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Monday, 9 November 2026

Event title: From Digital Health to Climate-Health Intelligence: Smarter and More Resilient Health Systems

Time: 12:00 – 13:00
Organizers: Ministry of Health of the Republic of Türkiye – General Directorate of Health Promotion (SGGM)

Event description:

Climate change is placing increasing pressure on health systems through extreme heat, floods, air pollution, and changing patterns of infectious diseases. Responding effectively requires moving beyond traditional healthcare delivery towards integrated, data-driven systems capable of anticipating risks, protecting vulnerable populations, and supporting timely public health action.

Building on the COP30 Belém Health Action Plan, this high-level panel will explore how existing digital health infrastructure can contribute to climate-resilient health systems. Türkiye's nationwide digital health platforms, including e-Nabız, the Central Physician Appointment System (MHRS), teleradiology, and integrated health information systems, provide a valuable foundation for connecting health data with climate information, epidemiological surveillance, and health service capacity.

Bringing together national health authorities and the World Health Organization, the discussion will examine international experiences in climate-health surveillance, early warning systems, geospatial intelligence, and digital innovation. Particular attention will be given to translating climate-related risks into accessible, people-centred health information and preventive action, especially vulnerable populations.

The panel will explore practical opportunities to connect four essential elements: climate data, health impacts, health system capacity, and early action. Rather than proposing entirely new systems, it will focus on leveraging existing digital capabilities, strengthening interoperability, and identifying opportunities for multisectoral cooperation.

The session aims to identify actionable priorities for data integration, shared indicators, predictive modelling, and potential pilot initiatives, contributing to practical Antalya Action Points for advancing climate-health intelligence and strengthening health system resilience beyond COP31.

Speakers :

Moderator Çağrı Emin Şahin, MD, Asistant Professor, Deputy Director-General of Health Promotion, Ministry of Health, Republic of Türkiye

- Kenan Volkan Demirel- Director-General of Health Promotion, Ministry of Health, Republic of Türkiye
- Dr. Özgür Sezer, Director-General of Health Information Systems Ministry of Health, Republic of Türkiye
- Serdar Şenol, Director-General of International Health Services Ministry of Health, Republic of Türkiye
- Jawameer KAKAKHAN-Digital Health & Geospatial Team Lead | WHO Europe

Useful resources :

https://sggm.saglik.gov.tr/
https://www.ushas.gov.tr/
https://sbsgm.saglik.gov.tr/

Organizers' logos:

REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
HEALTH PROMOTION

Event title: Healthy Cities, Resilient Communities: Local Climate Action through a One Health Lens

Time: 14h00 – 15h00

Organizers: Union of Municipalities of Türkiye, Turkish Healthy Cities Asssociation

Event description:

Climate change is increasingly a public-health challenge as well as an environmental one.

Extreme heat, floods, droughts, air pollution, water stress, food insecurity, biodiversity loss and changing patterns of infectious and vector-borne diseases create interconnected risks for people, animals and ecosystems. The One Health approach provides a practical framework for addressing these risks together rather than through isolated sectoral responses.

The session will focus on what One Health means in practice at city level. Municipalities already influence many determinants of health through water and sanitation, waste management, urban planning, green spaces, mobility, environmental protection, veterinary services, food safety, disaster preparedness and social services. The objective is not to create new health responsibilities for municipalities, but to examine how existing local mandates can become more preventive, coordinated and health-sensitive.

Speakers :

Cemil Tugay, President of the Healthy Cities National Network of Türkiye / Mayor of İzmit Metropolitan Municipality (Moderator)

Dr. Şengül Altan Arslan, Deputy Secretary General of TBB

Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald – Cork Healthy Cities (on-line)

Prof. Dr. Çiğdem Çağlayan - Kocaeli University

Carlos Gonçalo das Neves – European Food Safety Authority (on-line)

Event title: Unlocking private investment to scale health resilience

Time: 15h30 – 16h30

Organizers: World Economic Forum

Event description:

Climate change is rapidly reshaping disease burdens, healthcare demand and business risk, making resilient health systems both an urgent global priority and a growing investment opportunity. The World Economic Forum and Oliver Wyman project that, by 2050, climate change could cause 14.5 million additional deaths, $12.5 trillion in economic losses and $1.1 trillion in additional healthcare costs globally. In this context, given the many competing priorities vying for limited public budgets, unlocking private investment can be critical in building up the resilience of our health systems.

Across the health value chain, from prevention, surveillance and diagnostics to life sciences innovation, heat resilience and climate-resilient infrastructure, scalable solutions are emerging with the potential to deliver strong health, climate and economic returns. The economic case for resilience is strong: research shows that every $1 invested has generated more than $10 in benefits over ten years, with average returns of 27% and health-sector returns averaging over 78%.

The challenge then is no longer a lack of private capital, but a need to structure opportunities in a way that mobilize and deploy it effectively. Based on research on *Investing in Resilient Health* conducted by the World Economic Forum, in collaboration with Oliver Wyman, this session will explore where the most compelling investment opportunities lie, how different providers of capital can work together to accelerate scale, and what financing models and partnerships are needed to unlock investment in resilient health at speed. It will examine where commercial investment is already viable, what is holding it back and which actions can help move promising solutions towards scalable markets.

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Event title: Big lessons from small nations: Health leadership in a changing climate

Time: 17.00–18.00

Organizer: Pan European Commission on Climate and Health/WHO Regional Office for Europe

Event description:

While small and island nations may be among the most vulnerable to climate change, they are also among the most important sources of leadership, innovation and inspiration for climate and health action worldwide. Their experiences offer valuable lessons for all countries seeking to build healthier, more resilient and sustainable futures. Building on the Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health (PECCH) **Call to Action**, this event will bring together leaders and experts from the Pacific, European, Caribbean, and African regions to explore how countries most exposed to climate risks are turning ambition into action. Through lived experiences, national and regional perspectives, the session will examine how health can serve as a powerful entry point for accelerating climate action. The discussion will showcase practical solutions that are protecting populations, strengthening preparedness, reducing vulnerability and supporting sustainable development. It will also explore opportunities to scale impact through stronger partnerships and cross-regional collaboration.

Speakers:

- H.E. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Chair, Pan European Commission on Climate and Health, Former Prime Minister, Iceland
- H.E. Dr Sasho Klekovski, Minister of Health, Republic of North Macedonia
- Dr Corinne Reisinger Capuano, Acting Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Mr Abdul Mufeez Shaheed, Engagement and Outreach Lead, Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change, Fiji
- Dr Karen Vincenti, Director International Affairs and Policy Development, Ministry of Health Malta
- Mrs Karen Ngamata, Public Health Coordinator, Ministry of Health, Cook Islands
- Mr Daniel Buss, Unit Chief, Climate Change and Environmental Determinants of Health, Pan American Health Organization
- Mr Brama Koné, Technical Officer, Climate Change and Health, WHO Regional Office for Africa
- Mr Oliver Schmoll, Programme Manager, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, and Climate Adaptation, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Mr Robb Butler, former Director, Communicable Diseases, Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Useful resources:

Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health

Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health: Call to Action

PECCH Call to Action animated video

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European Region



Tuesday, 10 November 2026

ATACH Day

As the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) starts implementing a set of new operational mechanisms aiming to move closer to countries, ATACH Day at COP31 will bring together countries, partners and practitioners to share experiences, lessons learned and practical approaches for translating climate and health commitments into action.

The event will place country experiences at the center of the discussion, highlighting progress, challenges and solutions across climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems, sustainable supply chains, and climate and health action across sectors. Through regional perspectives, country spotlights, and interactive exchanges, participants will explore what successful implementation looks like in different contexts and identify opportunities to accelerate progress.

The full speaker list is available here.

Agenda:

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:00	High-level Opening & Setting the Scene ATACH progress to date and priorities for 2026-2028
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:00	Regional Perspectives on climate change and health priorities and needs High-level interventions by representatives from MoH in 6 WHO Regions
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15-12:45	Country spotlights: Examples of national progress on implementation Interventions by countries and partners on clear implementation examples with focus on enabling factors, challenges and learnings at country level across thematic priorities.
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break – 1 hour
13:45-15:15	Interactive Session: Technical Exchange for Implementation Facilitated Lightning Talks and World Café on specific country challenges
15:15-15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	Cross-cutting priorities to advance implementation Panel 1: Accelerating Climate and Health Financing Panel 2: Equitable Climate and Health Action
17:00 – 17:30	High-level Closing

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World Health Organization

Wednesday, 11 November 2026

Event title: The Health Agenda for COP31: The Türkiye–Australia and Pacific Experience

Time: 09:00–10:00 hrs, 11 November 2026
Organiser: YOUNGO Health Working Group, Turkish Ministry of Health , EU and Foreign Affairs

Event description:

As COP31 brings Türkiye, Australia and the Pacific into closer dialogue, it presents a unique opportunity to strengthen cooperation on shared climate and health priorities while prioritising meaningful youth participation. Despite their geographical distance, these regions face common challenges, including extreme heat, wildfires, air pollution, climate-sensitive diseases, and growing pressures on health systems. Pacific communities, in particular, experience disproportionate health impacts from climate change, highlighting the importance of regional cooperation, shared learning and youth leadership in shaping effective and inclusive climate and health action.

This session will bring together governmental, public health and Pacific representatives in a youth-led, intergenerational leadership dialogue, co-moderated by two young climate and health advocates from Türkiye and Australia.

Through an interactive discussion, young moderators will engage senior high-level representatives on shared health challenges, regional priorities and opportunities for collaboration, exploring how young people can contribute not only to shaping policies but also to implementing solutions.
The dialogue will highlight opportunities for cooperation between Türkiye, Australia and the Pacific, connecting institutional leadership with youth perspectives and identifying practical pathways for collective action beyond COP31.

The session will conclude with a short closing keynote reflecting on the discussion .

Co-Moderators:
Dr Sıla Gürbüz — Co-Contact Point, YOUNGO Health Working Group, Türkiye
Sunny Nguyen — Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA), Australia

Speakers:
Dr Aziz Alper Biten — Director-General, EU and Foreign Affairs Ministry of Health, Türkiye
Prof Zoe Wainer — Director-General, Australian Centre for Disease Control
Karen Ngamata — Public health Coordinator Cook Islands Ministry of Health

Prof Dr Emine Didem Evci Kiraz — Climate Change and Health Expert, Türkiye (Closing Keynote)

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Event title: Zero Waste, Healthy Cities and Healthy Workers: Advancing Climate and Health Justice in the Global South

Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Organizers: Fundación Basura & GAIA

Event description: Zero Waste systems offer significant opportunities to reduce methane emissions, prevent pollution and build healthier, more climate-resilient cities. Yet the health benefits of these solutions—and the health risks faced by the workers and communities delivering them—remain insufficiently recognised in climate and health policy.

Across Latin America, communities living and working around landfills, dumpsites and waste incinerators face disproportionate environmental and health burdens. At the same time, waste pickers and community organisations are already delivering practical climate solutions through recycling, source separation and organic waste recovery, often without adequate recognition, protection or investment.

This session will bring together community leaders, waste picker representatives, researchers and climate and health practitioners to explore how Zero Waste approaches can deliver climate mitigation and public health benefits while advancing environmental justice and decent work.

Drawing on experiences from Chile and Brazil, the discussion will showcase decentralised organic waste management and non-incineration pathways that reduce methane emissions, prevent harmful pollution and strengthen urban resilience.

The session will also present emerging participatory research from Ecuador, led by GAIA and the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in partnership with waste picker organisations, with support from Wellcome Trust. Combining community-led health assessments, occupational health research, methane modelling and local policy analysis, this work seeks to make visible both the climate contributions of waste pickers and the health risks they face.

Together, these experiences will demonstrate why protecting public health and frontline workers must be central to climate mitigation strategies in the waste sector.

The session will identify opportunities for cities, national governments, health institutions and climate funders to support inclusive Zero Waste systems that reduce emissions, prevent pollution, improve working conditions and deliver lasting health benefits.

Speakers:

Moderator: Macarena Guajardo - Zero Waste Cities Global Program Manager GAIA

- Speaker 1: Ryan Leung **-** Wellcome Trust
- Speaker 2: Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASB)
- Speaker 3: Victor Argentino - Instituto Polis
- Speaker 4: Tamara Ortega - Fundación Basura
- Speaker 5: Soledad Mella - RedLacre (Latin American Network of Recyclers)

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Event title: Mental Health in Climate Policy: Turning Evidence into Action

Time: 14.00-15.00

Organizers: United for Global Mental Health & Climate Cares

Event description:

Climate change is already affecting mental health through extreme heat and other extreme weather events, displacement, livelihood disruption, food insecurity, and wider socio-economic pressures. These effects are unequally distributed, disproportionately affecting low- and middle-income countries and populations facing structural disadvantages. Although additional annual societal costs from climate-attributable mental disorders are projected to reach US$245 billion by 2050, mental health remains underrepresented in climate policy, finance, and implementation.

Drawing on the forthcoming Lancet Psychiatry Commission on Climate Change and Mental Health and United for Global Mental Health's recent report on heat and mental health, this session brings together governments, researchers, UN agencies, civil society, and people with lived experience. The event will highlight climate-related mental health risks, showcase scalable evidence-informed solutions, promote community-centered approaches, and strengthen the integration of mental health into UNFCCC processes and climate-resilient health systems. Finally, it will explore how the Commission's evidence can support the implementation of national climate policies, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and Heat Health Action Plans (HHAPs).

Speakers:

- Natalia Linou, UNDP, Head of Health Policy
- Akfer Karaoglan Kahilogullari, WHO Türkiye Mental Health Program Director
- Jenny Stephens, Director of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Vanuatu
- Muskan Lamba, Global Mental Health Action Network
- Oliver Schmoll, Programme Manager, WHO European Centre for Environment, Climate Change and Health
- Kimberly Humphrey, Climate Change Lead, South Australia Health
- Litiana Lagibalavu, Pacific Partner Coordinator, Climate and Health Alliance
- Gernot Laganda, Global Practice Director for Climate and Environment (UNICEF)

Useful resources:

https://unitedgmh.org/app/uploads/2026/07/Heat-Report.pdf

https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366%2825%2900274-3/fulltext

Organizers' logos:



Date: 11th November 2026
Time: 15:30-16:30

Organizing Partners: African Women and Youth Climate Centre (AFRYWOCC), Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Studies (C3SS), University of Ghana, Minagie Energy

Background and Introduction

Across Africa, the climate crisis is increasingly a health crisis, and its consequences are not distributed equally. For expectant mothers, it means increasing risks of extreme heat stress and vector borne diseases; this vulnerability is exacerbated when primary healthcare facilities do not have reliable electricity for antenatal, postnatal and emergency care. In Ghana, institutional maternal mortality increased from 109.22 per 100,000 live births in 2023 to 110 per 100,000 live births in 2024 while skilled delivery coverage dropped from 60.6% in 2023 to 55% in 2024. Across Africa, WHO reports that 178 000 mothers and 1 million newborns die yearly, many from preventable causes including haemorrhage, hypertensive disorders, infections, unsafe abortion and obstructed labour, all conditions treatable with access to timely and quality care.

Maternal and newborn care is particularly energy dependent supporting skilled delivery; lighting for nighttime deliveries, fetal and maternal monitoring, neonatal care, sterilisation,refrigeration of medicines and vaccines. Health workers also need access to basic equipment and reliable communication during emergencies. Where electricity is unavailable facilities may rely on kerosene, candles or diesel generators, increasing risks of unskilled delivery, creating additional operating burdens and fossil-fuel dependence. The foregoing challenges still persist even where facilities are connected to the grid due to power outages and intermittent supply.

The African Women and Youth Climate Centre (AFRYWOCC) in collaboration with the Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Studies (C3SS), University of Ghana, proposes a high-level, action-oriented COP31 Health Pavilion event titled: Solar-powered **energy systems for climate-resilient maternal and neonatal healthcare in**

Africa. The event will bring together leaders from health, climate, energy, government, development finance, philanthropy, civil society, the private sector, frontline healthcare and youth movements to advance a practical model for integrating decentralised renewable energy into primary health care facilities. At the centre of the discussion will be a proposed new intervention: **Powering Safe Delivery Initiative**

The initiative will seek to equip selected Community-based Health Planning and Services (CHPS) compounds, maternity facilities and primary healthcare centres in underserved communities with appropriately sized solar photovoltaic and battery-storage systems, alongside essential maternal-health infrastructure, maintenance arrangements and community-level capacity building. The initiative will build upon the Samira Empowerment and Humanitarian Projects (SEHP)'s existing Safe Delivery Project, which has supported expectant mothers in deprived Ghanaian communities with over 11,000 birth kits, trained 324 surveillance team members — 164 health workers and 160 Traditional Birth Attendants while advancing maternal-health education and promotion of antenatal care and skilled delivery. Powering Safe Delivery therefore represents a natural evolution, from providing the tools required for safe delivery to helping ensure that the facilities in which women deliver have reliable, clean and climate-resilient energy. **The event will serve as a platform to:**

- Place maternal and newborn health firmly within the climate adaptation, renewable energy and climate-finance agenda.
- Launch the Powering Safe Delivery Initiative
- Mobilise partnerships and financing for an initial pilot programme in Ghana;
- Develop a scalable model for replication across Africa







Event title: Zero Waste, Healthy Planet – Circularity without harm

Time: 17:00 – 18:00

Organizers: French Solid Waste Partnership (FSWP), Zero Waste Europe (ZWE), International Solid Waste Association (ISWA)

Event description: Waste is often treated as an environmental and resource-management issue, but it is also a major public health and climate issue. Waste mismanagement is both a human health and environmental crisis hiding in plain sight. Non-engineered landfills, uncontrolled dumpsites and open burning emit greenhouse gases and other toxic pollutants, and they drive vector-borne disease, respiratory illness, and soil and water contamination. Climate change itself increasingly puts pressure on waste and health systems. Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of waste is a health imperative, and it requires safe final disposal solutions.

As these solutions still lag, the world is also transitioning to circularity: waste prevention, reuse and repair, separate collection and quality composting of organic waste, high-quality recycling, and better management of residual waste. Circularity carries its own health risks if pursued without safeguards against pathogen transmission and the spread of hazardous chemicals. Pollutants such as microplastics, persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and lead affect human health. They also affect soil, air and water quality, and therefore all ecosystems, which are already weakened by climate change and resource extraction. A particular focus will be placed on the health and climate implications of how we manage plastics and residual waste, including the impacts associated with incineration, landfilling and uncontrolled waste disposal.

This session argues that a One Health-aligned circular economy must be designed around prevention and ESM of waste. That means minimising waste generation, eliminating hazardous inputs, enabling safe reuse and repair, and ensuring safe collection, recycling and disposal of what remains. Designed this way, it can unlock its potential to mitigate up to 20% of GHG emissions while reducing air pollution and exposure to hazardous substances. The event brings together policymakers, health professionals, regions and cities, civil society, the private sector and climate experts to examine:

- the climate and health benefits of waste prevention and ESM of waste, including reducing methane and other emissions from waste;
- the health implications of plastics and their end-of-life management;
- safe final disposal outlets as safeguards for safe circular systems;
- practical examples from regions and cities;
- the policy, financing and standards needed to create a fair level playing field;
- existing guidance and partnerships, and how the health community can become a stronger voice for ambitious waste and climate policies.

Speakers:
Moderated by Corinne Trommsdorff, Executive Director, French Solid Waste Partnership
Introduction:
Mr. Rolph Payet, SG, the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions
Part 1: Reducing the health impacts of waste management
Mr. Sean Maguire, Executive Director, Clean Air Fund
Ms. Azeeza Rangunwala, Medical Scientist - Senior Campaign Manager, Health Care Without Harm
Ms. Sonia Dias, Global Waste Specialist, WIEGO
Part 2: How to make healthy circularity happen?
Mr. Filipe Camaño Garcia, Global Lead, Global Circularity Protocol, WBCSD
Mr. Mayor Mohamed Sefiani, Chefchaouen (Morocco), and Vice President, ICLEI
Mr. Mathieu Tolian [TBC], Climate Director, Veolia
Organizers' logos:

Partenariat français des déchets PFD FSWP French solid waste partnership

ISWA International Solid Waste Association

ZERO WASTE EUROPE

Thursday, 12 November 2026

Event title: From Belém to Impact: Operationalizing Child-Sensitive GGA Health Indicators

Time: 09:00–10:00 hrs,

Organizers: Save the Children, United Nations University Institute for Global Health

Event description:

As climate change increasingly affects human health through heatwaves, floods, droughts, air pollution and the spread of climate-sensitive diseases, robust and inclusive measurement frameworks are essential to track adaptation progress and ensure that no one is left behind. The adoption of the Belém Adaptation Indicators (BAI) under the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) marked a significant milestone, including for capturing and understanding climate-related health risks and adaptation outcomes.

As countries move towards implementation, important questions remain: Do the current health indicators adequately reflect the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children and other vulnerable populations? How can reporting systems be strengthened to generate age-, sex- and disability-disaggregated data? What capacities and partnerships are needed to translate global indicators into meaningful national and local monitoring systems?

This side event will explore opportunities and challenges in operationalizing the GGA health indicators, with a particular focus on child-sensitive and equity-focused reporting. Drawing on emerging country experiences and lessons from pilot initiatives, the discussion will highlight how improved data collection and reporting can strengthen evidence-based adaptation planning, support more equitable climate finance allocation, and ensure that climate and health policies address the needs of those most at risk.

The event will also examine the role of governments, UN agencies, academia, civil society and other non-state actors in generating, validating and reporting health-related adaptation data, and identify pathways for strengthening capacities for GGA implementation and reporting.

Speakers:

Youssef Nassef, Global Director for Adaptation, UNFCCC

Dr Tania H. Rödiger-Vorwerk, Deputy Director General for Climate, Environment and Health at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Representative MoH Togo (tbc)

Patrick Gitonga, Climate Investment Principal, Green Climate Fund (tbc)

Dr Marek Szilvasi, Climate and Health Expert, mandated expert supporting the development of the UNFCCC GGA health indicators

Moderator: Revati Phalkey, Director, United Nations University Institute for Global Health (UNU-GH)

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Event title: Keeping cool in the heat: From policy to local action for health

Time: 10.30–11.30 a.m.

Organizer: WHO Regional Office for Europe

Event description:

Addressing extreme heat has become a political, societal and public health priority. Extreme heat is one of the most directly felt impacts of climate change, increasingly affecting people's health and well-being, particularly among populations at greater risk, while also placing pressure on health systems and causing wider social and economic impacts. Heat-health action plans (HHAPs), as recommended in the new 2026 WHO guidance, provide a framework for a planned, coordinated and institutional public health response to extreme heat.

Recent summers have demonstrated the growing toll of extreme heat on health and well-being across the European Region, and beyond. The 2026 heatwaves, particularly, placed additional pressure on health services, disrupted daily life and further underscored the need for stronger preparedness and protection measures, especially for populations at increased risk.

The event will explore how countries, cities and institutions are responding to growing heat-related health risks and how policy commitments can be translated into practical action. It will open with a snapshot of the 2026 summer heat across Europe and Central Asia, followed by a discussion on how governments can strengthen heat-health policy, preparedness and protection. A second panel will focus on local and community-level solutions, highlighting how cities, humanitarian actors and other partners are implementing measures on the ground.

Drawing on the 2026 WHO guidance and practical examples from the European Region, speakers will explore lessons learned from recent heat events, practical approaches to preparedness, adaptation and health protection, and common implementation challenges. The session will provide an opportunity to exchange experiences, reflect on emerging priorities and identify transferable approaches that can be adapted across different contexts, helping to bridge the gap between policy and implementation.

Speakers:

- Oliver Schmoll, WHO European Centre for Environment, Climate Change and Health (*moderator*)
- Nikos Chrysogelos, Municipality of Athens
- Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health
- Jan Dusik, Directorate-General Climate Action, European Commission

- Mary Friel, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- Mina Hasman, Royal Institute of British Architects
- Heike Henn, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Pauline Lavaud, City of Paris
- Alessandro Massazza, United for Global Mental Health
- Claire Ransom, World Meteorological Organization

Useful resources:

WHO/Europe Heat–health action plans: guidance, second edition

WHO/Europe Heat–health action plans: guidance, second edition: executive summary

Organizers' logo:

World Health Organization
European Region

Event title: One Breath, One Planet: clean air, climate action and asthma

Time: 14.00 - 15.00

Organizers: European Respiratory Society, The European Youth Energy Network (EYEN)

Event description:

Climate change is impacting the air we breathe. Extreme weather events, rising temperatures, wildfires' smoke, changing pollen seasons and air pollution can all affect the respiratory system. For millions of people living with asthma worldwide, climate change is not a potential environmental threat: it is a health and clinical reality. This event aims at making the respiratory health impacts of climate change tangible, using asthma as a clear example of how climate and environmental exposures affect people's health. It will also demonstrate the co-benefits of climate and clean-air action, showing how policies that reduce emissions can also reduce air pollution, prevent respiratory disease and reduce pressure on health systems. It will bring together health experts, scientists, policymakers, young energy professionals and patients' representatives. The discussion will culminate in three concrete policy actions that governments and other decision-makers can take forward beyond COP31. The European Respiratory Society has a long-standing commitment to address the links between air pollution, climate change and respiratory disease. The organisation has consistently highlighted the health and economic benefits of stronger air-quality policies, bringing it forward in multiple occasions and events. The European Youth Energy Network (EYEN) represents youth as people who are, simultaneously, exposed to worsening climate impacts, and actively working on the implementation of solutions. EYEN develops

youth-related energy projects and fora and has been organizing side events since COP26. Building on the global climate-health and clean-air discussions of previous COPs, this event will move from demonstrating the health impacts and co-benefits to identifying concrete policy actions that can protect people living with respiratory disease.

Speakers:

Prof Arzu Yorgancioğlu (ERS)

Prof Zorana J Andersen (ERS)

Marion Revest (EYEN)

Maya Mailer (Our Kids' Climate)

Sean Maguire (Clean Air Fund) TBC

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Event title: Black carbon challenge: Connecting climate, air pollution, energy, and health

Time: 17h00 – 18h00

Organizers: World Health Organization (WHO), International Society of Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE), and Wellcome Trust

Event description:

Black carbon sits at a critical intersection of air pollution, climate change and energy, with significant implications for human health. Produced through the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels and biomass, black carbon is both a component of fine particulate matter and a short-lived climate pollutant. Major sources include transportation, household solid-fuel use, industrial combustion, and the open burning of biomass and waste.

This event will place health at the center of the case for action on black carbon. It will provide an advance preview of an upcoming WHO report on the health effects of black carbon, presenting its scope, scientific evidence and emerging messages for policy and practice. The session will show how evidence of health effects can strengthen the case for reducing black carbon as a short-lived climate

pollutant. Following opening remarks and an introductory presentation on the report, a moderated panel will bring together complementary perspectives from science, government, environmental policy, respiratory health and people with lived experience of air pollution.

Panelists will discuss what the evidence means for public health and environmental/energy/climate policies as well as for medical community and patients. They will consider how health evidence can inform effective and equitable interventions and how the prospect of tangible health benefits can build support for more ambitious climate action. The discussion will examine measures being taken by regions, countries, cities and communities to reduce emissions from key combustion sources and assess how these measures could be strengthened through climate policy, air-quality management, clean energy transition and transport, and international cooperation. By connecting health evidence with practical solutions, the event will demonstrate that action on black carbon can protect health while delivering near-term benefits for air quality and climate.

Panelists will also discuss how this new evidence can be translated for medical professionals and patient advice, mitigate risk and reduce disease burden and engage them in air pollution advocacy and support for cleaner air policy measures. Examples from the European Respiratory Society and European Lung Foundation will illustrate engage broader health community.

Speakers:

- Dr. Alan Dangour, Director of Climate and Health (Wellcome Trust)
- Dr. Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum (Unit Head, Climate Change, Air Quality, Energy, and Health)
- Dr. Daniel Buss, Climate Change and Environmental Determinants of Health Unit Chief (WHO/PAHO)
- Dr. Ebba Malmqvist (Associate Professor, Lund University, ISEE)
- Stefan ÅSTRÖM, (Chair of FICAP and TFIAM)
- Prof. Zorana Jovanovic ANDERSEN (Professor in Environmental Epidemiology, University of Copenhagen; Chair Elect of European Respiratory Society Advocacy Council)

Organizers' logos:

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ISEE

Event title: Culture for climate and health – Part 1: Art as a lever for climate and health action

Time: 18:15-19:15

Organizers: Jameel Arts & Health Lab in collaboration with the WHO Regional Office for Europe. Supported by the Entertainment + Culture Pavillion, In Place of War and EarthSonic

Event description:

The climate crisis is a crisis of culture.

It is the result of human behaviour, rooted in how we consume, what we prioritise, and how we understand our place within the planet's ecosystems. Shifting these patterns and fostering lasting change requires culture itself to be part of the conversation.

This session is the first of two COP31 events in the Health Pavillion that bring together voices from climate, culture, and health to explore how the arts can support health related impacts of climate change through mitigation, adaptation and communication.

Join us for a live performance by Flow (EarthSonic), an international collaboration of women artists that turns lived experiences of water, health and territory into music. This will be followed by a panel discussion that builds on a newly published *Arts, Health and Climate* Policy Brief by WHO and the Jameel Arts & Health Lab. The session aims to strengthen multisectoral dialogue and build an alliance of environment, culture and health as we head into the new UN Decade of Culture for Sustainable Development.

View the trailer for the panel here.

Register for this panel here.

Speakers:

- Robb Butler (moderator), Visiting Professor in Practice, LSE Health; former WHO Director for Communicable Diseases, Environment and Health
- Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Honorary President of the Club of Rome; Executive Chair of Earth4All; Commissioner on the WHO Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health
- Sohini Alam, British Bangladeshi singer, composer and music director, and member of Flow (EarthSonic)
- Nisha Sajnani, Founding Co-Director, Jameel Arts & Health Lab; Director, Professor and Chair, Creative Arts Therapies Consortium, NYU Steinhardt; Lead author, WHO policy brief on the role of the arts in addressing the health impacts of climate change.

Useful resources:

Flow — EarthSonic

Role of the arts and culture in addressing the health impacts of climate change: Behavioural and Cultural Insights policy brief series

Organizers' logos:









Friday, 13 November 2026

Event Title: Adaptation without a baseline: climate change and health in fragile settings

Organizers: World Health Organization Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO EMRO), United Nations University (UNU) Global Health

Time: 13 November 2026, 09:00–10:00 local time

Location: COP31 Health Pavilion, Antalya, Türkiye, and webcast

Short description

In much of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, the people most exposed to extreme heat, sand and dust storms, drought and floods live where health information systems are weakest: in fragile, conflict-affected and displacement settings. Adaptation planning usually assumes baselines, such as complete mortality records, long surveillance series and facility inventories, that these settings do not have.

This regional roundtable asks how countries can plan and act on health adaptation now, with the data they have, using heat as the worked example. Country voices from the Region and UNU Global Health will share practical approaches, from rapid risk assessment to building evidence while acting, and discuss the support fragile settings need to move from assessment to adaptation.

Event Title: Nutrition for all at the heart of food systems, climate and planetary health action

Organizers: World Health Organization, Nordic Council of Ministers

Time: 13 November 2026, 10:30–11:30 local time

Location: COP31 Health Pavilion, Antalya, Türkiye, and webcast

Short description

Climate change, variability and extreme weather are increasingly affecting food availability, affordability, safety and diet quality, while disrupting essential nutrition, health and WASH services. At the same time, unsustainable food systems are contributing to climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation. Addressing these interconnected challenges requires nutrition, health, food systems and climate action to come together.

This event will bring together countries, experts and partners to explore priority actions that can deliver benefits for nutrition, health and the environment. Discussions will highlight the health sector’s role in ensuring that climate adaptation protects nutrition, food safety, health and equity, addressing malnutrition in all its forms, from undernutrition to obesity. The session will also consider opportunities for mitigation through

sustainable and healthy diets and food environments, and explore how nutrition can be better integrated into national climate plans, climate finance and wider action across climate, biodiversity and land restoration. The discussion will identify practical priorities for action and partnership, helping to strengthen the place of nutrition and health within climate action and take forward work through the ATACH Community of Practice on Nutrition and the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN).

Speakers:

- Dr Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization (recorded message)
- Ms Karen Ellemann, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers
- Dr Cristina Tirado & Dr Katrin Engelhardt, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO
- Ms Márcia Muchagata, Office of the National Secretariat for Food and Nutrition Security (SESAN), Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger (MDS), Brazil
- Dr. Md. Mohiuddin Al Helal, Prime Minister' Office, Bangladesh
- Alan O'Brien, Deputy Director, Climate Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland
- Roy Steiner, Senior Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation
- Abdul-Fatawu Salifu, ATACH Youth Champion, Ghana
- Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Unit Head Climate Change and Health, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health

Organizers' logos:

World Health Organization

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Event Title: Healthy futures, Climate benefits: Unlocking the Health Benefits of Climate Action

Organizers: World Health Organization (WHO) Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment and Health

Time: 13 November 2026, 12:00–13:00 local time

Location: COP31 Health Pavilion, Antalya, Türkiye, and webcast

Short description

Building on the momentum of the Pacific Pre-COP31 dialogue *1.5°C to Thrive: The Health Gains of Keeping 1.5°C Within Reach*, this interactive session will explore how the compelling health case for climate action can be translated into policy, investment and implementation. Bringing together leaders from government, health, climate, finance, civil society and youth communities, the event will examine how health co-benefits can help drive more ambitious climate action while strengthening resilience and wellbeing.

The discussion will focus on practical pathways for embedding health considerations into climate decision-making, financing and planning processes, while showcasing examples of health-informed climate action that

deliver measurable social, economic and health benefits. Speakers will explore how health can strengthen support for climate ambition, inform investment decisions, and help accelerate implementation across sectors. The session will also highlight opportunities to strengthen collaboration between health, climate, finance and development stakeholders to advance healthier, more resilient futures while helping keep 1.5°C within reach.

Organizers' logos:

World Health Organization
Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment and Health

Event Title: The Climate–Mobility–Health Nexus: Research as a Bridge to Coordinated Action

Organizers: World Health Organization (WHO), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations University (UNU) Global Health, Migration Youth & Children Platform (MYCP), and YOUNGO Health

Time: 13 November 2026, 14:00–15:00 local time

Location: COP31 Health Pavilion, Antalya, Türkiye, and webcast

Short description

Climate change is increasingly shaping patterns of migration and displacement, with significant implications for the health and well-being of migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, host communities and other populations living in fragile settings. Yet climate change, human mobility and health are still too often addressed through separate policy, research and operational frameworks, limiting opportunities for coordinated action.

This session will explore how research, evidence and lived experience can help bridge these gaps and inform more inclusive, climate-resilient health systems. Bringing together perspectives from young people, community-based responders, humanitarian actors and global health experts, the discussion will examine how climate-related mobility affects health and access to essential services, and how the experiences and knowledge of affected communities can better inform climate adaptation, health-system preparedness and service delivery.

Particular attention will be given to strengthening community-based primary health care, integrating mental health and psychosocial support into climate and health planning, and ensuring the meaningful participation of young people and displaced populations in shaping policy and practice. Through a panel discussion and interactive dialogue, participants will identify priority evidence gaps, practical opportunities for cross-sectoral collaboration, and concrete steps to translate research into action at national, regional and global levels.

Key message: Research must bridge climate, migration and health agendas to translate evidence and lived experience into coordinated action and inclusive, climate-resilient health systems that leave no one behind.

Speakers:

- **Revati Phalkey** – Director, UNU Global Health (Moderator)
- **Dr Luisa Cikamatana**, Ministry of Health, Fiji (TBC) (Keynote)
- **Sylvia Garry** – Consultant, Health and Migration Programme, WHO
- **Kuta Joseph Fonorito** – Youth Representative for Asia & the Pacific, MYCP
- **Dires Desyibelew,** Deputy Secretary General, Ethiopia Red Cross Society, IFRC (TBC)
- **Andrew Harper** – Special Advisor on Climate Action to the High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR
- **Dr Aishat Oduye** – Youth Representative, Health Working Group Contact Point, YOUNGO

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Event title: ***Funding research, accelerating impact:*** *how can funder collaboration in the climate and health research ecosystem improve more lives, more quickly?*

Time: Friday 13 November 2026, 15:30 - 16:30 local time

Organizers:

European Commission; Wellcome Trust; French National Research Agency (ANR); Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw); National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC, Australia); International Development Research Centre (IDRC, Canada); Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI, Romania); Thailand Science, Research and Innovation (TSRI); South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC); Philippines Department of Health; UK Research and Innovation (UKRI); The Partnering Initiative (TPI, platform facilitator).

Event description:

The climate crisis is a health crisis. Rising temperatures, exacerbated air pollution, changing disease patterns and food and water insecurity are threatening people's lives and placing increasing strain on health systems worldwide. Research on climate and health is growing fast, yet remains fragmented, concentrated in a handful of countries and with very limited success translating research into impact on the ground.

In the context of the launch of a new *Multilateral Initiative on Climate and Health Research Funding*, this interactive fishbowl-style event brings together a wide range of stakeholders to discuss:

- Optimising available resources to coordinate research investments across regions and along the research pathway, to promote research equity, so gaps are closed, duplication is avoided and resources are delivered efficiently.
- Strengthening pathways to impact, to ensure that evidence created by research reaches policy, practice and markets within and across regions.
- Enabling prioritised, trusted and open climate and health science that is kept high on the political agenda, openly shared and heard by decision-makers and the public, including younger generations.

Background - the Initiative

The new Multilateral Initiative on Climate and Health Research Funding has been developed with initial support from the European Commission, the Wellcome Trust and a Design Group of nine public research funders from around the world. It will accelerate innovation, reduce fragmentation, and translate knowledge into evidence-driven policies and practices. By fostering co-leadership across regions, and driving equitable innovation, the initiative will enable funders to achieve more together than any could alone in delivering lasting impact for climate and health worldwide. We seek to set a new standard of global collaboration, uniting funders and communities to deliver lasting health and climate benefits for present and future generations.

As we launch this new global initiative at COP31 and move to an implementation phase, which will be supported for the next three years by a permanent secretariat, we invite interested organisations to reach out (see the form below) and join the next steps of this exciting endeavour.

Speakers:

- The Hon. Kate Thwaites, Special Envoy for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience (Australia)
- Representative of the Turkish Presidency of COP (TBC)
- Maria Pilar Aguar Fernandez, Director at DG Research and Innovation for the Directorate "People: Health and Society", European Commission
- Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Climate Change and Health Unit Lead, WHO
- Erin Tansey, Director, Economies and Justice, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada
- Representative of IDRC's ARCH initiative (TBC)
- Representative of French National Research Agency (ANR) (TBC)

Moderator: Alan Dangour, Director of Climate and Health, Wellcome Trust

Useful resources:

Express interest in joining or following the initiative: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Au3ANQBRDV

WHO's Research Agenda for Action on Climate and Health (REACH) Program: https://www.who.int/teams/environment-climate-change-and-health/climate-change-and-health/reach

European Union (EU) Framework for Climate Resilience: https://climate.ec.europa.eu/areas-action/adaptation-and-resilience-climate-change/eu-framework-climate-resilience_en

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Event Title: Embedding Health in the Climate Ambition Cycle: Co-Benefits and Public Health Leadership

Time: Friday, 13 November, 17:00 – 18:00

Organisers: The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI).

Event Description*:* Integrating health into the climate ambition cycle - including NDCs, BTRs, Transition Roadmaps, and LT-LEDS - can strengthen countries' ability to anticipate climate-driven health threats, align health-system resilience with sectoral transitions, and capture the health co-benefits of clean-energy pathways. This session will explore major fossil-fuel health impacts and highlight the gains from transitioning to cleaner systems; discuss how UNDP supports countries in developing climate policies; and demonstrate how National Public Health Institutes can support climate-related health risk assessments, identify health-promoting mitigation and adaptation measures, and embed these insights into national planning and reporting. It will also show how health integration improves policy coherence, strengthens evidence-based investment decisions, and can help mobilise finance by highlighting avoided disease burdens and reduced healthcare costs, and will feature an example of incorporating health into climate policies such as BTRs, Transition Roadmaps, and LT-LEDS.

Speakers:

- Marina Romanello, Executive Director, the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change
- Ellen Connorton, Head of Policy, the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change
- Natalia Linou, Global Health Policy Lead, United National Development Programme
- Giri Shankar MBE, Director of Health Protection and Chair of IANPHI's Climate Change and Public Health Thematic Committee (Virtual)
- Rose K. Mokaya, Assistant Director, Waste Management, Pollution Control, Climate Change & Health Unit; Division of Environmental Health and Sanitation, Ministry of Health, Kenya

Useful resources:

2026 Report of the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change

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Saturday, 14 November 2026

Event title: Beyond Heat Stress: Tackling Infectious Diseases in a Warming World

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am

Organisers: Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), the Innovative Vector Control Consortium (IVCC), and Unitaid

Event description: Heatwaves are breaking records, raising demand for medical care, overwhelming health systems and causing avoidable deaths. Yet adaptation responses also need to account for the broader impacts of climate change on infectious disease risk and the health systems that respond to them. Climate-sensitive infectious diseases are affected through four interconnected pathways. First, rising temperatures, changing rainfall patterns, floods and droughts can alter disease ecology by affecting vectors, pathogens and transmission dynamics, extending transmission seasons and expanding diseases into new geographic areas. Second, extreme heat can increase human vulnerability and exposure to infection. Third, heat and other extreme climate conditions can compromise the effectiveness and delivery of essential health tools by heightening risk of damage and degradation, disrupting supply and delivery systems and reducing access to medicines, vaccines, diagnostics and vector control products. Fourth, health systems face compounding pressures as climate-related extremes can weaken health system resilience by increasing demand for care, disrupting service delivery and stretching already strained resources.
This event will bring together governments, researchers, innovators and product developers, funders and community representatives from regions experiencing the impacts of climate-sensitive infectious diseases to discuss how adaptation strategies can address these interconnected risks and highlight what progress is being made against the COP30 Belem Health Action Plan. The discussion will explore practical opportunities to better integrate climate-sensitive infectious diseases into adaptation planning and investment, drawing on perspectives from policy and implementation, financing and investment, evidence generation, innovation, product development and lived experience. It will also explore how interventions against climate-sensitive infectious diseases can contribute to broader resilience goals by protecting vulnerable populations, preserving continuity of care and supporting preparedness for future climate impacts.

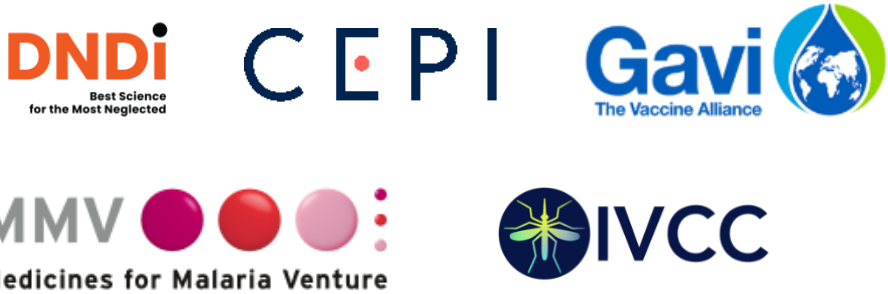
Moderator (proposed):

- Veena Balakrishnan, Co-Founder and Director of Institutional Relations, Youth Negotiators Academy (YNA).

Speakers:

- Elisa Morgera, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Climate Change and Human Rights.
- Mariana Campos, Latin America Front Coordinator, World's Youth for Climate Justice.
- Oumnia Anfer, Secretary of YoU-CAN.
- Clara Beauvoir, Environmental Law Thematic Focal Point, CYMG UNEP.

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Event title: Youth-Led Climate and Health Action: From Global Commitments to National Implementation

Time: 12h00 – 13h00

Organizers: YOUNGO Health Working Group, WHO Youth Council, DTH-Lab, International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF), International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), Planetary Health Report Card (PHRC), Govardhan Foundation, Young World Federation of Public Health Associations (YWFPHA), and the Youth Climate and Health Network (YCHN) of GCHA

Event description:

Young people are already shaping climate and health action through policy, advocacy, research and community work across every region. Yet youth organisations often lack practical tools to move from broad advocacy messages to concrete policy discussions with Ministries of Health, climate authorities and other decision-makers. Climate and health commitments only matter if they lead to implementation.

This session marks the official launch of the Global Youth Action Framework on Climate and Health. The Framework was developed by the YOUNGO Health Working Group with a multi-organisation Steering Committee and shaped through an open global consultation. It is an implementation-oriented policy and advocacy resource covering ten priority climate and health themes. For each theme, it sets out recommended government actions, youth actions, indicators, real-world examples and questions for policymakers.

The Framework also equips young people to review national climate and health policy processes, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Health National Adaptation Plans (HNAPs), so they can identify existing commitments, implementation gaps and opportunities for stronger health integration.

Moderated by young people, the session brings together youth leaders, government representatives, technical experts and international organisations. It will show how youth organisations can use the Framework when engaging policymakers and highlight examples of national climate and health implementation from different regions. Participants will also discuss how global commitments can become measurable, accountable national action at COP31 and beyond.

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Event title: Climate-Resilient and Low-Carbon Health Systems: Lessons from Practice and Policy

Event date and time: Saturday, 14 Nov, 14:00-15:00

Description:
Health systems must both reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen their resilience to climate change. Yet mitigation and adaptation are often planned, financed and implemented separately. This moderated panel discussion will bring together representatives from national public health research institutes and departments of health to share emerging research and policies for climate resilient and low-carbon health systems, as also draw on global experiences and practical insights from a forthcoming book on climate change and health systems. Bringing together international experts, policymakers and practitioners, the session will explore lessons across countries and levels of implementation, identifying barriers, and enabling conditions and opportunities for integrating mitigation and adaptation into health-system action.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Ornella Punzo** (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, International Association of National Public Health Institutes)
- **Dr. Francesco Colelli** (Centro Euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici)
- **Dr. Shellyza Sajwani (**Co-Chair, Canadian Association of Pharmacy for the Environment (CAPhE) and contributing author to *Healing in a Changing Climate: A Global Guide for Health Systems*)
- **Divya Alexander** (Editor, *Healing in a Changing Climate: A Global Guide for Health Systems*)

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Event title: From Heat to Health: Protecting the Workers Who Power the Global Economy
Time: 15:30 – 16:30
Organizers: Fair Labor Association
Event description: Climate change is already affecting workers' health, particularly workers in climate-vulnerable countries and sectors exposed to extreme heat. However, climate-health discussions often focus on health systems and communities while overlooking the workplace and the millions of workers whose livelihoods depend on climate-exposed industries.

Join the Fair Labor Association and an expert panel of workers, employers/brands, governments, health experts, and climate actors to examine how climate change—particularly extreme heat—is affecting the health, safety, livelihoods, and productivity of workers in global supply chains. Focusing on manufacturing and agriculture linked to garment and footwear supply chains, speakers will connect emerging evidence on heat stress and worker health with practical solutions for employers, brands, policymakers, and workers. Research and experience from Cambodia, India, Italy, Türkiye and other climate-vulnerable countries will illustrate the diverse impacts of extreme heat across supply chains, including occupational health risks, reduced productivity, income insecurity and the disproportionate impacts experienced by workers in vulnerable and lower-income communities.

Panelists also will review the growing body of research, tools and guidance on heat stress developed by researchers, trade associations, civil society and multi-stakeholder initiatives, and consider how these resources can inform workplace adaptation, occupational health and safety measures, responsible purchasing practices, worker participation, and just-transition strategies.

Speakers:

- Hulusi Ögütcüler: Manager of Factory Assessments at Fair Labor Association
- Sophia Yang: Founder & Executive Director at Threading Change
- Dr. Laurie Parsons: Reader in Human Geography at Royal Holloway, University of London,
- Rafi Ay: General President of Öz İplik İş

- Lucy Siers: Senior Research Scholar, Global Labor, Business and Human Rights at NYU Stern
- Barbara Bijelic: Head of Regulation and Standards, Responsible Business Conduct at the OECD

Moderator:

- Chaimae Azmi, Research and Development Manager at Fair Labor Association

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Monday, 16 November 2026

Event title: Advancing Health and Climate Outcomes through Cross-Sector Collaboration

Time: 9:00-10:00 am

Organizers: NDC Partnership, WHO

Event description: Across more than 100 developing country members, the NDC Partnership has helped countries strengthen climate planning, mobilize support, and advance implementation. This experience demonstrates that, while the transition from climate ambition to action remains challenging, it is achievable when countries have the capacity, partnerships, and political ownership needed to deliver results.

The links between climate and health create unique opportunities to advance outcomes in climate change mitigation, adaptation, and development across sectors. Through cross-sectoral collaboration, countries can maximize the health co-benefits of climate action while building more resilient, sustainable communities and health systems. With dynamic and resilient health systems serving as one of ten interconnected priorities of the COP31 Presidency's Action Agenda and clear connections between health and the other Action Agenda priorities, this "Implementation COP" presents a key opportunity to ensure cross-sectoral collaboration is driving health-centered implementation.

Through a rapid-fire question and answer panel, this event will bring together NDC Partnership members and other leading experts to share lessons learned, showcase country-led progress, and identify opportunities to drive cross-sectoral collaboration on health and climate outcomes and move from planning to implementation.

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World Health Organization

Event title: From Carbon to Climate Security: Transforming Health Products & Supply Chains for a Warming, Unstable World

Time: 10.30-11.30an

Organizers: Unitaid

Event description:
Climate change is already affecting health systems, health-product supply chains and the conditions under which essential medicines and technologies are produced, stored and delivered. At the same time, geopolitical

fragmentation, severe funding constraints, conflict and wider systemic shocks are making continuity of access increasingly difficult.

The challenge is no longer to demonstrate that climate change matters for health.
The question is what needs to change — for real.

This means being honest about the scale and complexity of the challenge. The transition to a lower-emission, climate-resilient health system will not be simple or cost-free. Nor can climate considerations be addressed separately from constrained resources, fragile supply chains, competing health priorities and growing instability.

We need to pursue a just climate transition while confronting the uncomfortable reality that the conditions in which health systems operate are changing - and that some of today's models may simply no longer be viable.

This event is therefore deliberately designed not as another discussion of climate risks, emissions or resilience in isolation, but as a conversation about the structural changes required in the health-product ecosystem - from product design and manufacturing to financing, procurement, regulation, supply chains and community access. It will ask where current approaches are no longer fit for purpose, where incentives are misaligned, and what governments, financiers, industry and communities need to do differently if health products and supply chains are to remain affordable, accessible and resilient in a hotter, more resource-constrained and more unstable world.

The discussion will explore three connected shifts:

1. **From carbon reduction to climate and health security:** How can reducing emissions and dependence on fossil fuels become part of strengthening the security and continuity of health-product supply — without compromising affordability and equitable access?
2. **From reacting to climate risks to designing for them:** What needs to change in the way we design, manufacture, package, store and deliver health products when the environmental conditions they were designed for are no longer the conditions in which they will operate?
3. **From today's products to tomorrow's health needs:** How can innovation and investment anticipate changing disease patterns and environmental conditions, rather than waiting for existing products and systems to become inadequate?

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Event title: Climate and Health in IPCC AR7: Expert Priorities for Mobilizing the Health Community
Time: November 16th, 14:00 - 15:00
Organizers: Co-sponsored by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Wellcome Trust

Event description:
Climate change is a health issue - and the health community has a vital role to play in shaping how we understand and respond to its impacts. Join us to explore how the health community can help strengthen and shape the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Seventh Assessment Report (AR7).
Building on insights from the IPCC-Wellcome Co-Sponsored Expert Meeting on Climate Change and Health, we'll share five priority action areas identified by global experts for strengthening climate-health assessment. Discover how health researchers, professionals and organisations can help close evidence gaps, bring diverse and under-represented perspectives into the process, contribute to IPCC assessments and reviews, and mobilize the assessment findings in ways that are meaningful to health practitioners and policymakers.
Be part of the conversation! Hear perspectives from the IPCC Bureau and Lead Authors on how to turn these priorities into action. Together, we can help ensure health is better reflected in climate science and informs more effective, equitable climate policy and decision-making.

Speakers:

- Dr. Sherilee Harper, IPCC WGI Vice Chair
- Dr. Winston Chow, IPCC WGII Co-Chair
- Dr. Şiir Kılkış, WGIII Vice Chair
- Dr. Shouro Dasgupta, IPCC WGIII Lead Author
- Dr. Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Unit Head, Climate Change, Air Quality, Energy, and Health

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Event title: From Early Warning to Early Action: Climate Services for Equitable Health Protection

Time: November 16, 15h30 –16h30

Organizers: Climate and Health Observatory – Fiocruz

Event description:

Climate change poses growing challenges to public health, particularly for populations facing greater social and environmental vulnerabilities. Strengthening the connection between climate information, health surveillance, and public health responses is essential to advancing equitable adaptation strategies.

This session will present the work of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), through its Institute of Scientific and Technological Communication and Information in Health (Icict), highlighting the role of the Climate and Health Observatory in producing and translating scientific evidence into actionable information for public health decision-making.

The discussion will introduce the Observatory's monitoring systems and climate services, with particular emphasis on AlertAR Saúde, a tool designed to anticipate health risks associated with air pollution. It will also explore the interface between these tools and Brazil's Special Secretariat for Indigenous Health (SESAI), highlighting their potential to support health surveillance, inform preventive measures, and strengthen responses to environmental threats affecting Indigenous populations.

By connecting scientific knowledge, technological innovation, and public health practice, the session will explore how early warning systems can support timely, evidence-informed action and contribute to more equitable and climate-resilient health systems.

Speakers:

- **Renata Gracie** – Researcher at Icict/Fiocruz and Coordinator of the Climate and Health Observatory
- **Raphael Saldanha** – Researcher at Icict/Fiocruz and Coordinator of the Climate and Health Observatory

Additional speakers to be announced

Useful resources:

Climate and Health Observatory – Fiocruz: https://climaesaude.icict.fiocruz.br/

Organizers' logos:



Tuesday, 17 November 2026

Event title: From Plan to Protection: The Caribbean and Pacific Pathways to Climate-Resilient Health

Subtitle: From Plan to Protection: The Bahamas' Journey Towards Climate-Resilient Health Systems

Time: 9:00-9:30am

Organizer: Ministry of Health and Wellness, Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Event description:

As a Small Island Developing State comprising a geographically dispersed archipelago, The Bahamas faces significant climate-related health challenges, including extreme weather events, rising temperatures, threats to water security, disruptions to healthcare delivery and the long-term psychosocial consequences of disasters. Recognising these vulnerabilities, The Bahamas launched its Health National Adaptation Plan (HNAP) in October 2024, establishing a national framework for strengthening climate-resilient health systems and protecting vulnerable communities.

This session will showcase The Bahamas' HNAP journey from national adaptation planning to practical implementation, highlighting the establishment of dedicated climate and health institutional capacity building and community-level adaptation, national multi-sectoral governance arrangements, climate-health research, and the integration of meteorological information into public health early warning and preparedness as well as the development of cooling centres, improved access to safe drinking water in schools, community-based mental health and psychosocial support networks, and climate-health education.

A dedicated presentation by the national climate change committee (the Climate Change and Environment Advisory Unit - CCEAU) will examine progress in The Bahamas' broader climate change agenda, including national adaptation priorities, international partnerships and efforts to mobilise climate financing to support HNAP implementation and other climate-resilient health-sector investments.

Drawing on implementation experiences, the presentation will examine the challenges of delivering climate-health adaptation across an archipelago, including infrastructure vulnerabilities, resource constraints, institutional coordination and sustainable financing. It will also highlight opportunities to strengthen climate-resilient healthcare infrastructure, expand community-level interventions, enhance climate-informed surveillance and mobilise international climate financing.

By sharing practical achievements, lessons learned and future investment priorities, The Bahamas aims to demonstrate how national health adaptation plans can be translated into meaningful action, offering transferable lessons for other Small Island Developing States and reinforcing the importance of international partnerships in building resilient, equitable and sustainable health systems.

Speakers:

Dr. Phillip Swann – Climate Change and Health Team, Ministry of Health & Wellness

Ms. Chandra Mackey - Climate Change and Health Team, Ministry of Health & Wellness

Video Presentation, Climate Change and Environment Advisory Unit, Office of the Prime Minister

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Session title: "From Heat to Health Resilience: A Human Rights-Based Approach to Climate Adaptation"

Date: 17 November 2026

Time: 12:00–13:00 (local time)

Lead organisations: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Global Climate and Health Alliance (GCHA), and World's Youth for Climate Justice (WYCJ)

Supporting organisation: United Nations University – Global Health

Background and Rationale
Extreme heat is one of the most immediate and unequal health impacts of climate change, exposing vulnerabilities in health systems, communities and the underlying determinants of health. Effective adaptation must go beyond responding to individual hazards to strengthen health systems' capacity to anticipate, withstand and recover from climate impacts, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

This side event will launch OHCHR's new briefing on extreme heat and human rights and explore governments' obligations and other actors' responsibilities in building climate-resilient health systems that protect the rights, health and dignity of those most at risk. The discussion will examine practical adaptation priorities, including resilient health infrastructure, urban planning, early-warning systems, worker protection, universal health coverage and social protection.

Bringing together health, climate, human rights, development, civil society, youth, and frontline perspectives, the event will explore how to integrate equity, participation, accountability, and justice into climate adaptation and health strategies, with particular attention to disproportionately affected communities.

Session Format
The event will adopt a conversational, interactive format that centres lived experiences and encourages dialogue across different perspectives, rather than relying on formal presentations.

Moderated Conversation and Briefing Launch

The moderator will guide a discussion on the human rights implications of extreme heat and practical pathways towards climate-resilient health systems. OHCHR will introduce its new briefing and weave its key messages into the conversation, rather than presenting it as a separate formal launch.

Organizers' logos:

UNU Global Health

GLOBAL CLIMATE & HEALTH ALLIANCE

WORLD'S YOUTH FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Event title: Upstream prevention within a One Health and Naure for Health framework

Time: 17th November 10.30am-11.30am

Organizers: Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Program and UNEP.

Event description:

Upstream prevention is an approach to prevent and reduce this issue and if are not carefully planned, national and regional interventions can have unintended negative effects, such as harming local communities or ecosystems. That's why it's important to design and manage them thoughtfully. Planned actions include co-developing policies to reduce biodiversity loss and zoonotic spillover, strengthening regional coordination, empowering all communities such as Government, NGOs, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and building capacity for sustainable ecosystem management and data-driven decision-making. Nature for Health in the Pacific region connects environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and public well-being through integrated frameworks in the One Health approach.

Objectives

- Highlight the importance of One Health upstream prevention strategies benefits, and its challenges.
- Nature for Health and One Health in Pacific approach in the Pacific and its importance to the Climate Change discussions.
- Share experiences from Pacific governments and partners on Nature for Health and One Health. Challenges and opportunities.

Foster partnerships between countries, regional institutions, and global partners to strengthen Naure for Health capacity and sustainability in the Pacific through the One Health approach

Event Title: Climate-Resilient One Health Systems: Strengthening Veterinary Services to Protect Health, Food Security and Biodiversity

Organizer: World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
Time: November 17, 14:00–15:00
Venue: WHO Health Pavilion, Blue Zone, COP31, Antalya, Türkiye

Short Description

Climate change is increasingly affecting animal health and welfare, with consequences for food security, livelihoods, biodiversity and global health security. Extreme heat, droughts, floods and changing disease patterns are placing growing pressure on animal health systems, disrupting veterinary services and increasing the vulnerability of livestock-dependent communities.
Animal health and Veterinary Services are essential to climate resilience. Through disease prevention, vaccination, climate-informed surveillance, early warning and emergency preparedness, they help protect animal populations, sustain food production and strengthen the resilience of communities. Yet their contribution remains insufficiently recognised in national climate policies, adaptation planning and climate finance.
This side event, organised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), will bring together government representatives and international partners to explore practical approaches to strengthening climate-resilient Veterinary Services and integrating animal health into national climate commitments and adaptation strategies. Through a high-level panel discussion, participants will examine opportunities to translate One Health commitments into coordinated action, strengthen cross-sectoral collaboration and mobilise investment in resilient animal health systems.

Moderator: Dr. Chadia Wannous – Head of the One Health and Global Frameworks Department, World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)

Opening Remarks:
- H.E. İbrahim Yumaklı – Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye
- Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran – Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)

Speakers:
- Dr. Ahmet Gümen – Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and Türkiye's Delegate to WOAH
- Rep, Global Environment Facility (GEF) *(tbc)*
- Professor Appolinaire Djikeng – Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) *(tbc)*
- Dr. James Yeates – Chief Executive Officer, World Federation for Animals (WFA)

Organiser's Logo: World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)

World Organisation for Animal Health

Event Title: Whose Health, Whose Transition? Panel discussion with Artistic Intervention on the Health Impacts on Indigenous Peoples in Brazil

Organizers: Cultural Survival, Wara Xavante, and Jequitinhonha Valley communities

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

Short description

As global efforts to accelerate the clean energy transition expand investments in critical minerals and large-scale infrastructure, concerns are growing over their impacts on the health, territories, and well-being of Indigenous Peoples, Quilombola and other local communities. This side event will bring together community leaders, advocates, and performers to examine two cases from Brazil: the A'uwẽ-Xavante struggle against the FICO railway in the Cerrado and the impacts of lithium mining in the Jequitinhonha Valley, Minas Gerais. Through community testimonies, cultural artistic expression, and dialogue, participants will explore how infrastructure development and mineral extraction affect physical and mental health, water security, food systems, cultural practices, and collective well-being. The discussion will emphasize Indigenous understandings of health as inseparable from healthy territories, cultural continuity, and self-determination.
The event will also address the importance of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), community-led health monitoring, and territorial rights in ensuring that the transition to low-carbon economies does not reproduce environmental and health injustices.

Key message: There can be no just transition without healthy territories, and no healthy territories without respecting the rights and authority of the communities who protect them.

Moderator: Edson Krenak – Cultural Survival/Krenak People - Brazil
Speakers:

- Alicia Moncada – Wayuu - Cultural Survival - Venezuela
- Hiparidi Toptiro – A'uwẽ-Xavante representative Wara Association, Cerrado Network Brazil
- Edson Krenak – Cultural Survival/Krenak People - Brazil
- Djalma Aranã Caboclo – Cultural performer and Speaker - Jequitinhonha Valley community representative - Brazil

Organizers' logos:

Cultural Survival

Rede Cerrado

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Associação Xavante Warã

Event title: A Life-Cycle Human Health Perspective of Marine Fuels

Organizers: Equal Routes, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition

Time: November 17th, 17:00 – 18:00

Short Description:

Marine fuel choices are usually framed as a climate or shipping-industry issue - but for communities near extraction sites, export terminals, and shipping corridors, they're a direct public health issue. This session presents the human health evidence on LNG as a marine fuel, connecting well-to-wake life-cycle emissions accounting (including methane slip in marine engines) to health outcomes documented in extraction-adjacent communities - preterm birth, childhood leukemia, respiratory and cardiovascular disease, and premature mortality. A physician from the CAPE network presents the clinical evidence and case studies, followed by a moderated discussion on embedding health impacts into the LCA guidelines currently under development at the IMO.

Speakers:

- Elissama Menezes, Equal Routes
- Dr. Melissa Lem, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
- Jesse Stoeppler, Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition
- Anaïs Rios, Seas at Risk

Organizers' logos:

Equal Routes

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Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

Wednesday, 18 November 2026

Event title: Frontline Women's Health in the Climate Crisis

Time: Wednesday, November 18, 10:30 - 11:30 (TRT)

Organizer(s): Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)

Short Description:
During this panel, frontline community leaders, health advocates, and leaders from climate justice organizations will delve into the toll the climate crisis and fossil fuels are taking on women's health, and the subsequent impacts, including increased economic and caretaking strains. Simultaneously, panelists will share how women are taking action in their communities to restore traditional health practices, ensure food security, and protect the health of the planet, which is essential to the health of their communities. The discussion will also connect these experiences and solutions to the COP31 negotiations, including priorities emerging through the Gender Action Plan, and explore how women's health and gender-responsive approaches can be more meaningfully reflected across climate policy, finance, adaptation, and Just Transition discussions.

Speakers Include:

- **Casey Camp-Horinek** (Ponca Nation), Movement Rights Board President and Indigenous Council Chairwoman
- **Colette Pichon-Battle**, Esq., Board Treasurer, Co-Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, Member of the Legal & Risk Management Committee, U.S. Climate Action Network (USCAN)
- **Viva Tatawaqa**, Co-Executive Director, Management Collective member, and Political Coordinator, DIVA Fiji
- **Noemi Grütter**, Head of Advocacy and Partnerships, Global Alliance for Green and Gender Action (GAGGA)
- **Osprey Orielle Lake,** Executive Director, Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)

Moderated by Katherine Quaid (Confederated Tribes of Umatilla), Strategic Advisor for Policy and Communications, Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)

Useful resources:
WECAN: https://www.wecaninternational.org/
Gendered and Racial Impacts of the Fossil Fuel Industry in North America and Complicit Financial Institutions: https://www.wecaninternational.org/divestment-report

DIVA Fiji: https://divafiji.org/
Pacific Pact on Gender and Climate Action (PPGCA): https://forumsec.org/sites/default/files/2026-09/Pacific%20Pact%20on%20Gender%20and%20Climate%20Action.pdf

Taproot Earth: https://www.taproot.earth/en
The Future is Made of Coral: Reparative Climate Finance https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/668eb7d539d4222a57ac8b7d/69c32f8058623c065982b970_March%202026%20Climate%20Finance

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GAGGA: https://gaggaalliance.org/
Extreme Heat, Health and Climate Justice: Women-Led Solutions for Resilient Communities: https://gaggaalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/final-web_Extreme-Heat-Health-and-Climate-Justice.pdf

Organizer logo:



Event title: "Nothing About Us Without Us": Disability-Inclusive Data and Decision-Making for Climate-Resilient Health Systems

Time: Wednesday, November 18, 12:00 – 13:00 (TRT)

Organizer(s): United Nations University Vice Rectorate in Europe (UNU-VIE), United Nations Global Disability Fund (GDF); The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India; Civic Data Lab (CDL), India

Short Description:
Climate-resilient health systems require knowing who is at risk, where they are, and whether climate-health interventions reach the most vulnerable. Yet disability-disaggregated data and lived experiences are rarely incorporated into climate-risk and health planning. Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) face heightened risks from heat, flooding and cyclones but are often excluded from the design of climate and health responses. A health system cannot be truly resilient if it fails to identify and respond to those most affected by climate shocks.

This session presents a proof of concept piloted in Visakhapatnam, India, through the PI4Cities (Participatory Intelligence for Inclusive Resilience in Cities) project. The model integrates disability-inclusive, AI/GIS-enabled data collection, including chatbot and QR-based reporting and vulnerability dashboards, into municipal decision-making, alongside co-designed physical interventions. Speakers will share practical approaches for embedding disability inclusion into city-level climate-health systems and discuss enabling factors for replication across Global South cities.

Speakers Include:

- Deven Jadeja, United Nations Global Disability Fund (GDF)
- Gaurav Godhwani, Director, Civic Data Lab (CDL), India
- Sharif Qamar, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India
- OPD representative (tbc)

Moderated by: Moderator and local coordinator on the ground: Dr. Emmanuel Cheo, Head of Team, UNU-VIE cheo@vie.unu.edu

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Event title: From Survival to Flourishing: Mental Health, Wellbeing & Emotional Resilience in a Climate Crisis

Time: Wednesday, November 18, 15:30 – 16:30 (TRT)

Organizer(s): Climate Cares, Orygen, Climate and Health Alliance, ECOMIND, Black Dog Institute, Psychology for a Safe Climate, Doctors for Environment Australia, RMIT, University of New England, University of Sydney Matilda Centre, University of Melbourne, Be the Future, ICLEI, Connecting Climate Minds (University of Oxford), Stanford University, EcoNeuro, Neuro Climate Working Group

Short Description:

Climate change is already a mental health issue. Heatwaves, bushfires, floods and slow-onset change bring trauma, grief, displacement and eco-anxiety, and the heaviest burden falls on communities already under pressure. Yet most responses stop at helping people survive. This session shifts the focus to what helps communities flourish, treating emotional resilience as a core part of climate resilience and asking what role the broader system can play.

Speakers from across health, education, research, community and policy will each share one solution that is already working, from intergenerational and community-led approaches to climate-aware classrooms, lived-experience research, support for people working in the climate movement, and multilateral policy. Participants will leave with practical ideas to adapt in their own context, new connections across sectors, and the seeds of an ongoing community of practice.

Speakers Include:

- Sunny Nguyen, Orygen & University of Melbourne

- Dr Selin Tanyeri, Turkish Ministry of Health
- Dr Cybele Dey, Doctors for Environment Australia
- Dr Emma Lawrance, University of Oxford, Climate Cares, Connecting Climate Minds
- Georgia Monaghan, ECOMIND

Moderated by: Isabelle Shaw, Co-Chair of the Global Mental Health Action Network, COP31 Short-Term Action Group

Thursday, 19 November 2026

Event title: The Resilience of Health Systems to Climate Change in Portuguese-Speaking Countries

Organizers: Portuguese Council for Health and Environment (CPSA)

Date: 19 November 2026

Time: 09:00–10:00

Venue: COP31 Health Pavilion

Short description:

Climate change is placing increasing pressure on health systems, affecting healthcare infrastructure, service delivery and the communities they serve. Portuguese-speaking countries face diverse climate risks, from extreme heat and wildfires to floods, droughts and changing patterns of infectious diseases.

This session will bring together perspectives from Portuguese-speaking countries to discuss how health systems can anticipate, withstand and respond to these challenges while maintaining essential services and protecting vulnerable populations.

Through an exchange of experiences, participants will explore national adaptation strategies, resilient healthcare facilities, workforce preparedness and the integration of climate information into public health decisions. The discussion will also consider how cooperation between Portuguese-speaking countries can support knowledge sharing, capacity building and practical action towards climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable health systems.

Speakers:

- **Luís Campos** — President, Portuguese Council for Health and Environment (CPSA), Portugal.
- **Tatiana Marrufo** — Coordinator, Health and Environment Programme, National Institute of Health, Mozambique.
- **Representative from Brazil** — To be confirmed.
- **Representative from Cabo Verde** — To be confirmed.

Useful resources:

Portuguese Council for Health and Environment: https://cpsa.pt/

Organizers' logos:

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Conselho Português
para a Saúde e Ambiente

Event title: From Country Evidence to Heat Action: Insights across South and Southeast Asia

Time: 19 November, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Organizers: Global Heat Health Information Network (GHHIN) South Asia Hub, based at the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), India; Global Heat Health Information Network (GHHIN) Southeast Asia Hub, based at the Heat Resilience & Performance Centre, NUS Medicine, Singapore; and WHO-WMO Climate Health Joint Programme

Event description:

Extreme heat is emerging as one of the most urgent climate risks globally. 2024 was confirmed as the hottest year on record, marking the second consecutive year in which the 12-month global average exceeded 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. Global mean temperature for January–August 2025 stood at 1.42°C (±0.12°C) above pre-industrial levels, and each of the eleven years from 2015 to 2025 is set to rank among the eleven warmest in the 176-year observational record. This signals a growing period of climate overshoot, characterized by intensifying physical impacts and increasing climate volatility. Extreme heat is also threatening to reverse decades of progress in poverty alleviation, gender equality, and sustainable development, with its impacts falling disproportionately on vulnerable populations. Extreme heat is now a defining health risk across Asia, yet national evidence on exposure, vulnerability and response capacity remains fragmented and rarely reaches climate negotiators.

Hosted by the Global Heat Health Information Network (GHHIN) South Asia and Southeast Asia Hubs, based at the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) and the Heat Resilience and Performance Centre (HRPC), NUS Medicine, respectively, this session brings together country-level evidence on heat-health across the two regions. The South Asia Hub will present its recently launched country synthesis reports for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal, while the Southeast Asia Hub will showcase its country briefs for eleven countries in the region. Together, they will highlight recent national developments on heat-health and create an opportunity for cross-regional learning and the exchange of good practices. Panelists from national institutions will spotlight their country's experiences on heat health action, including heat action planning, occupational heat protection, the financing and governance arrangements needed to move plans into delivery. Guided by the Network's Extreme Heat Risk Governance Framework and Toolkit, the session concludes with an overview of how country-level heat evidence can inform cross-sectoral coordination on heat action and support the Global Goal on Adaptation and Belém Health Action Plan.

Useful resources:

1. Living with Heat in India: Heat-health Risks, Vulnerability, and Emerging Responses
2. Living with Heat in Nepal: Heat-health Risks, Vulnerability, and Emerging Responses
3. Living with Heat in Bhutan: Heat-health Risks, Vulnerability, and Emerging Responses
4. Living with Heat in Bangladesh: Heat-health Risks, Vulnerability, and Emerging Responses
5. A Multi-Stakeholder Approach for Urban Heat Resilience: Singapore's Experience

Organizers' logos:

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GLOBAL HEAT HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Event title: From Food Insecurity to Obesity: Rethinking Nutrition in the Global South

Time: 12:00 – 13:00

Organizers: Brazilian Vegetarian Society (SVB), Brazilian Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger (MDS), Affordable Nutrition Coalition, and Institute for Consumer Defense (IDEC)

Event description:

The panel addresses one of the central contradictions of contemporary food systems: the simultaneous rise of food insecurity, undernutrition, overweight, and obesity, particularly across the Global South. Though hunger and obesity may appear to be opposite problems, they share common structural roots: poverty and inequality, poor access to healthy food, inadequate food environments, the growing availability of ultra-processed products, and food systems that fail to guarantee adequate nutrition for all. Climate change intensifies this "global syndemic" of malnutrition, obesity, and environmental degradation, as droughts, floods, and desertification reduce food production and availability, driving up prices and deepening food insecurity among already vulnerable populations.

Bringing together government, civil society, and nutrition advocacy voices, the session explores how public policy can reshape food access and availability to promote healthier, more affordable, and more sustainable diets in a changing climate. Speakers include Brazil's Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger (MDS), presenting an intersectoral approach to obesity prevention and a food systems–climate policy framework; the Brazilian Vegetarian Society (SVB), sharing experience with dietary diversification in school meals and public food procurement; the Affordable Nutrition Coalition, addressing the economic accessibility of healthy diets; and the Brazilian Institute for Consumer Defense (IDEC).

The panel's central message: healthy food should not be a privilege, it should be accessible to everyone. Rather than treating hunger, obesity, and climate change as separate agendas, the discussion frames them as interconnected symptoms of the same failing food systems, calling for integrated policies that link food security, nutrition, economic equity, public health, and climate resilience, offering the Global South a path toward fairer, healthier, and more sustainable food systems for all.

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Event title: Essential Medications in a Warming World: Building Climate-Resilient Pathways from Supply Chain to Patient
Time: 14:00-15:00
Organizers: Healthcare without Harm, Unitaid, Canadian Association of Pharmacy for the Environment (CAPhE), Ghana Network of Persons Living with HIV (NAP+ Ghana)

Climate change is increasingly threatening the availability, quality and safe use of essential medicines. Extreme heat, floods, wildfires and other climate-related events can disrupt pharmaceutical supply chains, compromise medicine storage, interrupt health services and limit access to treatment, particularly for vulnerable populations and communities already experiencing health inequities.

This interactive, multidisciplinary panel will explore an often-overlooked dimension of climate-resilient health systems: how can we ensure that essential medicines remain safe, available and accessible as the world warms?

Following the journey of a medicine from global production and supply chains through procurement, health systems and pharmacies to patients, the discussion will bring together diverse perspectives:
● Vincent Bretin (Unitaid) will address climate-resilient health products and global pharmaceutical supply chains.
●Lujain Alqodmani (Health Care Without Harm) will explore environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient health systems, including procurement.
● Will Gagnon (Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care) will highlight practical implementation within health-care organizations.
● Shellyza Sajwani (CAPhE/Climaceutics Health Solutions) will examine pharmacy preparedness, medicine storage, extreme heat and continuity of medication access during climate-related disruptions.
● Abdul Fatawu (ATACH community/Ghana Network of Persons Living with HIV) will bring civil-society and patient perspectives, emphasizing the consequences of treatment interruptions for communities dependent on essential medicines.
● Dumisani Nxumalo: will bring perspectives from the Presidential Climate Commission and the International Climate Council Network, focusing on the intersection of governance and essential medication resilience

Moving beyond identifying vulnerabilities, the panel will explore practical opportunities for adaptation, collaboration, and policy action. The discussion aims to identify priorities for strengthening equitable access to essential medicines and translating global climate and health commitments into tangible actions across health systems and communities.

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Event title: Protecting Health in Extreme Weather Events

Time: 15:30 – 16:30

Organizer: World Health Organization

Event description:

Climate change is increasing the frequency, intensity and complexity of extreme weather events (EWEs), including heatwaves, floods, droughts, storms, landslides and wildfires. These events have wide-ranging consequences for health, contributing to diseases and deaths; disrupting health services; and increasing the transmission of climate-sensitive infectious diseases. They can also disrupt the critical infrastructure on which health systems depend.

The established El Niño illustrates the challenge of climate variability amplifying and compounding climate-related health risks, and of the importance of early action. WHO has recognized the health risks associated with this El Niño as a global health emergency, underscoring the need for anticipatory action, operational readiness and continuity of essential health services. Against a backdrop of rising global temperatures, El Niño can intensify health risks, with the greatest impacts often falling on populations and health systems already under strain.

Within the COP31 priority area on Dynamic and Resilient Health Systems, this 60-minute session will bring together health, climate, development, disaster risk management and other relevant actors to examine how climate and weather forecasts can be translated into early, coordinated health action. Drawing on experience from El Niño preparedness and other extreme weather events, the discussion will highlight the impacts of EWEs on people's health and well-being and on health-system functionality and showcase practical approaches to early warning, anticipatory action, preparedness, continuity of essential services and health-system resilience.

Useful resources:

WHO PAHO | 24 June 2026. Public Health Situation Analysis: El Niño in the Americas, 2026-2027

WHO | 5 September 2026. Global Public Health Situation Analysis – El Nino 2026

WHO PAHO | 14 September 2026. Regional Situation Report #1: El Niño Phenomenon in the Americas Region.

WHO WPRO | 8 October 2026. Public Health Situation Analysis (PHSA) - Impact of El Niño in the Western Pacific Region (08 October 2026)

IASC ENSO Latest Report

Global Update | September 2026: An Inter-Agency Report of the Global ENSO Analysis Cell - El Niño Status & Humanitarian Outlook

World Health Organization

Event title: Centering the Climate-Health Story: Journalism and Storytelling in the Ecosystem for Change

Time: 17:00 – 18:00

Organizers: The event is organized by the Climate Change Media Partnership (CCMP), Internews' Earth Journalism Network, Informed Earth, Stanley Center for Peace and Security, and Climate Acceptance Studios

Event description:
Climate change is increasingly a health story. Yet there's a need for much more journalism, public communication, and storytelling at the climate-health nexus.

This gap represents a missed opportunity for both public health and climate action.

With "Dynamic and Resilient Health Systems" among the COP31 presidency's ten Action Agenda priorities, climate-health advocates are pursuing ambitious policy goals. Achieving meaningful change requires an ecosystem of actors, including independent journalists who investigate, contextualize, scrutinize, and bring developments into the public sphere.

From extreme heat and infectious disease to food insecurity and pressures on health systems, journalists illuminate climate-health impacts, investigate institutional claims, examine policies and solutions, and connect global issues to local experiences. Health experts and civil society organizations also use media and storytelling to make evidence accessible and build public support for climate action.

This event brings together journalists and communicators to explore how reporting and storytelling can strengthen public understanding, accountability, and policy change, and how climate-health stakeholders can constructively engage with this work.

Featuring journalists from the Climate Change Media Partnership, which has supported hundreds of journalists from low- and middle-income countries covering UN climate summits, and others using media to create impact, the event connects COP31 stakeholders with journalists, media networks, and video creators telling the climate-health story.

Speakers:

1. **Hammad Sarfraz (Pakistan)**: Journalist and Head of Original Content and Special Reports at The Express Tribune, leading a team of reporters across Pakistan and reporting on air quality, pollution, and the mental health impacts of climate change. CCMP Reporting Fellow.
2. **Aparna Bose (India)**: Senior Correspondent, Press Trust of India, reporting on politics, the environment, climate change, and energy, with a recent focus on health and climate, including mental health, heat stress, and air pollution. CCMP Reporting Fellow.
3. **Angelica Maria Daza Romero (Colombia)**: Creator-journalist and co-founder of the climate storytelling platform, Pensamiento Espiral, reporting on climate and health impacts on Indigenous communities. CCMP Reporting Fellow.

4. **[VIA ZOOM] Abdul-Fatawu Salifu (Ghana)**: Public health advocate, licensed nutritionist, and Champion for Patients, Communities, and Youth for the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) - with introduction by **Tom Clark, CEO, Climate Acceptance Studios (UK).**
5. Moderator: **Joe Vipond** (Canada) - practicing emergency physician, former board member of the Global Climate Health Alliance, member of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and a clinical associate professor at the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine

Useful resources:

COP31 Climate Change Media Partnership

Climate Acceptance Studios

Organizers' logos:



Friday, 20 November 2026

Event title: What will it take to build climate-resilient primary healthcare? Lessons for action from fragile, conflict-affected and climate-vulnerable settings

Time: 9-10am

Organizers: International Medical Corps; Amref Health Africa; Prosper Global; United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; Ministry of Health & Human Services, Federal Government of Somalia; Ministry of Health, Kenya

Event description:

Climate change is increasingly driving interconnected shocks that affect health, nutrition, water security, protection, livelihoods and other dimensions of well-being. Yet these risks are often addressed through fragmented sectoral responses, limiting the ability of communities and their health systems to anticipate, withstand and recover from cascading impacts. Such impacts are particularly severe in fragile and conflict-affected (FCAS) and other climate-vulnerable settings, who are often overlooked in climate-adaptation planning, financing, and implementation.

Primary healthcare (PHC) provides a practical platform for bridging humanitarian response, development and climate adaptation efforts; as the interface between communities, frontline workers and government systems, PHC can translate climate-risk information and preparedness measures into more resilient, integrated services, stronger community action and better health and resilience outcomes. Building climate-resilient PHC, however, requires more than strengthening health services alone: it demands stronger connections across health, WASH, nutrition, protection, disaster-risk management, climate information, local governance and financing.

Drawing on implementation experience from Somalia, Kenya and other FCAS and climate-vulnerable settings, with perspectives from government and non-state actors, the session will explore practical approaches to building climate-resilient PHC in the face of compounding hazards through a “what works, what it takes and how to scale” panel format.

To lay the foundation for discussants, country case studies from International Medical Corps in Somalia and Amref Health Africa in Kenya will demonstrate how climate risks are being translated into changes in PHC delivery, community preparedness, workforce capacity and local health-system planning. The case studies will surface both achievements and implementation challenges, including what has enabled approaches to be adapted to complex and resource-constrained settings. Government representatives will build on these examples by examining pathways to institutionalization and scale, including how climate-resilient approaches can be integrated into national and subnational policy, planning, budgets, workforce systems and preparedness arrangements; what government capacity is required; and where external technical and financial support remains needed. Technical, implementation and financing partners will then examine the wider systems that enable climate-resilient PHC, including the use of climate and environmental information for health action, community and local-government preparedness, links between health and disaster-risk management, and the financing conditions required to move from successful approaches to sustainable scale.

The discussion will address what governments, donors and technical partners can change in their next planning, policy and financing cycles to strengthen and scale climate-resilient PHC.

Speakers:

- Paul Knox-Clarke (Senior Climate Advisor, International Medical Corps)
- Hassan Mowlid Yassin (Community Health Surveillance Officer, International Medical Corps Somalia)
- Dr. Ali Abdirahman (Director of Family Health Department, Ministry of Health and Human Services, Federal Government of Somalia)
- TBC (Ministry of Health, Kenya)
- Dr. David Nieuwe Weme (Medical Anthropologist, Amref Health Africa HQ)
- Nelly Bosibori (Senior Climate Change Advisor, Prosper Global)
- Anton Klymchuk (Energy, Climate, Environmental Policy and PHENOMENAL Programme Manager at the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)

Organizers' logos:

Event title: Beyond Resilience: Mental Health and Wellbeing of Women Environmental Human Rights Defenders

Time: 10:30 – 11:30

Organizers: Baithak – Challenging Taboos, Global Peace and Diplomacy, Institute for the Development of a Global Democratic Republic (IDGR)

Event description: Women Environmental Human Rights Defenders (WEHRDs) are at the forefront of climate action, responding to disasters, defending land and natural resources, protecting community rights and organizing for climate justice. Yet the mental health and psychosocial costs of this work remain largely invisible within climate and health policy.

WEHRDs often navigate overlapping pressures including climate-related loss and displacement, gender-based violence, harassment, criminalization, financial insecurity and unequal care responsibilities. These experiences can result in grief, fear, chronic stress, burnout, and psychosocial distress. Evidence from Pakistan highlights gaps in access to mental-health and SRHR services for WEHRDs during crises, despite their roles as first responders, caregivers and community leaders.

This interactive dialogue will explore mental health and psychosocial wellbeing as an integral part of climate justice, adaptation, and locally led climate action. Bringing together WEHRDs, health and psychosocial practitioners, climate justice advocates and policymakers, the event will move beyond individual notions of "resilience" towards collective care, structural protection and climate financing that sustains the people and movements driving climate action.

Speakers:

- Aaiysha Siddiqa (Moderator) - Senior Program Officer, Baithak – Challenging Taboos, Pakistan
- Ayesha Amin - Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Baithak – Challenging Taboos, Pakistan
- Sakshi Shree - Founder and President, Global Peace and Diplomacy (TBC)
- Pirah Siyal - Action Lead, Institute for the Development of a Global Democratic Republic (IDGR)
- Government Lead (TBC)

Organizers' logos:



Event title: BOOK LAUNCH: *Healing in a Changing Climate: A Global Guide for Health Systems*

Time: 12:00–13:00 on 20 November

Organizers: Health Care Without Harm (HCWH); Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI); Association of Healthcare Providers (India) (AHPI)

Event description:

Climate change is placing unprecedented pressures on health systems worldwide, threatening healthcare infrastructure, disrupting essential services and exacerbating existing health inequities. At the same time, the healthcare sector contributes significantly to global greenhouse gas emissions, underscoring the urgent need to build health systems that are both climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable.

This event will mark the launch of ***Healing in a Changing Climate: A Global Guide for Health Systems*****,** a new volume bringing together the knowledge, experiences and perspectives of 50 experts from all six regions of the world, with woman accounting for half its authorship. With a foreword by Christiana Figueres DBE, it draws on evidence, policies and practical examples from diverse geographical and healthcare settings to examine how health systems can respond to the growing climate crisis while reducing their own environmental footprint.

Bringing together distinguished members of the book's Editorial Advisory Board, the discussion will explore key messages and practical lessons from the publication. Panellists will share their perspectives on strengthening health-system resilience, accelerating decarbonisation and embedding climate considerations into healthcare leadership, governance, financing and service delivery. The discussion will also consider solutions across critical areas of healthcare operations, including infrastructure, energy, transportation, procurement, pharmaceuticals, waste management, digital health and clinical practice, presenting global perspectives including the challenges and opportunities facing low- and middle-income countries.

The session aims to translate the book's insights into priorities for policy and practice, encourage international knowledge-sharing and collaboration, and contribute to ongoing efforts to build equitable, climate-resilient and low-carbon health systems.

Speakers:

1. **Professor K. Srinath Reddy**, Founder and Honorary Distinguished Professor at Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Chancellor of PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences University
2. **Professor Sanjay Zodpey**, President, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)
3. **Mr. Gary Cohen**, Co-Founder and Board Member, Health Care Without Harm
4. **Dr. Alexander Thomas**, Chair, Health and Environment Leadership Platform (HELP), Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)
5. **Ms. Gina Ninan Sharma**, Head, Communications, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)
6. **Dr. Karan Thakur**, Group Vice President, Corporate Affairs & Sustainability, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited
7. **Ms. Divya Alexander,** Independent Advisor and Consultant, Climate and Health Policy

Useful resources:

- *Healing in a Changing Climate: A Global Guide for Health Systems* — the open access version will be available on launch day.

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