

Health Professionals: COP26 Advocacy COP26 Health Programme

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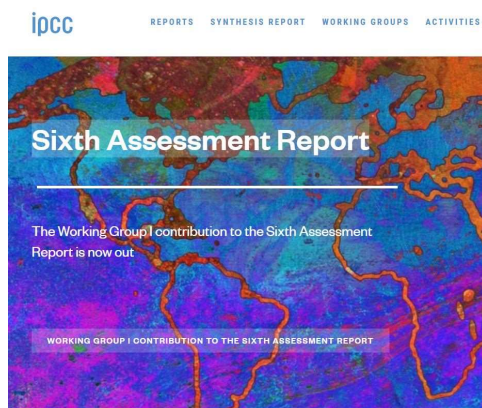
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The health community mobilizing on
climate change, health & equity

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“Code Red for Humanity”



Rationale

To restrict temperature rise to 1.5°C by 2050, rapid and strong change needed this decade - starting right now

All parts of national and global society must engage to build momentum for the necessary change

Health Sector can - and must - play a vital role

Compelling Health and Climate Messages

Climate Crisis is a Health Emergency

Climate is the “Greatest global health threat of the 21st Century” (*The Lancet*)

Health impacts are happening now and will get far worse

Climate Action Benefits Health

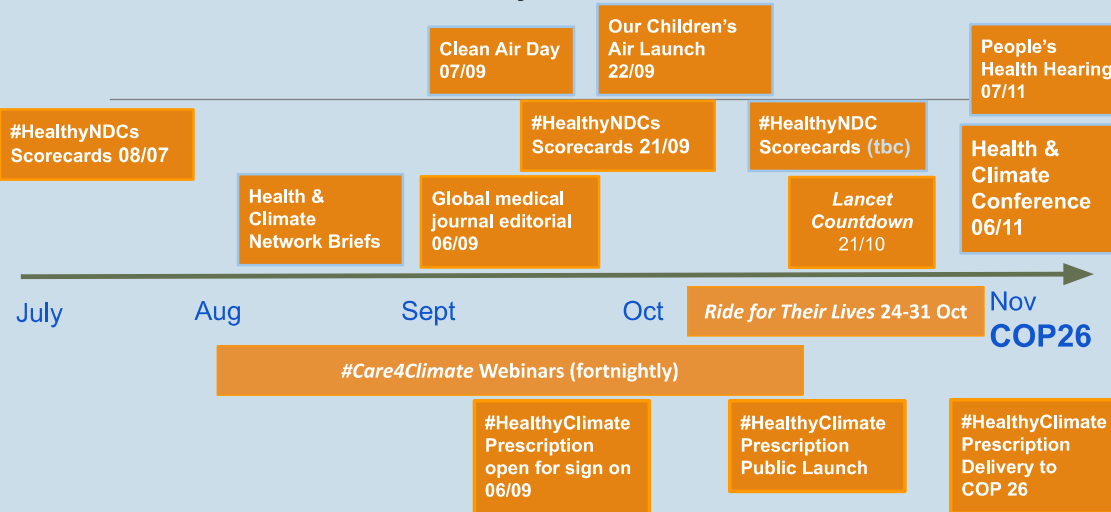
Health co-benefits of climate action address major health challenges

Benefits are greater if health and equity explicitly embedded - ‘health in all policies’

Health cost savings from cleaner air, healthy sustainable diets, active transport can offsets costs of mitigation

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Health & Climate Advocacy Drumbeat to COP26



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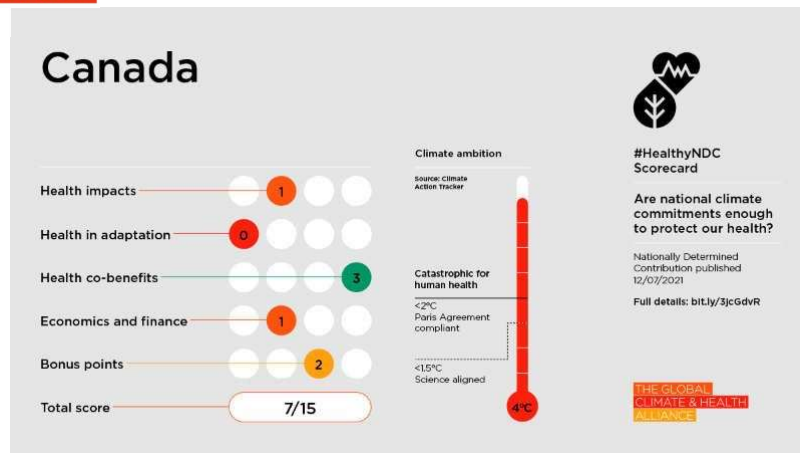
#HealthyNDCs Scorecard

- Ranks 67 Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) covering 93 countries.
- Extent to which NDCs recognise and respond to the abundant linkages with health.
- Ensuring integration of health into climate policy:
 - protects populations,
 - maximises economic benefits
 - builds public backing for ambitious climate policies

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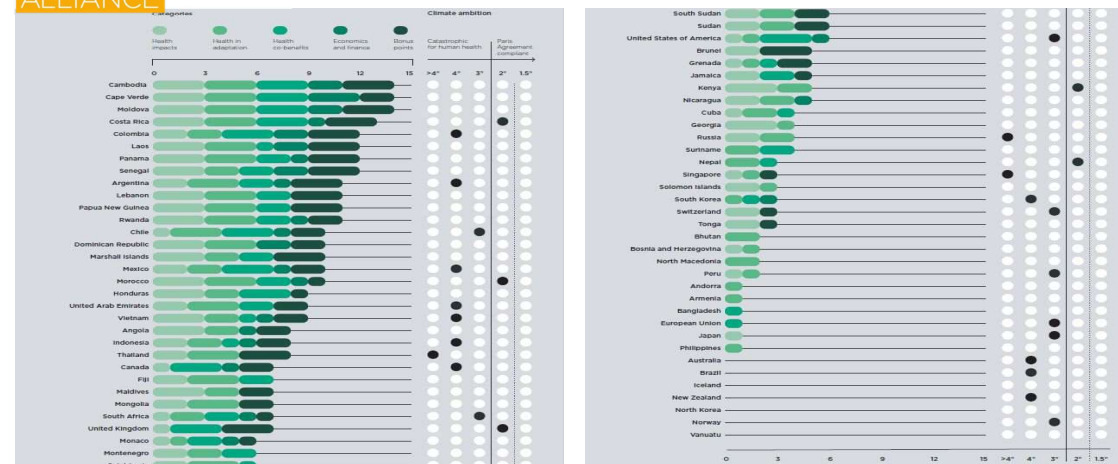
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Overall Ranking





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- Coordinated publication across 220+ international journals including
 - *The Lancet*,
 - *East African Medical Journal*,
 - *Chinese Science Bulletin*,
 - *New England Journal of Medicine*,
 - *International Nursing Review*,
 - *National Medical Journal of India*,
 - *British Medical Journal*, and many others.



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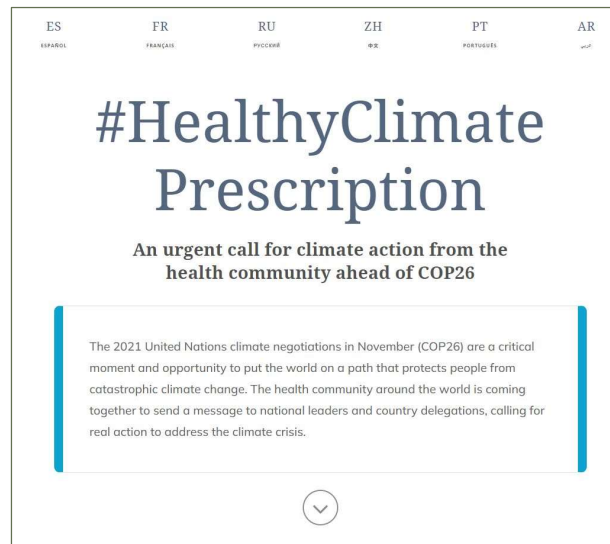
Main points:

- Health is already being harmed by the environmental crisis
- Emergency action is needed to transform societies and economies
- Vast health benefits could be realised
- Equity must be at the centre of the global response
 - High Income Countries must cut emissions further and faster
 - Meet and go beyond US\$100 billion per year
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- Significant Global Media Coverage - over 700 articles including:
 - *BBC*, *CNN*, *the New York Times*, *the Wall Street Journal*,
- Social Media support:
 - Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Greta Thunberg, UNFCCC
- Welcomed by AOSIS, LDC Group and CVF



- **Developed by** a group of health professional organisations
- **Addressed to** heads of government and national delegations at COP26
- **Sign-on from**
 - **Health professional organisations**
 - **Individual health professionals**
- Press launch is planned 11th October
- Follow up comms to COP delegations
- Delivery in person by Health Professionals at COP26