



## WHO Media Advisory

Saturday's health and climate event highlights at COP27!

### **"The Global Stock Take: incorporating health metrics to meet the Paris goals"**

**12 November 2022, 10:00-11:30 EET**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has described the Paris Agreement as “potentially the most important public health agreement of the century”. To realise this ambition, the delivery of the Paris goals must be assessed through a health lens, considering their potential to protect the lives, health and wellbeing of global populations, and deliver the immediate health co-benefits of climate action.

The Global Stocktake (GST) is a crucial process to enable this. Currently under development, the GST will assess collective progress towards meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement and inform countries on updating and enhancing their climate action and international cooperation.

The event aims to highlight the importance of including health-specific metrics in the GST, and will present available evidence, data and findings that could feed into this process. It will bring together Parties, GST experts, the WHO, and the Lancet Countdown.

WHO will launch a technical brief “Review of IPCC Evidence 2022: Climate Change, Health, and Wellbeing”. This policy brief will summarize and unpack the state of evidence on health outlined in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)’s sixth assessment report (AR6).

COP27 accredited media and participants welcome to join.

Speakers will include Ministers from Egypt, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO (virtually), Dr Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO, and Dr Vijay Rangarajan, FCD Director-General.

**Location:** Health Pavilion, Zone C, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone.

## **Climate change, migration and health: Strengthening evidence to leave no one behind**

**12 November 2022, 11:30-12:45 EET**

The interaction between climate change, migration and health is complex and has been a growing area of concern globally; the urgency of the need to address these was highlighted at COP26. The WHO's World Report on the Health of Refugees and Migrants outlines the risk multiplier effect of climate change, including directly through acute hazards, as well as indirectly through changes to climate, air pollution, and impacts on cultures and societies.

The event will create an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the need for increased community engagement, strengthened data collection, and a research agenda for evidence-based policymaking. The panel will discuss the existing barriers of vulnerable communities, refugees and migrants to accessing health services, aiming to identify the main challenges and opportunities for action in adaptation and mitigation efforts; sharing experiences, lessons learned, and good practices; and fostering multi-sectoral and intergovernmental collaborations and linkages between academia, civil society, policymakers and practitioners.

Speakers will include Kirsten Hagon, Senior Analyst, IFRC Humanitarian Policy, Climate Change, Policy and Diplomacy Unit; Hon. Stephen Mule, MP Matungulu Constituency, Kenya, and Chair of the African Parliamentary TB caucus; Masako Ueda, Regional Migration, Environment, and Climate Change (MECC) Specialist at IOM Regional Office for Middle East and North Africa (MENA); Dr Maria Guevara, International Medical Secretary (IMS), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)/ Doctors Without Borders; Prisca Chisala, Director of Programmes and Development, Malawi Red Cross Society; Viengkhone Souriy, Executive Director, Community Health and Inclusion Association, Lao People's Democratic Republic; Professor Ibrahim Abubakar, Dean, UCL Faculty of Population Health Sciences and Chair of Lancet Migration; Dr Ali Ardalán, Regional Adviser at WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.

**Location:** Health Pavilion, Zone C, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone.

## **Integrating nutrition and food security in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**

**12 November 2022, 14:00-15:15 EET**

This side event intends to raise awareness of the links between climate change, health and nutrition. It will discuss concrete solutions that target both climate change adaptation and mitigation, with a particular focus on integrating nutrition and food security in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

In addition, the event will present an overarching UN-Nutrition narrative, emerging from the several COP27 events, on the need to reduce food systems' impact on the environment and protect the food security and nutrition of populations, leaving no one behind. Speakers from different constituencies (UN agencies, governments, academia), will present concrete

examples and challenges of integrating nutrition in climate change mitigation and adaptation policies and strategies.

Speakers will include Stineke Oenema, UN-Nutrition Executive Secretary, Mario Herrero Acosta, Cornell University and Prof Ronit Endevelt, Ministry of Health, Israel.

**Location:** Health Pavilion, Zone C, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone.

## **"Launch of the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN)" 12 November, 14:00-16:00 EET**

The bidirectional relationship between nutrition and climate change means that sustainable, resilient, and healthy diets are a critical link between nutrition and climate change, a prerequisite to good nutrition and a necessary condition for addressing all forms of malnutrition, as well as a driver of sustainable development.

The Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN) will be officially launched at the "Adaptation and Agriculture" thematic day during this session to leverage the current heightened global attention on food systems transformation. It will aim to deliver technical and high-level support from parties, UN agencies, NGOs, and the private sector to focus on win-win policies and actions that work to reduce climate change and improve nutrition, particularly for children and vulnerable groups.

Speakers will include: Dr Khaled AbdelGhaffar, H.E. Minister of Health, Egypt; Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO; Dr Ahmed Al Mandhari, WHO Regional Director EMRO; Dr Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, FAO; Dr Vijay Rangarajan, Director General, FCDO; Dr Yasmine Fouad, H.E. Minister of Environment, Egypt; Dr Osagie Ehanire, Minister of Health of Nigeria; Mariam Almheiri, Minister of climate change and environment of UAE; Assistant Undersecretary for the Sustainable Communities Sector at the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment - UAE - Eissa AlHashemy.

**Location:** COP Presidency Room 20, Blue Zone

## **Strengthening health and climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean region, with a specific focus on National Adaptation Plans 12 November, 15:30-16:30 EET**

The Health National Adaptation Plans (HNAP) outlines actions to build climate-resilient health and climate-resilient health systems that can anticipate, absorb, and transform in a changing climate to protect population health while improving the management of other health threats. This session aims at encouraging countries to submit their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) with inclusion of health aspects, via facilitating their understanding of the HNAP process illustrated with success stories and lessons learned in the Latin America and the Caribbean region (LAC).

In this session, participants will learn from Party and non-Party stakeholders about their efforts to develop HNAPs. Specifically, this session will explore the challenges and opportunities regarding the design and implementation of strategies and the effective

translation of those strategies into actions in LAC. A panel of Party and non-Party participants will share experiences and lessons learned and discuss how countries can enhance efforts to protect population health through their NAPs.

Location: UNFCCC Pavilion, Blue Zone

## More information

Keep up to date on the WHO Health-Climate events happening across COP27, please see more information here: <https://www.who.int/news/item/03-11-2022-highlights-of-some-health-key-health-events-at-cop27>

For the programme and brochure of the WHO Health Pavilion, please visit our page here: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/11/06/default-calendar/cop27-health-pavilion>

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