



WHO Media Advisory

Tuesday's health and climate event highlights at COP27!

The Health-Methane Nexus: Opportunities for Action Tuesday 15 November 2022, 10:00-11:15 EET

The goal of this panel is to raise awareness of the intersection between methane mitigation strategies and public health, to elevate health considerations in prioritizing methane mitigation strategies and to identify opportunities to accelerate action. With countries poised to act under the Global Methane Pledge, now is the time to center health opportunities of methane abatement, including preventing chronic disease and premature death via reduced exposure to ozone, and other co-pollutants and enhancing public health through better nutrition.

Speakers: Adrián Fernández, Executive Director, Iniciativa Climática de México; Carolina Urmeneta, Program Director for Circular Economy, Global Methane Hub; Todd Crane, Principal Scientist on Climate Change Adaptation, International Livestock Research Institute; Rodrigo Seguel, Researcher, Center for Climate and Resilience Research.

COP27 accredited media and participants welcome to join.

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

Shaping COP27 around African climate and health priorities Tuesday 15 November 2022, 11:30-12:45 EET

For climate action to be effective, impactful, and healthy for African countries and people there must be a coming together of the climate framing of the north and the development framing of the south. There is an urgent need to deliver the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while addressing the climate injustices experienced in Africa, the most vulnerable continent that did least to cause the climate crisis.

This event will explore the different dimensions of climate action and health for African countries, we will hear from African speakers that:

- Africa's energy comes with a health warning, and therefore health must be a fundamental component of energy planning and decision making.
- African food systems are seeing a clash of western-style diets, obesity and high carbon systems, alongside climate vulnerability, food insecurity, malnutrition, and hunger

- African health responses to climate change need equipping, resourcing, and locally tailoring responses, working with communities to deliver locally appropriate healthcare.

Speakers: Yacob Mulugetta, University College London; Desmond Appiah, Clean Air Fund; Vivian Maduekeh, Global Alliance for the Future of Food; Omnia El Omrani, COP27 Youth Envoy; Bernard Onyango, AFIDEP; Zakari Ali, MRC Unit The Gambia at LSHTM; Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Head of Climate Change and Health Unit, WHO

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Climate resilient and just health systems in Africa Tuesday 15 November 2022, 14:00-15:15 EET

Today, the world is facing a triple crises of climate change, health and economy. Climate change ostensibly is undermining the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and health systems through three mutually reinforcing elements i.e.: (i) coverage of the people in need of care, (ii) cost of treatment, and (iii) availability of care services available. negative health outcomes and healthcare system. Unfortunately, Africa population is the most affected yet the adaptive technologies and capacities remain very low. In many of these contexts, women and girls are most vulnerable to climate change effects due to the existential social cultural, economic and political barriers.

This will be a level dialogue on climate change impacts on health and innovative game changers, for just, equitable and resilient health systems with Africa in focus. The session will advance the conversations on the need for Pan African multi-Sectoral partnerships on climate change and health and how such movements can support Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) in aggregating Africa's efforts in building climate resilient and just health systems.

Moderator:

Dr. Debisi Araba, Visiting research fellow at the Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London

Keynote addresses

Hon Eisenhower Nduwa Mkaka, Minister for Environment, Malawi

Panelists:

Dr Maria Neira, WHO Director, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health

Dr Alan Dangour, Director of Climate & Health, Wellcome Trust

Dr Jeni Miller, Executive Director, Global Climate and Health Alliance

Dr Githinji Gitahi, Group CEO, Amref Health Africa

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The Power of movement - Clean transport for healthy cities and communities

Tuesday 15 November 2022, 15:30-16:30 EET

It is in everyone's interest to promote public transport: the cleaner air resulting from a stronger use of public transport and healthier streets would benefit every single person as well as the planet. The event will present evidence on the health benefits of actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector and practical examples of how global public transport organisations around the world are bridging the sustainable mobility, health and climate nexus. The session will bring together a diverse group of experts and practitioners involved in city action to share insights from research, as well as practical and innovative experiences and brainstorm on how to rethink and reshape the way urban transport systems are organized to improve health and equity and accelerate sustainable development for better living and sustainable development in cities. It will also feature the first real-time air pollution exposure calculator - an interactive map comprised of crowd sourced air from Government and citizen sources, a powerful tool to inspire actions to change behaviors and influence policies to reduce emissions.

Speakers:

Moderator: Martina Otto, Head of Climate & Clean Air Coalition Secretariat , UNEP (TBC)

Health: Sir Andy Haines, Professor of Environmental Change and Public Health, LSHTM (virtual);

Health: Dr Maria Neira, Director, Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO

Urban Health with a focus on African cities: Dr Tolullah Oni, Director of the Global Diet and Activity Research Group at the University of Cambridge and Founder/Principal of UrbanBetter (in person)

Rail: Vera Fiorani, CEO FS Italiane (TBC)

Urban transport: Philip Turner (UITP) / Elisabetta Tromelleni (FNM Group) - in person

Air Pollution: Sean Khan, UNEP (TBC)

Advancing African Climate Change & Health Policies and Networking

Tuesday 15 November 2022, 17:00-18:15 EET

In partnership with WHO AFRO and the Clim-Health network, the side event aims to bring a dialogue on best practices, opportunities as well as challenges to advance the climate change and health agenda in the African region considering current progress on policy development, tapping into the available collaboration networks and trends of climate financing across African countries.

Speakers:

MOH Delegates from 3 AFRO Member States

Dr. Gloria Maimela, CHANCE

Dr. Matthew Chersich, CHANCE

Dr Brama Kone, Clim-Health, WHO Regional Office for Africa

Climate Centre (TBC)

Jennifer Kuhl (GCHA)

Facilitators: Dr. Vincent Pagiwa, University of Botswana (CHANCE) & Dr Antonios Kolimenakis, WHO Regional Office for Africa

Event Chairing: Dr. Vincent Pagiwa, University of Botswana (CHANCE) & Mr Guy Mbayo, WHO Regional Office for Africa

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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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