

**Detailed Programme: ATACH Day at COP29**  
**19 November 2024 / 9:00 – 19:15 GMT+4 / COP29 Health Pavilion**

## **ATACH Day Overview**

**Title:** Advancing transformative action on climate and health – ATACH Day at COP29 convened by the COP26 (UK), COP27 (Egypt), COP28 (UAE) and COP29 (Azerbaijan) Presidencies and WHO.

### **Background and Objectives**

The Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) was established in 2022 to support delivery of the COP26 Health Commitments on Climate Resilient and Low Carbon Health Systems. Since then, the ATACH has rapidly grown to include over 80 committed countries, over 70 non-state partner organizations, and numerous interested stakeholders, working together to advance implementation of COP26 commitments and other priorities on climate change and health (CCH). The ATACH has gathered international momentum as the global collaboration platform to implement priorities arising from global initiatives on climate & health, including the I-CAN initiative launched at COP27, the COP28 Health Declaration and the WHA 77<sup>th</sup> Resolution on Climate and Health.

Building on this momentum and following the first ATACH Day at COP28, the ATACH Day at COP29 will aim to:

- **Reflect on how the ATACH can address country needs in implementing climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems and overall climate change and health priorities** (from COP29, COP28, WHA77 Resolution on CCH, I-CAN), including through the new ATACH governance, strategy, work plan and priorities, as well as enhanced engagement and collaboration opportunities for key constituencies in ATACH;
- **Showcase examples of best practices from countries/areas and partners** which can inspire and inform delivery on CCH commitments and priorities, including **tangible tools, activities and actions** which ATACH members can integrate into their partnerships, policies and programmes;
- **Discuss and envision “the future we want” for increased action on the nexus between climate change and health**, specifically for climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems and health promoting climate action by other sectors, and **the ways forward to support progress through the ATACH**, considering implementation needs, opportunities and challenges.

### **Proposed Outcomes**

The ATACH Day would be expected to result in the following **outcomes/takeaways for participants**:

- An enhanced understanding of the new governance and strategy of ATACH, including of opportunities for different constituencies to engage in various collaborative mechanisms under the ATACH.
- Improved knowledge and awareness of best practices, tools, approaches, activities and actions which countries can build into their partnerships, policies, programmes and interventions, in order to contribute to delivering their commitments on CRLCSHS and other CCH priorities.
- A collective vision for the future of climate change and health action with a focus on CRLCSHS, including the role of ATACH in addressing the needs of countries to achieve the envisioned success.

### Theme of COP29 ATACH Day: “The future we want”

The COP29 ATACH Day will bring together key constituencies and stakeholders in climate change and health around reflections and discussions on the desired future for action on climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems, and how it can be achieved.

The high-level opening session will be an opportunity to explore **what success would look like for health systems working to deliver on the COP26 Health Programme and other CCH commitments**, and to reflect on **opportunities and steps to achieve this success in the future**. “The future we want” would also be a guiding concept for sessions focusing on climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems, respectively.

### Schedule Overview of ATACH Day:

Time (GMT+4)	Session
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival – 30 min
9:00 – 9:30	<b>High-level Opening – 30 min</b>
9:30 – 10:45	<b>Climate Resilient Health Systems – 1 hour 15 min</b>
10:45 – 11:15	Break – 30 min
11:15 – 12:30	<b>Low Carbon Sustainable Health Systems (incl. supply chains) – 1 hour 15 min</b>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break – 1 hour
13:30 – 14:45	<b>Financing – 1 hour 15 min</b>
14:45 – 15:15	Break – 30 min
15:15 – 16:30	<b>Health Co-benefits of Climate Action – 1 hour 15 min</b>
16:30 – 17:00	Break – 30 min
17:00 – 18:15	<b>Gender and Equity in Climate and Health – 1 hour 15 min</b>
18:15 – 19:15	Closing Remarks and Networking with ATACH community – 1 hour

## Detailed Programme by Session

*\*All times are shown in GMT+4 (Baku time)*

### High-Level Opening Remarks

Time: 9:00 – 9:30 GMT+4

**Description:** Building on the Human Development/Health Day on 18 November, high level opening remarks will outline the ATACH Day objectives and explore **what success would look like for health systems working to deliver on the COP26 Health Programme and other climate change and health commitments**, reflecting on **opportunities and steps to achieve this success in the future**.

**Welcome to the event:** Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala, Director, Regional Office for the Western Pacific, World Health Organization

**Moderator:** Dr Maria Neira, Director, Environment Climate Change and Health Department, World Health Organization

#### Speakers:

*ATACH co-convenors:*

- HE Dr Teymur Musayev, Minister of Health, Republic of Azerbaijan
- Prof Hossam Abdel Ghaffar, Minister Assistant for Institutional Reform and Official Spokesman of the Ministry of Health and Population, Egypt
- Dr Hussain Al Rand, Assistant Undersecretary (Public Health), Ministry of Health and Prevention, United Arab Emirates
- Mr Gerard Howe, Head of Adaptation, Nature & Resilience Department, Energy, Climate and Environment Directorate, United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

*Other ATACH members:*

- Mrs Ethel Maciel, Secretary of Health Surveillance and Environment, Ministry of Health, Brazil
- Mr Tiofilusi Tueti, Minister of Finance, Tonga

### Session 1: Climate Resilient Health Systems

Time: 9:30 – 10:45 GMT+4

**Description:** To protect health from growing climate threats, health systems need to build climate resilience and adapt to current, emerging, and future threats caused by climate change. This event will showcase country examples in delivering COP26 health commitments, and reflect on key actions needed to achieve climate resilient health systems.

**Moderator:** Dr Ailan Li, Assistant Director-General of the Universal Health Coverage, Healthier Populations Division, World Health Organization

#### Session agenda

9:30 – 9:35	1. <b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
9:35 – 9:45	2. <b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Ms Carolyn Tateishi, Director, Climate Change and Health Office, Health Canada

<b>9:45 – 10:10</b>	<b>3. Action Bursts: Spotlight on Country Successes</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HE Dr Ratu Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu, Minister of Health, Fiji</li> <li>- Dr Anas Ma'ruf, Director of Environmental Health, Ministry of Health, Indonesia</li> <li>- Dr Guled Abdijalil Ali, Director General, Ministry of Health, Somalia</li> <li>- Dr Aminetou Ahmed Louly, WASH and Climate Change Focal Point, Director of Public Hygiene, Ministry of Health, Mauritania</li> </ul>
<b>10:10 – 10:40</b>	<b>4. Fireside chat discussion: “The Future We Want”</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Petra Khoury, Director, Health and Care Department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)</li> <li>- Dr Alice Bell, Head of Policy, Climate and Health, Wellcome Trust</li> <li>- Ms Cristina Arnes Sanz, YOUNGO Health Working Group Member and Focal Point for Europe, UN Major Group of Children and Youth</li> </ul>
<b>10:40 – 10:45</b>	<b>5. Summary and Wrap-Up</b>

## Session 2: Low Carbon Sustainable Health Systems

Time: 11:15 – 12:30 GMT+4

**Description:** Health systems worldwide are already working on mitigating their impact on climate change, including through health system decarbonization and low carbon development. This event will showcase country examples and reflect on key actions needed to achieve “the future we want” for low carbon sustainable health systems.

**Moderator:** Prof Nick Watts, Director, Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore

### Session agenda

<b>11:15 – 11:20</b>	<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>11:20 – 11:35</b>	<b>2. Action Bursts: What does success look like?</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Maurice Ferenkeh Koroma, Senior Strategic Advisor to the Minister and Health Facility Electrification Lead, Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Sierra Leone</li> <li>- Mr Vincent Bretin, Director, Climate and Health, Unitaïd</li> </ul>
<b>11:35 - 12:25</b>	<b>3. Fireside chat discussions: How do we make success happen?</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Diana Picon Manyari, International Climate Director, Health Care Without Harm</li> <li>- Ms Lai Ling Lee Rodriguez, Deputy Director General, External Affairs &amp; Field Operations, Médecins Sans Frontières, Operational Center of Geneva</li> <li>- Ms Sharmin Zaman, Joint Secretary, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Stephen Bouwhuis, Assistant Secretary of the Environmental Health and Climate Change Branch, Department of Health and Aged Care and Interim Australian Centre for Disease Control, Australia</li> <li>- Mr Chris Gormley, Acting Chief Sustainability Officer, National Health Service (NHS) England</li> </ul>
<b>12:25 – 12:30</b>	<b>4. Summary and Wrap-Up</b>

### Session 3: Financing

Time: 13:30 – 14:45 GMT+4

**Description:** The ATACH aims to enhance the collective efforts of national Governments and key stakeholders in facilitating access to sustainable finance and resource mobilization, to support the scaling up of country-led, targeted investments in climate and health. COP28 led to the announcement of important initiatives such as the Guiding principles for financing climate change and health solutions, the climate and health co-investment framework developed by Multilateral Development Banks, and the launch of the PPF implementation of the GCF funded Co-investment facility for climate change and health.

The event will discuss how COP29 can support existing initiatives aligning towards facilitating access to financing matching country demands, and identify priorities and impediments for countries to access climate and health finance. The event will also discuss the role of the ATACH as an open platform for all countries and partners to share information, identify barriers, and match country needs to financing opportunities, so as to deliver a shift in the international financial architecture available for climate change and health.

**Moderator:** Dr Maria Neira, Director, Environment Climate Change and Health Department, World Health Organization

### Session agenda

<b>13:30 – 13:35</b>	<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>13:35 – 13:50</b>	<b>2. Keynote presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development Banks' Joint Roadmap for Climate-Health Finance and Action</b> - Dr Tamer Rabie, Lead Health Specialist, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mapping the Finance for the Climate and Health Nexus</b> - Dr Naveen Rao, Senior Vice President of the Health Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>13:50 – 14:10</b>	<b>3. Action Bursts: Spotlight on Country Successes</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Dr Snong Thongsna, Vice Minister of Health, Lao Peoples Democratic Republic</li> <li>- Dr Okara Dogara, Director in the Permanent Secretary office, Ministry of Health, Nigeria</li> </ul>
<b>14:10 – 14:40</b>	<b>4. Fireside chat discussion: "The Future We Want"</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Natalia Linou, Deputy Director, Health, UNDP</li> <li>- Dr Shyam Bishen, Head of Health and Healthcare Centre, World Economic Forum</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Sebastian Lesch, Head of Unit for Climate Policy at the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development</li> <li>- Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk, Policy Director, Section for Energy, Climate and Food Security, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>- Ms Seonmi Choi, Senior Advisor, Climate and Environment, Global Fund</li> </ul>
<b>14:40 – 14:45</b>	<b>5. Reflection and closing remarks</b>

#### Session 4: Maximizing Health Co-benefits: Linking Climate Action to Public Health Gains

Time: 15:15 – 16:30 GMT+4

##### Description:

This session will explore health co-benefits by examining how they can act as a catalyst for stronger climate action. Focusing on actionable strategies, it will discuss ways to integrate health co-benefits into multi-sector operations, leverage partnerships, and connect climate and health outcomes to broader agendas, such as governance, prosperity, and stability. Through country examples and collaborative discussion, participants will gain insights into practical steps, tools, and approaches that ATACH members and partners can adopt to enhance health outcomes while advancing climate commitments across sectors.

**Moderator:** Dr Maria Neira, Director of Environment, Climate Change and Health Department, World Health Organization

##### Session agenda

<b>15:15 – 15:20</b>	<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>15:20 – 15:30</b> (Virtual)	<b>2. Keynote Presentation: “Maximizing health co-benefits in climate action across sectors: what does the evidence tell us?”</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Sir Andy Haines, Professor of Environmental Change and Public Health, Centre for Climate Change and Planetary Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and Co-chair of Lancet Pathfinder Commission
<b>15:30 – 15:50</b>	<b>3. Keynote Presentation: Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and health co-benefits</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Maria Neira, Director of Environment, Climate Change and Health Department, World Health Organization  Q&A with audience (10 mins)
<b>15:50 – 16:05</b>	<b>4. Action Bursts: Spotlight on country Successes</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Sarah Boateng, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), United States of America</li> <li>- Dr Daniel Buss, Unit Chief, Climate Change and Environmental Determinants of Health, Pan American Health Organization</li> <li>- Dr Marina Romanello, Executive Director, Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change</li> </ul>

16:05 – 16:25	<b>5. Panel Discussion: “The Future We Want”</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Ilesh Jani, Vice Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Mozambique</li> <li>- Dr Nancy Aburto, Deputy Director, Food and Nutrition Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and representative of the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN).</li> <li>- Ms Nayoka Martinez Bäckström, First Secretary, Environment &amp; Climate Change and Deputy Head, Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of Sweden, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency</li> </ul>
16:25 – 16:30	<b>6. Summary and Wrap-Up</b>

### Session 5: Embedding gender and equity in climate and health action

Time: 17:00 – 18:15 GMT+4

#### Description:

This session will delve into how the health impacts of climate change are felt unevenly among different populations, between and within countries, with a focus on how to best address these differential risks. The uneven risk of, and contributions to, climate change is reflected in the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities (CBDR-RC) in the UNFCCC. Discussions in this session will explore practical actions to embed gender and equity in climate and health action to build the future we want for *everyone*.

**Moderator:** Dr Gerry Eijkemans, Director, Social and Environmental Determinants for Health Equity, Pan American Health Organization

#### Session agenda

17:00 – 17:05	<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>
17:05 – 17:15	<b>2. Keynote Presentation</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Ms Elena Villalobos Prats, Technical Officer and ATACH Secretariat Lead, World Health Organization
17:15 – 17:40	<b>3. Action bursts: Spotlight on Country Successes &amp; Challenges</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Usec Gloria Balboa, Undersecretary, Department of Health, Philippines</li> <li>- Dr Agnes Soares da Silva, Director of Environmental Health Surveillance and Worker Health (DSAST/SVSA), Ministry of Health, Brazil</li> <li>- Mr Lolem Lokolile Bosco, Head - Pollution Control, Waste Management &amp; Climate Change &amp; Health Unit, Division of Environmental Health &amp; Sanitation, Ministry of Health, Kenya</li> </ul>
17:40 – 18:10	<b>4. Fireside chat discussion: “The Future We Want – for <i>everyone</i>”</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Mariam Khan, UNFPA Representative to Türkiye and Country Director for Azerbaijan and Georgia</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Revati Phalkey, Global Director Health and Nutrition, Save the Children International</li> <li>- Dr Emma Lawrance, Lead Policy Fellow for Mental Health, Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College</li> <li>- Ms Hailey Campbell, Care About Climate/NDC Equity Tracker</li> </ul>
<b>18:10 – 18:15</b>	<b>5. Summary and Wrap-Up</b>
<b>Closing and Networking with ATACH community</b> Time: 18:15 – 19:15 GMT+4	
<p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>The closing of ATACH Day will include high-level closing remarks providing a summary of strategic considerations about the “future we want” for health systems and healthy climate action in other sectors. The closing will also be an opportunity to outline key next steps for ATACH to drive action on the climate change and health nexus and support progress towards the desired future for health and health systems.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Maria Neira, Director of Environment, Climate Change and Health Department, World Health Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Speakers:</b></li> <li>- Ms Andrea Connell, Deputy Director of International Affairs, Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare &amp; Sport, Kingdom of the Netherlands</li> <li>- Dr Thomas Waite, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Social Care, England</li> <li>- Ms Aminath Shirna, Minister of State for Health, Republic of the Maldives</li> <li>- Ms Saima Wazed, Director, Regional Office for South-East Asia, World Health Organization</li> </ul>	