

## Side event application / Formulaire de demande de réunion parallèle

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Delegation(s)/Délégation(s): <b>Convener:</b> Government of Norway <b>Co-conveners:</b> Government of Fiji, Government of Maldives, Government of Chile. Other co-sponsors to be confirmed shortly	
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### Concept

Description of proposed side event, including objective, expected results, proposed programme and speakers\* /

**TITLE: "Air pollution, Climate change, Oceans and Health"**

#### Background

Air pollution kills approximately 7 million people a year. Climate change exacerbates existing health threats from extreme weather events to undernutrition and infectious disease, and threatens the existence of some small island States and habitability of low-lying areas. Both of these are integrally connected to wider environmental degradation, including the degradation of life in the oceans, and the loss of biodiversity.

#### Objectives

To demonstrate how action on "upstream" environmental determinants of health, saves lives, promotes sustainable economic development, and protects the natural environment.

#### Expected results

- Provide state of knowledge on the strong and growing evidence that acting on the upstream environmental determinants of health- through reducing unsustainable production and consumption, and promoting more sustainable choices and technologies in sectors such as energy, food systems and transport, as well as building climate resilience in health and related systems – can improve health and promote sustainable development.
- Define the role that the health sector can play in awareness raising, monitoring, assessment and direct implementation, to improve health and promote more effective and efficient public policy.
- Describe the recommendations that are already being made into other processes, such as the UNFCCC.
- Demonstrate the interconnectivity between these objectives, by making the example of ocean health, and how action to reduce plastic use and improve risk assessment and management of microplastics can promote environmental and human health.

#### Relations to the GWP and global health priorities

- This event corresponds closely to the scope of the 13th WHO General Programme of Work (GPW13) priority Platform on "Addressing health effects of climate change in small island developing States and

other vulnerable States”, thereby raising awareness and understanding of this work among Member States, in the context of the GPW, Programme Budget and transformation agenda.

- This event supports the discussion of the new WHO strategy on Health Environment and Climate Change, and the draft global plan of action on Climate change and Health in small Island developing States on the WHA 2019 agenda.
- The event will be an opportunity to continue a consistent and evolving narrative through WHO global conferences on climate change (small island developing States, Mar-Oct 2018) and [air pollution](#) (Oct 2018); WHO report on [health and climate change](#) to UNFCCC COP24 (Dec 2018), through to the UN Secretary-General’s [climate change summit](#) (Sep 2019).
- The event will demonstrate how WHO can deliver more effectively on SDG 3 (health) when connecting to work on other SDGs, including Water and Sanitation (6); Energy (7); Cities and communities (11); Climate change (13), and Life under water (14).

#### Draft outline agenda with proposed speakers

Introduction by Norway Minister of Health
Introduction by WHO DG (or their delegate,) followed by Technical presentation by WHO Secretariat
Motivational speaker: In person or video-message
Ministerial level Panel discussion: Including 5-6 Ministers from co-convenors and other most engaged Member States, and a representative of the Green Climate Fund.
Moderated Q&A session.
Closing remarks by Minister of co-convening country (Country TBD)

#### Event details / détails de la réunion

Date <b>21. May 2019</b>	Time/Heure <b>evening</b>
Expected number of participants/Nombre de participants attendus : <b>100</b>	
Exact title of the event/Titre exact de la réunion: <b>“Air pollution, Climate change, Oceans and Health”</b>	

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**\*Badges/ Badges d'accès**

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**by 29 March 2019**