

SB62 Side event

Title:

Building climate resilient health systems: action for health in the global climate agenda

Theme:

The integration of climate and health has risen up the agenda, what next? The event will reflect on key processes, including ATACH, the development of health indicators under the UAE Belem Framework, Sharm-El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda, and practical actions from cities and national to global level

Speakers:

The event will harness a range of perspectives from local to global. The event will hear insights from a range of stakeholders, climate and health experts, UNFCCC Parties, negotiating groups, actors working across climate, health and humanitarian action

Date/Time:

Monday 23rd June 2025, 16.30 to 17:45, Kaminzimmer (room capacity 100 seats)

Links:

https://seors.unfccc.int/applications/seors/reports/events_list.html?session_id=SB%2062

Session objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To increase participants' knowledge on the development of health indicators under the UAE Belem Framework and other ongoing climate and health initiatives such as the ATACH;2. To highlight practical solutions, examples, best practices and actions to respond to gaps, barriers and challenges countries face on integrating climate and health priorities into national climate policies and fragile contexts;3. To clarify the role of different stakeholders, spanning humanitarian, development and climate actors, in supporting countries to overcome these barriers and challenges;4. Create synergies among different frameworks and sectors across climate, health and humanitarian action;5. Promote engagement and role of health sector with GGA and related UNFCCC processes such as NAP 3.0 and NDC 3.0 and identify potential and opportunities for COP30.
Desired outputs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Understanding opportunities for greater coherence and integration of health in the global climate agenda, as well as barriers faced and needs by countries to be able to effectively adopt and report on climate and health indicators;- Identify strategic approach to key priorities for coordinated engagement up to COP30;- Knowledge on best practices, tools and actions to support country implementation for climate resilience in health systems.
Key questions to be discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>What are the needs and priorities of Parties, and what support can strengthen opportunities and overcome barriers?</i>2. <i>How can the integration of health into the UNFCCC processes be enhanced?</i>3. <i>What practical solutions and actions can strengthen climate health outcomes and implementation at national and local level including community participation from global to local scale?</i>

	4. What specific outputs should ATACH and other initiatives prioritize in 2025 and 2026 to better support countries in building climate resilient health systems?	
Session structure:	16:30 – 16:32 (2 mins) Moderator introduces the session	Moderator: Dr Antonios Kolimenakis, Technical Officer Climate change and Health, WHO HQ
	16:32 – 16:37 (5 mins) The COP30 Health Program (5 min)	Dr Luis Felipe Mendes Felicio, Technical Advisor, MoH Brazil
	16:37 – 16:45 (8 mins) Development of Health indicators under the UAE-Belem Framework	Presenter: Dr Animesh Kumar – UAE-Belem Health Indicators expert/ UNDRR
	16:45 – 17:10 (25 mins) 1st Panel discussion: From design to action and implementation; challenges/barriers and needs (questions to be developed depending on confirmed panelists) (20min) + Q&A (5min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caroline Voûte, MSF Operational Centre Amsterdam Climate and Environmental Health Strategic Lead - Dr. Kiran Jobanputra / Alexandre Robert (TBC), Climate Action Accelerator (virtual) - Brenda Ávila Flores, National Disaster Risk Reduction Manager and Global Climate Champion, Mexico Red Cross (virtual) - Mr. Mihir R. Bhatt, All India Disaster Mitigation Institute – focus on heat, health, local govt (TBC) 	Panel Moderator: Dr. Aditya Bahadur, Director of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre
	17:10 – 17:43 (33 mins) 2nd Panel discussion: – panel members and audience invited to the discussion around opportunities to advance the health agenda towards COP30 (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Youssef Nassef, Director of Adaptation Division, UNFCCC (TBC) - Dr Tatiana Marrufo, Coordinator of Health and Environment, Institute of Public Health, Mozambique - Ms Soha Benchechroun, Climate and development policy researcher & adviser, COP 29 GGA negotiator on behalf of AGN - Sharm Adaptation Agenda – Ms Mariam Allam, Sharm Adaptation Agenda (SAA) Lead, High-level Climate Champions Team <i>Floor Interventions (13 mins)</i>	Panel moderator: Ms Arthy Hartwell, Policy Lead at Wellcome Trust

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means of implementation, funding/ financing options, challenges and solutions. Role of non-state actors and cross-sectoral collaboration. 	
	17:44 – 17:45 (2 min) Moderator closes the session	Moderator: Dr Antonios Kolimenakis, Technical Officer Climate change and Health, WHO HQ
Interactive activities:	Guidance to facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel discussion will be facilitated by a moderator and specific questions will be asked for each panelist. Q&A with audience will be facilitated by 2-3 roaming microphones. Moderator poses the question to the audience and facilitates discussion. 	
Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Podium and a theatre-style setup with 6 seats and 6 microphones for panelists 2 – 3 roaming microphones 	
Resources:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GGA decision text cma5_auv_8a_gga.pdf https://www.atachcommunity.com Consolidated list of indicator options, UAE-Belém work programme on indicators: https://unfccc.int/documents/647049 UAE-Belém work programme on indicators, Target 9c: Health: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/9%28c%29_Health_impacts_and_health_services.pdfhttps://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/9%28c%29_Health_impacts_and_health_services.pdf Global Goal on Adaptation: Health Target: https://unfccc.int/documents/638502https://unfccc.int/documents/638502 	



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