

Health in UNFCCC COP27

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Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt



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Key objectives/opportunities for WHO at COP(s):

Increase health influence in the UNFCCC negotiations, through supporting the participation of national health representatives in national delegations and strengthening joint advocacy with NGOs, UN, academic, and private sector partners on key health and climate cross-cutting issues.

- ✓ Negotiations engagement
- ✓ Health side event
- ✓ Training
- ✓ COP27 Health Pavilion



Support to Egypt COP27 Presidency's initiatives

- Women's health
- Nutrition
- Youth
- Cities
- Health Day (?)

Stakeholder engagement

- Member States
- NGOs/ CSOs/ Academia/ Youth
- Other UN Agencies and Sectors
- Private sector

COP27 negotiations engagement

WHO will prepare policy briefs, submissions and statements to address key health relevant issues under negotiations at COP27 and provide support to negotiators on how to include health into different negotiating streams .

Key issues

- Loss and Damage - Adaptation
- Mitigation
- Finance
- Agriculture
- Food Systems
- Gender
- Metrics and indicators for implementation



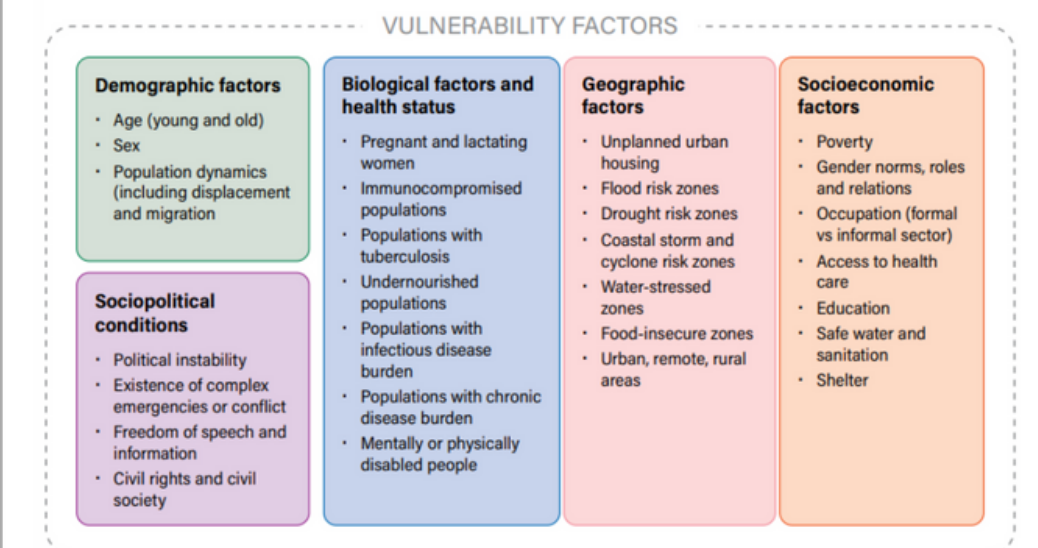
Climate change, like other environmental determinants of health, disproportionately affects low-income communities and vulnerable groups, worldwide.

The WHO emphasizes the importance of efforts to address the health risks to, and role of, vulnerable groups in climate change mitigation and adaptation. This includes indigenous peoples, people with disabilities, LGBTI people and communities, young and elderly people, women, girls, and other traditionally marginalized or excluded groups.

Reducing vulnerability and building adaptive capacity are essential strategies to addressing the health impacts of climate change.¹

We note that although all populations are exposed to the adverse health effects from climate change, these impacts are mediated by gender roles, norms and relations and other social and environmental factors that determine vulnerability to the health risks from climate change.^{1,2}

Figure 1: Vulnerability factors to the health impacts of climate change



Moreover, sex and gender are important determinants of health. Both influence the exposure of men and women to the risk factors for ill-health, access to health information and services, health-seeking

Training for health professionals

The course "Climate Change Negotiations and Health" features key information on climate change and its impacts on human health, provides an overview of the climate change negotiations so far, and considers entry points to address health issues and priorities within climate change negotiations and policies.

Course outline:

Lesson 1: Introduction to Health and Climate Change

Lesson 2: History of the UN Climate Negotiations

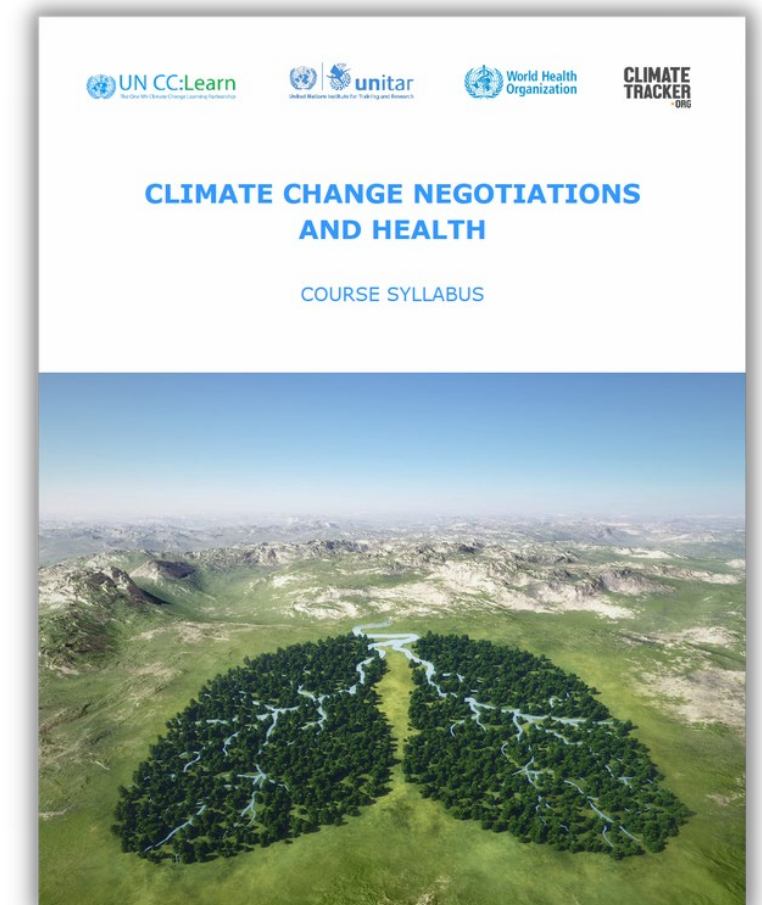
Lesson 3: The Paris Agreement

Lesson 4: From Paris to Glasgow and Sharm El Sheikh

Lesson 5: Health in the UN Climate Change Negotiations

Lesson 6: Healthy and Green Recovery from COVID-19

✓ Funding for 10 representatives from Ministries of Health AFR/EMR



UN high-level side event on ATACH



The Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) is a WHO-led mechanism to support delivery on the COP26 health commitments on climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems. It provides a platform for coordination; knowledge and best practice exchange; networks and access to support and link up to existing initiatives; tackling common challenges; and monitoring global progress.



Co-convened by
COP Presidencies

60 country
commitments

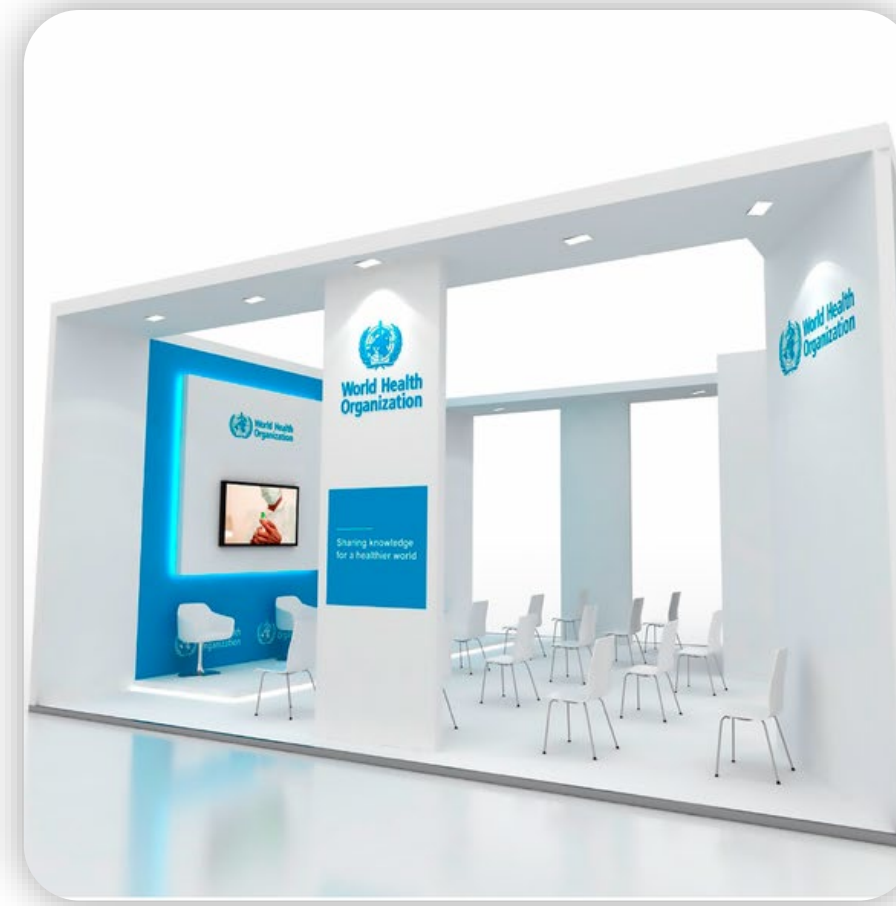
COP27 Health Pavilion



At COP26 Health Pavilion, over 60 events were organized in the span of two weeks, showcasing the health arguments for a ambitious climate action across many different sectors and topics.

✓ COP27 Pavilion space reserved

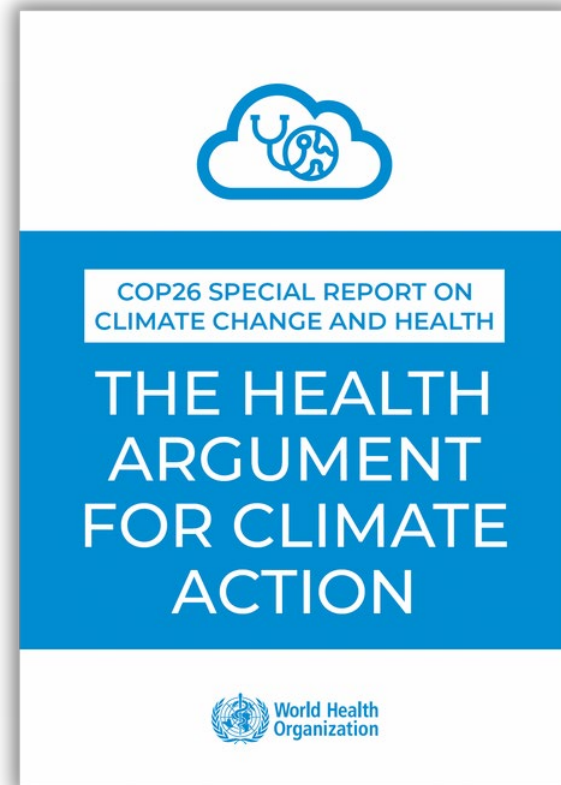
✓ Event applications open till September 15



World Health Organization COP26 Health Pavilion
Climate Action for Health, Health Action for Climate

Commitment	Finance	Energy	Youth and public empowerment	Nature	Rest day	Adaptation, loss and damage	Gender / Science and Innovation	Transport
	3-Nov Wed.	4-Nov	5-Nov Fri.	6-Nov Sat.	7-Nov Sun.	8-Nov Mon.	9-Nov Tue.	10-Nov Wed.
		Launch of the 2021 WHO Health and Climate Change Global Survey Report	Launch of the SEARO Advisory Toolkit on Climate Change & Health					
International Leadership Group for a Net Zero NHS		Understanding and responding to the health effects of climate change in the UK	Mitigating the environmental impact of healthcare: the interplay of research, industry government, and clinical leadership			Sustainable Transport Systems, Climate Action and Healthy Urban Environments	Climate change, food insecurity, and child health	Building the nexus between Climate Change, Family Planning, Reproductive Health, Population, Environment & Development
Launch of the Health Systems Global (HSG) Thematic Working Group (TWG) on Climate Sustainable and Resilient Health Systems		Transport Systems That Protect Health and Climate	Climate Smart Health Care: Delivering sustainable and climate resilient health systems			Médecins du Monde Spain's carbon footprint reduction strategy 2018-21, a case study	For tackling climate, environmental, nutrition and health challenges, we shall all meet at the table	Building adolescents' resilience to climate change
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Colliding Disasters: Adapting to increasing climate and health risks		Climate Migration: Moving from a reactive to a health system strengthening response	The Carbon Impact of Pharma: A Roadmap to 1.5°C			Blocked for WHO High-level events	#HealthyClimate Prescription	Monitoring air pollution and health benefits within climate change MRV systems
Building Climate Resilient Health Systems through community based health interventions in Africa		Strengthening health outcomes through risk management and adaptation	Politics as a determinant of health: success stories from the campaign trail and tools to bring them to life			Blocked for WHO High-level events	Advancing global research on climate change and health: lessons learnt and ways forward	Opportunities to achieve multiple benefits for climate change, air pollution and sustainable development in Africa
Climate Change and One Health - "An often-neglected component"		Climate Classroom: Climate Negotiations and Health	Climate Change and Health under the SDGs focus			Financing climate resilient, low carbon health systems (starting at 15:00)	Addressing Climate Adaptation through Strengthening Health and Protection Systems	The Untapped Potential of National Public Health Institutes as Key Climate Actors
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The impact of air pollution in the face of climate change, and the role of companies in contributing to better air		Advancing climate and health goals through clean cooking targets in the NDCs	The Triple Win Scenario: Catalyzing Action for Clean Air, Health and Climate	Our territory, Our health: Indigenous peoples' rights and cultures at the center of health systems in the Amazon		Infectious diseases on the move: Early warning systems to adapt to climate change	The Case for Mitigating Black Carbon - Climate and Health Co-benefits	The future of healthcare if we do nothing: what we must adapt now as we are resilient to the effects of climate change
COVID-19 and Climate-Smart Health Care		Climate change, health and migration: Transforming tomorrow - a call to action	Heat, Health, Overloaded Populations and Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health	#ClimateMedicine: Why we need Climate Doctors		Climate Services for Health Adaptation	UN HighLevel event: The Health Argument of Climate Action: The COP26 Health Programme (18:30-19:45, 19:45-20:00)	Urban and transport planning pathways to carbon-neutral, livable and healthy cities and health systems

Key health messages for COP27



1. Commit to a healthy, green & just recovery from COVID-19
2. Promote healthy climate commitments
3. Harness the health benefits of climate action
4. Build health resilience to climate risks
5. Create energy systems that protect and improve climate and health
6. Reimagine urban environments, transport and mobility
7. Restore nature as the foundation of our health
8. Promote healthy, sustainable and resilient food systems
9. Finance a healthier, fairer, and greener future to save lives
10. Mobilize the health community for urgent climate action



Thank you!

