



## WHO Media Advisory

Monday's health and climate event highlights at COP27!

### **Climate just solutions for emergent gender based violence and mental health crisis due to climate change**

Monday 14 November 2022, 11:30-12:45

The links between climate change, gender-based violence & mental health are profound and deep. There is no doubt that women's health and well-being is being affected by climate change and extreme weather events; these impacts are compounded by existing structural socio-economic inequalities.

The focus of this event is a far reaching and deep conversation on justice, equity, human rights to decent quality of life. It i) shares new breakthroughs in terms of providing new evidence of the increasing incidence of GBV and mental health of women and ii) encourages rich discussion in a panel of 'potential solutions' for the safety, protection and survival of women and girls experiencing the worst personal impacts and iii) gives guidance of types of support services that are required by women and girls.

COP27 accredited media and participants welcome to join.

Speakers: Professor Tahseen Jafry, Director The Centre for Climate Justice, Glasgow, Caledonian University (Moderator and Scene Setting), High Level Key Note on the Plight and Power of Women and Girls and their Human Right to Quality of Life, Peter Gondwe Executive Director, Life Concern Organisation, Rumphu, Malawi, Runa Khan, Founder and Executive Director of Friendship, an International Social Purpose Organization supporting remote vulnerable communities in Bangladesh, African Academy of Sciences (TBC).

**Location:** Health Pavilion, Zone C, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone.

### **Climate Clinics - A Healthy Prescription for a Green New Deal**

14 November 2022, 13:00-14:00 EET

Climate clinics take the form of a walk-in mock primary care-style 'clinic', delivering consultations to delegates. The clinics will engage and educate delegates and members of the public on the health impacts of the climate crisis and in a range of effective and health-promoting solutions rooted within a Global Green New Deal, such as many of those recommended in the [Healthy Climate Prescription](#). To strengthen solidarity with the broader

climate justice movement, the clinics will engage discussions on the work of individuals and how it relates to calls and actions from the wider movement.

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Location: Health Pavilion, Zone C, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone.

## Climate change and women's health Monday 14 November, 14:00 - 15:15 EET

This side event will bring together the views from mothers, youth, and scientists to discuss the latest on science, policy, and activism related to climate change impacts on women's health from a gender perspective and with a focus on maternal and newborn health. Country and group representatives will be invited to share their lived experiences confronting climate change challenges along with examples of work and promising health system interventions to protect maternal and newborn health in changing climate conditions. The event will also showcase opportunities for promoting women's health as part of the implementation of the COP26 health commitments on climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems.

Speakers: Her Excellency Rachel Ruto, First Lady of the Republic of Kenya; Dr Flavia Bustreo, Governance and Ethics Committee Chair, PMNCH and Co-Chair, Lancet Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Maltreatment of young people; Rosamund Kissi Debrah, The Ella Roberta Family Foundation; Thato Gabaitse, Our Kids Climate; Parents For Future Global; Dr Veronique Filippi, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; Merette Khalil, Your Egyptian Doula; Caroline Muthoni, Enhancing Belmont Research Action to support EU policy making on climate change and health; Adelaide Lusambili, Aga Khan University, Kenya.

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**Location:** Health Pavilion, Zone C, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone.

## Towards green transformation - Sharm El Sheikh International Hospital Monday 14 November 2022, 17:00-18:15 EET

The event will include an introduction to the current Egyptian healthcare system, Universal health insurance, Egypt Healthcare Authority (EHA), and the role it plays in the present health situation in Egypt. It will also include the measures EHA started taking to transform the current facilities into environmentally sustainable healthcare facilities resilient to climate change.

A case study of Sharm El Sheikh International Hospital will be presented as EHA first step towards green transformation.

Speakers: Dr. Ahmed El Sobky, Chairman of Egypt Healthcare Authority; Dr. Magdy Bakr, Advisor of EHA Chairman on Technical Affairs & WHO Health System Consultant, Dr. Nermeen

Ashour, CEO Office Technical Manager of the project, Dr. Saber Osman - Chairman of Climate and Sustainable Development Foundation - EC4SDF

COP27 accredited media and participants welcome to join.

**Location:** Health Pavilion, Zone C, Pavilion 4, Blue Zone.

## **More information**

Keep up to date on the WHO Health-Climate events happening across COP27, please see more information here: <https://www.who.int/news/item/03-11-2022-highlights-of-some-health-key-health-events-at-cop27>

For the programme and brochure of the WHO Health Pavilion, please visit our page here: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/11/06/default-calendar/cop27-health-pavilion>

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