil fuel combustion, remains a major public health threat in Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2019, air pollution caused nearly 370,000 deaths, mainly from heart disease, stroke, COPD, and lung cancer. Over 250 million people live in cities where air pollution levels exceed WHO guidelines, and around 74 million still rely on polluting fuels for cooking. These challenges highlight the urgent need for integrated actions that improve air quality, promote health equity, and contribute to climate change mitigation.

This event will present the proposal for the new Regional Action Plan on Air Quality and Health (RAPAQH) for Latin America and the Caribbean (2026-2031), which aligns directly with WHO's global voluntary target to reduce mortality attributable to anthropogenic air pollution by 50% by 2040. The event will present a unified regional vision to tackle air pollution as both a climate and health challenge, promoting integrated, intersectoral, and equity-focused actions that deliver co-benefits for health, mitigation, and sustainable development. Under this regional umbrella, El Salvador will be showcased as an example for Central America. The country is implementing comprehensive climate-health initiatives including a National Air Quality and Health Surveillance System, the implementation of WASH-FIT for climate-resilient health facilities, and Climate-Resilient Water Safety Plans (CR-WSPs). These actions are aligned with El Salvador's commitments under its National Climate Change and Health Adaptation Plan and the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH).

The session will combine high-level regional perspectives with practical country experiences, El Salvador, and Brazil, demonstrating how the Regional Action Plan's five strategic objectives are being translated into action. Participants will explore intersectoral pathways to strengthen health system resilience, improve air quality, and accelerate national climate commitments through the health lens.

Speakers:

- Gerry Eijkemans, Director, Department of Social and Environmental Determinants for Health Equity, PAHO
- Daniel Buss, Unit Chief, Climate Change and Environmental Determinants of Health, PAHO
- Minister or Vice-Minister of Health, El Salvador (TBD)

- Representative from MARN, El Salvador (TBD)
- Clean Air Fund representative (TBD)
- Representative from Ministry of Health of Brazil (TBD)

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Event title: Health and the Adaptation Cycle: Pathways to Tangible Resilience under the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)

Time: 12:00 - 13:00, 15 November

Organizers: Asia Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood, SYLCAN Trust, United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), Woodwell Climate Research Center, World Health Organization (TBC)

Event description: Health has been formally recognized as a central target within the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), with indicators expected to be agreed upon by the end of COP30. This session will examine how governments and stakeholders can operationalize the GGA health framework to achieve measurable adaptation outcomes. The discussion will focus on how evidence-based planning and integrated adaptation approaches can address climate-related impacts on human health and health systems, and build resilience across sectors and scales. Overall, the main objectives of the session are:

- Explore how the GGA health target and associated indicators can be translated into actionable strategies that strengthen climate-resilient health systems.
- Discuss existing frameworks and tools that enable countries to assess, plan for, implement, and monitor health-related adaptation options.
- To facilitate dialogue among global, national, and community actors on integrating health within national adaptation plans and other policy instruments.

Speakers:

1. Sri Hari Govind, MD (Asia Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood)
2. Dennis Mombauer (SLYCAN Trust)
3. Alvaro Rojas Ferreira (UNU-EHS)

4. Dr. Marcia Macedo (Woodwell Climate Research Center)
5. World Health Organization

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Event Title: Andean Plan 2026–2031: Health as a Pillar of Climate Action.

Time: 15:30–16:30, 15 November

Organizers:

Andean Health Organization-Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU); Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO); Ministry of Health and Sports of Bolivia; Ministry of Health of Chile; Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Colombia; Ministry of Public Health of Ecuador; Ministry of Health of Peru; Ministry of People's Power for Health of Venezuela; Adolescent Volunteers of Caballo Cocha (Brazil-Colombia-Peru tri-border area).

Event description: We will present the progress made in developing the new version of the Andean Health and Climate Change Plan (PASCC 2026–2031), the result of a participatory process led by the Andean Health Committee for Emergency, Disaster, and Climate Change Risk Management (comprised of delegates from the Ministries of Health of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela), coordinated by ORAS-CONHU, and with the cooperation of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The new version of the PASCC incorporates the results of the 2020–2025 cycle evaluation, key aspects of the Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health (WHO, 2025), the Belém Health Action Plan for the Adaptation of the Health Sector to Climate Change, as well as the main challenges and strategic documents of the six Andean countries regarding health and climate change. The PASCC constitutes the first regional framework in South America aimed at reducing the impact of climate change on health. The most significant innovation of the PASCC lies in integrating science, policy, and social action within a collaborative, regional, and intersectoral framework. Spaces for the exchange of knowledge and experiences have been consolidated, along with

mechanisms for coordination and joint work among the focal points of the Ministries of Health and partner organizations. The Andean Committee has strengthened cooperation with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and strategic allies in the joint development of regional proposals. This effort is distinguished by its promotion of sustainable and resilient health facilities; the systematization of innovative experiences, and its strengthening of applied scientific knowledge. In line with global frameworks, the PASCC has identified key areas for improvement, establishing itself as a replicable and benchmark experience for other regions.

Speakers:

- **Opening Remarks: María del Carmen Calle Dávila**, Executive Secretary of ORAS-CONHU, and **Gerry Eijkemans**, Head of Social and Environmental Determinants for Health Equity (DHE), PAHO/WHO, Washington, DC.
- **Evaluation of the Andean Health and Climate Change Plan 2020-2025 and Key Aspects of the New Version of the PASCC 2026-2031. Patricia Jiménez López**, International Consultant (PAHO/ORAS-CONHU).
- **Strategic lines of the PASCC 2026-2031.**
 - **Luz Esmirna Rodríguez Medina**, Vice Minister of Collective Health Networks, Ministry of People's Power for Health of Venezuela.
 - **Diego Moreno Heredia**, Climate Change Leader, Sub-Directorate of Environmental Health, Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Colombia.
 - **Ivonne Benites Toledo**. Deputy Executive I. Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change in the Health Unit. General Directorate of Disaster Risk Management and National Defense. Ministry of Health of Peru.
 - **Paola Pontoni Zuñiga**. Head of the Department of Risk Management in Emergencies and Disasters. Minister's Office. Ministry of Health of Chile.
 - **Patricia Segura Martínez**. National Director. National Directorate of Environmental and Occupational Health. Ministry of Public Health of Ecuador.
 - **Christian Roberto Arias Vivero**. National Director of Risk and Damage Management. Ministry of Public Health of Ecuador.
 - **Rodrigo Choquehuanca Yapuchura**. Head of the National Environmental Health Management Program. Directorate of Epidemiology. Ministry of Health and Sports of Bolivia.
- **Relevance of knowledge sharing and the transdisciplinary approach to advancing climate justice.** Raiza Jaruby Sangama. Leader of the Caballo Cocha Adolescent Volunteer Group (Loreto, Peru).
- **Next steps: Daniel Buss**, Head of the Climate Change and Environmental Determinants of Health Unit, PAHO/WHO, Washington, DC.
- **Moderator: Bertha Luz Pineda Restrepo**. Coordinator of Climate Change and Inequalities. ORAS-CONHU.

Useful resources:

<https://www.orasconhu.org/index.php/es/content/plan-andino-de-salud-y-cambio-clim%C3%A1tico-2020-2025>

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Event title: Legal Custodianship Over the GGA: Integrating the Global Plan of Action and the Climate-Health Governance Nexus

Time: 17:00-18:30, 15 November

Organizers: Georgetown University, Youth Negotiators Academy, American Society of International Law, Girton College at the University of Cambridge

Monday, 17 November 2025

Event title: Demonstrating health and economic co-benefits of climate mitigation

Time: 9:00-10:00, 17 November

Organizers: International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Harvard Chan C-CHANGE)

Event description: Public health and economic gains are compelling motivators for policy action. We will present successful real-world energy, urban planning, and food policy interventions that have provided significant health, economic, and climate mitigation gains.

Speakers:

- Barbara Hoffman, University of Düsseldorf
- Vanessa Kerry, Harvard Chan C-CHANGE, Seed Global Health
- Khristopher Nicholas, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University
- Mary B. Rice, ISEE, Harvard Chan C-CHANGE
- George Thurston, ISEE
- Agnes Soares da Silva, ISEE

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Event title: Nature-Based Solutions: Shaping the Future of Health and Healthcare

Time: 10:30-11:30, 17 November

Organizers:

- Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
- PaRx Canada
- World Health Organization
- EAT Forum
- Canadian Coalition for Green Healthcare
- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University

Event description:

Nature-based climate solutions only receive 3% of public climate finance, despite their potential to realize 30% of the world's 2030 greenhouse gas reduction targets. At the same time, health professionals are increasingly catalyzing action in support of nature-based solutions with co-benefits for health.

This side event will feature a panel discussion with leaders in the field, including an overview of the recent Issues Brief on the WHO-IUCN report on Nature-Based Solutions for Health, the growing global nature prescribing movement and its intersection with Indigenous knowledges, recommendations from the landmark 2025 EAT Lancet Commission update on healthy food systems, and more. Attendees will then dialogue with panelists and each other to determine how to incorporate policy and action to support healthy nature-based solutions (NbS) into their own settings. By leveraging the trusted voice and energy of the health sector,

we can work together to close the gap between investment and potential planetary health benefits of NbS.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Fabrice DeClerck**, Chief Scientific Officer, EAT Forum
- **Dr. Courtney Howard**, Chair, Global Climate and Health Alliance
- **Dr. Melissa Lem**, President, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and Co-Founder, PaRx Canada
- **Dr. Nicole Redvers**, Director of Indigenous Planetary Health, Western University Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
- **Cristina Romanelli**, Programme Officer, WHO Biodiversity
- **Dr. Myles Sergeant**, Executive Director, Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care

Useful Resources:

WHO-IUCN Report on Nature-Based Solutions for Health:

<https://friendsofeba.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Nature-based-Solutions-for-Health-Leveraging-biodiversity-to-create-health-promoting-environments.pdf>

EAT Lancet Commission 2025:

<https://eatforum.org/update/eat-lancet-commission-warns-food-systems-breach-planetary-limits/>

PaRx Canada website:

<https://www.parkprescriptions.ca/en-ca>

Nature Prescriptions and Indigenous Peoples: A Qualitative Inquiry in the Northwest Territories, Canada:

<https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/21/6/806>

Canadian Health Care Forests:

<https://greenhealthcare.ca/canadian-health-care-forests/>

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Event title: Smart users, healthy systems: strengthening climate services for the health sector.
Welcome to WISER Health

Time: 12:00-13:00, 17 November

Organizers: FCDO, Rockefeller Foundation, Met Office

Event description: On the 10th year anniversary of the launch of the Met Office Weather and climate Information SERvices (WISER) programme, the Met Office, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Rockefeller Foundation are delighted to launch the WISER Health initiative. The Met Office, the UK's weather and climate service, as technical lead, will be working with key partners in Africa to launch the WISER Health project. This experience, combined with knowledge gathered from over 50 years of international engagement and a decade of WISER programme delivery will help understand how early warnings can be better integrated into health sector planning and response. Session presenters will include the South African Weather Service and the Nigerian Meteorological Agency

Useful resources:

[Weather and Climate Information Services \(WISER\) - Met Office](#)

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Event title: Strengthening local capacity for climate resilience: lessons from Small Island Developing States

Time: 15:30-16:30, 17 November

Organizers: Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) and The University of Melbourne

Event description: This session will showcase two capacity-building initiatives co-designed by experts and policymakers across the Pacific and Australia: an Australian Government-funded program for Small Island Developing State (SIDS) climate policymakers and a Wellcome Trust-funded initiative for sustainable climate vulnerability and adaptation planning (PAVE-Health). These programs strengthened local capacities in integrated adaptation, climate finance, governance, and policy planning by equipping SIDS policymakers with practical skills, peer networks, and sustained support to drive equitable, evidence-informed climate action.

The session will offer practical guidance and learnings to build sustainable capacity, secure climate finance, amplify local agency, and maintain momentum post-training. It highlights how inclusive, locally owned capacity building can act as a catalyst for transformational, equity-driven climate action, and respond to increasing and unmet demand for capacity development in relation to climate, health and other sectors in SIDS.

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Tuesday, 18 November 2025

Event title: Reimagining health systems according to the nature based solutions of Earth's ecosystem guardians could be a powerful climate solution

Time: 09:00-10:00, 18 November

Organizers:

- Health In Harmony
- The Pawanka Fund
- The International Land and Forest Tenure Facility
- Indigenous Determinants of Health Alliance
- World Health Organization
- Médecins Sans Frontières

Event description:

A renowned group of vastly experienced Indigenous and non-Indigenous speakers will debate and discuss the data/ evidence/ strengths and weaknesses of this hypothesis:

Reimagining health systems according to the nature-based solutions of earth's rainforest guardians could be a powerful climate solution

Can today's health systems/ public health strategies claim to guarantee long-term health outcomes for humans if these health systems/ public health strategies do not address the collapse of life-giving ecosystems currently happening around humans?

Should health systems world-wide explicitly operationalize the links between the health of humans and the health of the ecosystems *on which our human health and thriving depend*?

Evidence-based origin of this hypothesis: while the cultural and physical thriving of Indigenous Peoples, Afro-Descendent Peoples and local rainforest peoples are the foundation for rainforest ecosystem thriving (and these rainforest ecosystems are the foundation for planetary health), these rainforest peoples (when asked) are often designing reimagined health systems (planetary health systems) that more explicitly and naturally link human thriving to ecosystem thriving. [Data show](#) that investing in these Rainforest Peoples' systems can have impressive returns *simultaneously* across human thriving, ecosystem thriving (forest carbon sequestration + biodiversity) and biosphere thriving (climate). Hence the hypothesis.

Each speaker brings a specific expertise, and a different entry point into this topic to foster discussion and debate.

Speakers:

Dr. Myrna Cunningham: Chair of the Pawanka Fund's Guiding Committee/ Miskito feminist, indigenous rights activist and medical surgeon from Nicaragua/ past Chair of the Permanent UN Forum on Indigenous Issues

Nonette Royo: Executive Director, The International Land and Forest Tenure Facility; Board Member. Rights and Resources Initiative/ Rights lawyer

Emma Rawson: Director, ManuKahu Associates/ President, World Federation of Public Health Associations/ Policy and Advocacy Portfolio Lead, Indigenous Working Group (WFPHA)/ Member, Indigenous Determinants of Health Alliance

Steve Cornish: General Director of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Switzerland/ previously CEO of the David Suzuki Foundation/ Canadian Red Cross and CARE Canada/ honorary director of Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

Cristina Romanelli: Program Officer for Biodiversity, Climate Change and Health in the World Health Organisation/ managed WHO's Joint Work Programme on biodiversity and health with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)/ lead author for the Inter-governmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)/ coordinates WHO's Expert Working Group on Biodiversity, Climate, One Health and Nature-based Solutions.

Belai Djandam: Advocacy Program Coordinator Health In Harmony/ Indigenous climate justice advocate from the Dayak Ngaju-Ma'anyan tribe in Indonesia/ Collaborator with the Land Body Ecologies, an Indigenous-led research initiative exploring the deep links between land, health, and cultural identity.

Jonathan Jennings: co-CEO Health In Harmony

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Useful resources:

Improving rural health care reduces illegal logging and conserves carbon in a tropical forest: <https://www.pnas.org/doi/full/10.1073/pnas.2009240117>

WHO-IUCN Report on Nature-Based Solutions for Health:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/66fdb27f5878e15d8a5c8e65/t/6761df097e1d737511012f45/1734467343596/Nature-Based+Solutions+for+Health.pdf>

What will it take to save the planet? Embracing interdependence:

<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/571464-what-will-it-take-to-save-the-planet-embracing-interdependence/>

How Saving the Rainforests Could Prevent the Next Pandemic:

<https://www.propublica.org/article/pandemic-spillover-madagascar-health-in-Harmony>

Event Title: Youth, Health, and Climate Action: Leveraging the ICJ Advisory Opinion to address climate harms.

Time: 12.00-13.00, 18 November

Lead-Organizations:

United Nations University – International Institute for Global Health,

World's Youth for Climate Justice.

Supporting organization: Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law

Contact person: Dr. Remco van de Pas, vandepas@unu.edu

Context and Background: Climate change is not only an environmental or economic crisis it is fundamentally a public health emergency. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recognized climate change as a “fundamental threat to human health”, exacerbating existing

vulnerabilities and undermining key determinants of health such as access to clean air, safe water, nutritious food, and shelter.

The recent International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory Opinion on Climate Change and Human Rights (2025) provides an authoritative legal framework affirming States' obligations to protect human rights—including the right to health and the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment—in the face of climate change. The WHO was among the key international organizations invited to participate in the proceedings, underscoring the nexus of health and climate in international law.

Against this backdrop, youth leaders who spearheaded the ICJ Advisory Opinion campaign, alongside experts from WHO, Pacific Island States, Special Rapporteurs, and health and climate alliances, are convening this side-event to highlight the health dimensions of climate change as a risk multiplier, and to chart cross-sectoral pathways for action.

Objectives:

- Highlight the health-climate nexus as a core pillar of climate justice and sustainable development, drawing from WHO's submission to the ICJ proceedings.
- Amplify youth perspectives in shaping policy and legal discourse on health and climate, showcasing the leadership of youth in the ICJ AO campaign.
- Promote action-oriented policy processes at national and multilateral levels to address the health impacts of climate change through law, policy, and cross-sector collaboration.

Facilitator:

- **Dr. Remco van de Pas** - UNU-International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)

Speakers :

- **Nicole Ponce** – World's Youth for Climate Justice (WY4CJ)
- **Prof. Elisa Morgera** - UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights
- **Dr. Rudiger Krech**, Director a.i., Environment, Climate Change and Migration, WHO
- **Matthew Baird**, Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law (ARIEL)
- **Abdul Mufeez Shaheed**, Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change

The side-event strengthens the capacity of, and awareness by, governments, civil society, health-, human rights and other stakeholders how to interpret and apply the AO.

Impacts include:

- Enhanced understanding and application of international legal obligations related to climate change, health and human rights.

- Action-oriented policy recommendations that integrate the ICJ Opinion into (inter) national climate and health strategies.
- Developing networks and collaboration among experts, policymakers, civil society, youth, and international organizations.
- Enhanced public discourse on the human rights dimensions of climate change, including its policy pathways and governance structures for just transition and health equity.

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Event title: Air Pollution and Noncommunicable Diseases through the Youth Action Lens

Time: 15:30 - 16:30, 18 November

Organizers: The International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)

Event description:

This side event, hosted by the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), will explore the urgent intersection between air pollution, climate change, and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) through the lens of youth action. With 6.7 million premature deaths each year linked to household and ambient pollution, and 99% of the world's population exposed to unsafe air, the health impacts are severe and inequitable - particularly in low- and middle-income regions. Air pollution drives the rise of cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, strains health systems, and deepens climate-related vulnerabilities. IFMSA is committed to act directly on these global health issues and supporting our National Member Organisations (NMOs) in helping their local communities - 536 projects across 83 NMOs were implemented during the last year alone, as part of our Activities Division that includes Environment and Health, Healthy Lifestyles and Non-Communicable Diseases, and many other areas.

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Event title: Our Kids' Health/Our Kids' Planet - How the climate crisis is impacting the children we love

Time: 17:00-18:00, 18 November

Organizers: Alana Institute and Our Kids' Climate

Event description:

The climate crisis is a crisis for our children. As climate disasters multiply, it is children on the front line, both now and in the future. Nearly 90 per cent of the burden of disease attributable to climate change is borne by children under the age of five.

Parents have a strong role and interest in advocating for children and their health. Our Kids' Climate (OKC) is the leading global organization coordinating and connecting parent-led, and family-focused climate organizing worldwide. We work with organizers and leaders from over 50 countries to highlight the impact of the climate crisis on families and children and to push for action for a safe climate for all children.

Our event will bring together parents who have been directly impacted by the climate crisis with children rights experts, and health professionals to advocate for change for all our children. A representative from leading NGO Alana who are advocating for children's rights, will take the stage with a mother from Belém, who is mobilizing families around clean air and children's health.

This event will bring together the data on children's health and climate change together with emotive and heartfelt storytelling to protect what we all love - our children and our planet.

Speakers:

- Catarina Nefertari, mother and Communications and Mobilization Manager for the Amazônia de Pé movement
- JP Amaral, Head of Nature of Instituto Alana
- Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, Executive Director, Sunway Centre for Planetary Health, Sunway University Malaysia

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Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Event title: Towards an integrated regional health-climate monitoring system in Latin America

Time: 09:00-10:00, 19 November

Organizers: Brazilian Climate and Health Observatory /Fiocruz

Partners: Health and Environment Surveillance Secretariat (SVSA, Brazilian Ministry of Health), Pasteur Network, PanAmerican Health Organization

Event description: Latin America and the Caribbean face a worsening climate crisis with severe public health impacts. Inequalities, urbanisation, ageing, and weak health systems increase vulnerability to extreme weather, vector-borne diseases, and respiratory, cardiovascular, and mental health problems. Most countries in the region lack integrated climate–health monitoring and warning systems. The proposal calls for regional systems applying some of the tools and experiences developed by the Brazilian Observatory of Climate and Health to integrate climate, sociodemographic and epidemiological data, build a regional surveillance network, and establish sentinel sites in vulnerable areas. It emphasises equity, traditional knowledge, and emergency support, using open-data dashboards, research and capacity building partnerships to strengthen health surveillance.

Speakers:

Christovam Barcellos, Brazilian Climate and Health Observatory /Fiocruz

Bertha Luz Pineda, Organismo Andino de Salud

Daniel Buss, Pan American Health Organization

Emerson Soares, Brazilian Ministry of Health

Tatiana Marrufo, National Institute of Health, Mozambique

Useful resources:

Climate and Health Observatory <https://climaesaude.fiocruz.br/> (site) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dRU7sDyHMo> (video). Amazon sentinel site <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfLIyDFgH3Q>

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Event title: Climate adaptation to protect mental health and psychological resilience: From evidence to practice

Time: 12.00-13.00, 19 November

Organizers: United for Global Mental Health, Climate Cares Centre at Imperial College London & University of Oxford, American Psychological Association, Global Psychology Alliance, YOUNGO Health, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

Event description:

Climate change is negatively impacting mental and psychosocial health globally.

It is critical that locally-led climate adaptation efforts incorporate mental health and psychological resilience. Climate adaptation actions create co-beneficial opportunities for mental health, however, mental health is rarely considered in adaptation agendas. A [report](#) developed by United for Global Mental Health and the Climate Cares Centre at Imperial College London found that more than half of 190 countries (58%) did not include any reference to mental health in their national adaptation policies..

This panel will spotlight the urgent need to integrate mental health into adaptation policies and practices, particularly among most affected people and areas (MAPA), such as women, children, and youth. It will present the United for Global Mental Health and Climate Cares Centre report on mental health in NAPs. Speakers will also highlight the importance of protecting the mental health indicator in the context of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) (indicator 9c04). They will explore the integration of mental health considerations within

adaptation strategies at COP30 through sharing concrete examples (including from Brasil) and scale paths for integration, including among specific populations (e.g., children, young people, and school communities).

Speakers:

- Dr. Alessandro Massazza, United for Global Mental Health, Italy
- Jessica Newberry Le Vay, Climate Cares Centre, Imperial College London, UK
- Graciella Faico, Global Psychology Alliance, Brazil
- YOUNGO representative
- Dr. Tatiana Souza de Camargo, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
- Dr. Marcio Gagliato, Brazil
- Dr. Harshita Umesh, Vaada Hope Foundation, India
- Janna Hoppmann, ClimateMind, Germany

Useful resources: [Report on mental health in national adaptation policies by United for Global Mental Health and Climate Cares Centre](#)

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Event title: Healthcare intersection with the Wellbeing Economy

Time: 14:00-15:00, 19 November

Organizers: Club of Rome, Doctors for the Environment; French Development Agency; Geneva Sustainability Centre; Climate Action Accelerator

Event description:

Climate change is a health crisis and climate action is therefore health action. Air pollution causes over 500 000 premature deaths annually in the European Region, many of which are attributable to fossil fuel burning.

The good news is that many climate solutions are also solutions that protect and promote health.

But hospitals are feeling the heat. Emergency departments see a surge in admissions during heatwaves, especially for heart, lung and kidney conditions. Mental health suffers too: sleep worsens, anxiety deepens and cognitive function declines. Meanwhile, people with mental health conditions face higher risks of heat stroke and hospitalization, as some prescription drugs reduce the body's ability to regulate its temperature. Furthermore, health workers are at risk of heat exhaustion and burnout, while the systems they rely on – from cooling to information technology – buckle under pressure.

This session mobilizes hospitals, financiers, health care workers and policymakers to deliver climate-resilient, nature-positive care that supports the wellbeing economy. Co-hosted by the Club of Rome, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Geneva Sustainability Centre (part of the International Hospital Federation), and the Climate Action Accelerator, it showcases actionable pathways that align clinical delivery, supply chains, and finance through a planetary lens.

The session sends with a call to action for the health sector, financiers to align in support of the Wellbeing Economy.

Speakers:

- **Sandrine Dixon-Declève** (Club of Rome and WHO Pan European Commission on Climate and Health)
- **Dr Kimberley Humphrey** (Doctors for the Environment)
- Speaker TBC (French Development Agency)
- **Sophie Meisser** (University Hospitals Geneva, Switzerland)
- **Credo Hodondadje** (Solthis, Senegal)
- **Adolfo Llinas** (Santa Fe de Bogota Hospital, Colombia)
- **Sonia Roschnik** (Geneva Sustainability Centre)
- **Kiran Jobanputra** (Climate Action Accelerator)

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Event title: People, policy and research power to document and address the health harms of fossil fuels and industry practices

Time: 15.30-16.30, 19 November

Organizers: UK Faculty of Public Health, Global Climate and Health Alliance, Amnesty International, Guerreras por la Amazonia, Corporate Accountability, International Institute of Sustainable Development, Adfree Cities and Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative.

Event description:

Continued reliance on fossil fuels presents a serious threat to human and planetary health as the leading driver of climate change and health harms from air, water and soil pollution, as well as industry practices which prioritise commercial profits over health. We will highlight why action is needed to reduce fossil fuel industry influence, and how this can be achieved through multi-level public health action, including by support of local grassroots movements.

This event will include:

- Overview of the health harms of the fossil fuel industry, applying a ‘commercial determinants of health’ lens
- Insights from a youth speaker who will share her experience of bringing a case against the state owned oil company, Petroecuador, to a court in Ecuador, on account of the health harms her community has experienced from gas flaring.
- Highlighting what fossil fuel industry interference looks like in relation to policy-making and the role that cross-constituency organizing can play in addressing this e.g. by reviewing policy positions being advanced within the UNFCCC, and how health policies can be used to raise the standard of good governance within the UNFCCC.
- Exploring how we can measure and highlight the health-related negative externalities from the fossil fuel industry.
- How fossil fuel advertising and sponsorship harms health and how this can be regulated
- Showcase of a solutions orientated framework ‘MPOWER+’ which has been developed to enable multi-level policy action to reduce the health harms of the fossil fuel industry, drawing on lessons learnt from global tobacco control.

Speakers:

1. Health harms of the fossil fuel industry: Parallels with Big Tobacco: **Jess Beagley, Global Climate and Health Alliance (chair)**
2. Defending the right to health: Communities taking action against fossil fuel industry human rights abuses: **Leonela Moncayo, Guerreras por la Amazonia, with insights from Amnesty International**

3. Addressing the influence of high-emitting industries in climate policy-making & disinformation: **Rachel Rose Johnson, Corporate Accountability**
4. Measuring the health costs of fossil fuel subsidies: **Shruti Sharma, International Institute for Sustainable Development**
5. Regulating fossil fuel advertising and sponsorship for healthy communities: **Robbie Gillet, Ad Free Cities**
6. International action against the fossil fuel industry: Steps for policy-makers: **Kumi Naidoo, Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative**
7. MPOWER+ a concerted framework for multi-level policy action to tackle the health harms of the fossil fuel industry: **Abi Deivanayagam, UK Faculty of Public Health**

Useful resources:

- Global Climate and Health Alliance's Cradle to Grave report on the health toll of Fossil Fuels and the Imperative for a Just Transition: [Cradle to Grave 2025 report](#)
- Amnesty International's reporting on Leonela Moncayo's case against Petroecuador and intimidation she has faced as result: [Ecuador: Child Climate Justice activist intimidated in her home - Amnesty International](#)
- Information on the fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty: [The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative](#)
- Low carbon advertising policy toolkit from Badvertising and Adfree Cities: [Low Carbon Advertising Policies A toolkit for Local Policymakers](#)
- UK Faculty of Public Health and Adfree Cities policy brief on low carbon advertising and sponsorship: [Low-Carbon Advertising and Sponsorship Policies: A Public Health Brief for Local Authorities](#)
- UK Faculty of Public Health's position statement on fossil fuels, the fossil fuel industry and public health: [fph-statement-fossil-fuels-the-fossil-fuel-industry-and-public-health.pdf](#)
- MPOWER+ framework for action to reduce the health harms of fossil fuels and the fossil fuel industry: [Adapting the MPOWER policy framework for fossil fuels and public health: reflections on content and process - T Keller, I Braithwaite, A Brook, J Beagley, S Narayan, TA Deivanayagam, 2025](#)

Organizers logos:





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Event title: Health as a Shared Priority for Climate and Health Governance

Time: 17:00-18:00, 19 November

Organizers: University of Sydney, SA Health, Climate and Health Society,

Event description:

Highlighting health as a shared priority can drive more integrated and impactful climate action across sectors. Health systems and workers are frontline responders to climate impacts: extreme heat, air pollution, mental health stressors. Integrating health into climate health governance and planning through cross-sectoral engagement reduces risk by addressing upstream social and environmental determinants of health. Strengthening the resilience and adaptive abilities of healthcare increases community resilience. Recognising health as a critical co-benefit of climate action, this session showcases partnerships to centre health in climate health mitigation and adaptation policies and strategies at local, national and the Asia Pacific regional levels, sharing lessons learnt and highlighting barriers and enablers to accelerate progress on NDCs & climate-health targets.

Speakers:

- **Sandro Demaio**, Director and Head of Office, WHO Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment and Health
- **Kimberly Humphrey**, Climate Change Lead and Public Health Medical Consultant, South Australia Department for Health and Wellbeing
- **Arthur Wyns**, Research Fellow, The University of Melbourne
- **Ying Zhang**, University of Sydney, Australia

Organizers' logos:



Thursday, 20 November 2025

Event title: From COP28 to COP30: Building Resilient Food Systems for Climate, Health, and Nutrition

Time: 09:00 – 10:00, 20 November

Organizers: UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, Coalition of Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems for Children and All (HDSFS), SUN Movement, Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF), Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN)

Event description:

High and volatile food prices continue to undermine people's access to affordable healthy diets, exacerbate food insecurity, and drive rising levels of child malnutrition. Food prices continued to rise in 2024, driving up the cost of a healthy diet of which 31.9% of people were unable to afford a healthy diet. Increasing climate risks—disrupting food production, supply chains, and trade—further compound these challenges, with direct consequences for health and nutrition outcomes. These pressures are felt most acutely by vulnerable groups, underscoring the importance of social protection systems that stabilize access to nutritious food during climate shocks. In parallel, the food systems dependence on fossil fuels and energy-inefficient practices increases exposure to price volatility and drives emission. These interconnected challenges were recognized at COP28, through the two UAE Declarations on 1) Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action and 2) Climate and Health, which emphasizes the need to jointly tackle climate risks, food systems transformation, and public health.”

Following the **UNFSS+4 Stocktake** and UN Secretary-General **Call to Action** for accelerated and coordinated efforts in food systems, together with the **renewed and new commitments**

at the Nutrition for Growth Summit, this COP30 side event will carry the discussion forward from Paris, Addis to Belém. It will spotlight key messages emerging on food, health, and nutrition; showcase leading initiatives paving the way for convergence; reflecting on consumer perspectives alongside the role of social protection systems in ensuring equitable access to healthy and sustainable diets; and explore opportunities for governments and partners to strengthen collective action toward resilient, equitable, and sustainable food systems, advancing COP-to-COP continuity from COP28, marked by the two key UAE Declarations, through COP30 and beyond.

The event will aim to:

1. Examine how the two COP28 UAE Declarations on *Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action*, as well as *Climate and Health*, contribute to COP-to-COP continuity by carrying forward the conversations from COP28 through COP30 and beyond, ensuring healthy diets, emissions reduction, and resilience are addressed in an integrated way.
2. Highlight how global partnerships, national pathways, and civil society actors are advancing integrated approaches to food systems transformation, emphasizing the impact of fossil fuel use and energy inefficiencies across the food value chains.
3. Showcase concrete initiatives and commitments emerging from the UNFSS+4 Stocktaking Moment and the Nutrition for Growth Summit, with a focus on those already demonstrating results and scalability;
4. Bring in the consumer perspective, considering affordability, accessibility and demand for healthier and sustainable diet, while emphasizing the role of social protection systems, ensuring no one is left behind.
5. Discuss priorities for COP30 and beyond, ensuring that momentum from Paris, Addis, G20 Global Alliance against Poverty and Hunger, and Belém translates into sustained action aligned with the UNFSS+4 Call to Action and the 2030 Agenda, and the interconnected goals in advancing public health / nutrition and climate resilience.

Organizers' logos:



Event title: Leaving no one behind: addressing the climate health burden on vulnerable groups in the EECCA region

Time: 10.30 - 11.30, 20 November

Organizers: Eco-Accord, EECCA Network on Climate and Health, Woman, Development, Future Public Union; Angel

Event title: Healthy and safe, sustainable and equitable food procurement: Leveraging the role of the health sector

Time: 12:00 – 13:00, 20 November

Organizers: WHO; Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA), Italy

Event description:

Public food procurement is one of the most powerful — yet underutilized — tools to transform food systems. Governments spend billions each year on food for schools, hospitals, workplaces, prisons, and social programmes. With the right criteria, these investments can deliver **triple wins**:

- **Healthy and safe food:** Aligning procurement with national dietary guidelines and WHO recommendations ensures that food served in public institutions contributes to safe, sustainable and healthy diets.
- **Healthy ecosystems:** Procurement that prioritizes local, seasonal, plant-based, and biodiversity-positive foods that are produced in line with regenerative agroecology approaches can reduce emissions, protect ecosystems and ecosystem services, contribute to climate change mitigation and response, and minimize waste.
- **Health equity for all:** Procurement can improve equitable access to nutritious food by supporting social prescribing and ‘food is medicine’ approaches, tackling food deserts, reducing inequities in fruit and vegetable consumption and dietary diversity, and addressing the wellbeing of disadvantaged farmers through action on social determinants of health.

This session at COP30 will highlight procurement as a **ready-to-scale, action-oriented solution**, linking directly to the *triple wins domains*, and highlight the role of the health sector in doing this (both through procurement for and through health settings, e.g., for hospitals and social prescribing/Food is Medicine approaches, as well as through the advisory role of the health sector for food procurement across sectoral domains (e.g., schools, correctional facilities, social protection/food security programmes, etc).

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Indigenous peoples are at the **frontline of climate and biodiversity crises**. Food procurement in these contexts offers a unique opportunity to **protect ecosystems, sustain traditional diets, and build resilience**. This session offers the opportunity to call for case studies to be included in the forthcoming **WHO guidance on mainstreaming biodiversity in nutrition for SIDS** — a companion to the 2022 global publication — and the forthcoming ATACH guidance for healthy and sustainable food procurement in health settings.

The event will aim to:

1. Position the health sector's role and engagement in public sector food procurement as a way to advance the triple wins of healthy and safe food, healthy ecosystems and health equity for all.
2. Showcase select country examples that integrate climate, biodiversity, and nutrition into procurement.
3. Elevate Indigenous and farmer perspectives, highlighting biodiversity-based practices and women's leadership.
4. Engage donors and development partners on scaling procurement standards and implementation.

Speakers: Rüdiger Krech (WHO, in person), Daniela Storti (CREA, virtual), Steven Chen (Alameda County, virtual), Roy Steiner (Rockefeller, in person), other speakers (TBC)

Event title: Three Horizons for Health: Pathways to Net-Zero and Resilient Care

Time: 14:00 - 15:00, 20 November

Organizers: Istituto superiore di sanità; Azienda Unità Sanitaria Locale della Romagna (Local health authority Romagna area); Healthcare Without Harm - Global

Event description: While many roadmaps for health care decarbonisation already exist — including those developed by the World Health Organization, Health Care Without Harm, and national initiatives such as the NHS Net Zero programme — both the Lancet Countdown and WHO stress that reaching net zero will require more than incremental change. It demands deep transformation in the face of uncertainty. The Three Horizons framework is a foresight tool that helps bridge today's guidance and actions with long-term system change, illuminating tensions and trade-offs along the way and strengthening resilience to disruption.

This event will apply the Three Horizons framework to explore how existing decarbonisation frameworks can translate into equitable, climate-resilient health systems. Expert presentations will anchor each horizon: Horizon 1 — current unsustainable practices and

barriers to implementing policies and guidance for health-care decarbonisation; Horizon 2 – real-world innovations such as low-carbon procurement and renewable energy transitions; and Horizon 3 – a transformative, equitable vision of sustainable health systems by 2040. Participants will contribute insights through a short interactive exercise, identifying practical pathways that link today's frameworks to tomorrow's resilient, net-zero health sector.

Speakers: Dr. Chiara Reno (AUSL; in-person); Diana Manyari (HWH; virtual); Sammy Bishop (Greener NHS; virtual); Dr. Ornella Punzo (ISS; in-person); Rachel Juel (ISS/La Sapienza; in-person)

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Friday, 21 November 2025

Event title: Health Voices for Equitable Phaseout of Fossil Fuels

Time: 10:30 - 11:30, 21 November

Organizers: Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, Doctors for the Environment Australia, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, African Bioethics Network, Health Systems Global, Médicos pelo Clima Brasil

Event description: Health professionals focus on addressing public health concerns at the root cause. As the main contributor to climate change, we have a responsibility to use our trusted voice to advocate for a just fossil fuel phase-out. This event will feature a panel that showcases efforts of healthcare workers supporting movements globally to advance an urgent phase out of fossil fuels and manage a just transition towards a clean energy future. How health professionals can advocate for country-level commitments to a fossil-fuel phaseout, such as through the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, will be discussed. Further, actionable examples will be provided of how health professionals can drive institutional, systems, and policy change around fossil fuel phaseout through partnerships that center impacted communities. The session will conclude with a clear call-to-action for health institutions and professionals globally to commit to fossil-free policies and endorse frameworks that prioritize equity, ethics, and justice in a just energy transition.

Speakers: Moderator: Milagros Elia, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments; Speakers: Danielle Bedin, Médicos pelo Clima, Joe Vipond, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Kimberly Humphrey, Doctors for the Environment Australia, Mercury Shitindo, Africa Bioethics Network, Cara Cook, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

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