

# Protecting health in a changing climate

Tuesday, 14 November, 11:15-12:45, Gigiri 2.

How to protect health in a changing climate is the subject of the this year side event of the World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Initiative on Capacity Strengthening of Least Developed Countries for Adaptation to Climate Change. The main objective of the event is to illustrate how the health sector is becoming increasingly engaged on climate change, and is now beginning to identify and implement the responses needed to protect health from climate change and climate variability.

The side event will present an overview of the public health response to climate change, focus in on the concrete protective measures that are now being identified in new global, regional and national projects, and discuss how these actions should be coordinated with wider health, climate change adaptation and development objectives.

## **Presentations:**

Overview of global actions to protect health in a changing climate.

*Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, World Health Organization.*

Mapping health impacts and community responses: Health in the CLACC initiative.

*Mozaharul Alam, CLACC fellow, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies.*

Piloting health adaptation to climate change at the national scale: WHO/UNDP/GEF global project.

*Jin Yinlong, National Institute for Environmental Health, Ministry of Health, China.*

*Solomon Nzioka, Ministry of Health, Kenya.*

Global lessons from health adaptation in Europe.

*Bettina Menne, World Health Organization.*

Common themes and outstanding issues in health adaptation to climate change.

*Kristie Ebi, International consultant.*

## **Panel Discussion and Questions**

Coordination with bilateral assistance on climate change adaptation.

*Jessica Troni, Environment Advisor, UK Department for International Development.*

Coordination with multilateral assistance on adaptation and development.

*European Commission (speaker to be confirmed).*

Relevance to operational programmes in the Health Sector.

*James Sang, Ministry of Health, Kenya .*

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