



WHO Media Advisory

Wednesday's health and climate event highlights at COP27!

Steps to Rationalize Use of Antimicrobials: achievements and future plans

16 November 2022, 10:00-11:15 EET

Antimicrobial resistance like climate change poses a massive threat to health and development across the world. Their drivers and impacts are interlinked. As these two crises continue to grow, the impacts on economies, lives, and livelihoods are expected to be significant and devastating, particularly for low-and middle-income countries and small island developing states. Increased consumption of Antimicrobials leads to an exposure of bacterial communities and ecosystems to a large number of antibiotic residues.

This event will feature the efforts exerted by the Egyptian Drug Authority (EDA) in the field of antimicrobial rational use in Egypt. Furthermore, it will present an overview of the Pharmaceutical Care Initiative and its applied projects in the scope of antimicrobial rational use. The event will highlight EDA's adopted multidisciplinary strategies to combat the irrational use of antimicrobials and its call for more effective cooperation with other relevant entities and stakeholders.

Speakers will include Prof. Dr. Tamer Essam - Chairman of the Egyptian Drug Authority, Dr. Hanan Balkhy, Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance at the World Health Organization (WHO) and Dame Sally Davies UK special envoy on AMR Global leaders group on AMR.

Members of the media are welcome to attend.

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

One Health, the Ocean, and Climate Change

16 November 2022, 11:30-12:45 EET

The roundtable is aimed to introduce the interlinkages between One Health, the ocean, and climate change and explore the environmental law and policy dimensions of One Health and the link to the SDGs.

The mental health impacts of changes to oceans and fish populations will also be raised by speakers with lived experience from the Land Body Ecologies network. Furthermore, the

roundtable will explore the research coming from the One Ocean Hub which can contribute to the discussion regarding ocean biodiversity and biodiscovery and impacts of marine plastic pollution for health and climate change. It will include screening of a short film on marine biodiscovery produced and narrated by Professor Rosemary Dorrington (Rhodes University, South Africa) and Jazz Conway (University of Plymouth, UK).

Speakers will include Dr Bernadette Snow, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa & One Ocean Hub, University of Strathclyde, UK, Professor Rachel Wynberg, University of Cape Town, South Africa and Ms Tarub Bahri, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change and Human Health 16 November 2022, 14:00-15:00 EET

Ecosystem health underpins human well-being, from climate resilience, to food and water security, to human health. Investing in Nature-based Solutions to protect, conserve and restore natural ecosystems can offer a catalytic opportunity for health, climate and conservation actors to work together to drive improved health outcomes at the root of the issue.

This session will showcase the intertwined connections between ecosystem health, climate change and human health and share immediate actions that policymakers can take to work towards these shared solutions.

This session will launch new WHO-IUCN guidance for climate policymakers on the integration of climate policy with health and Nature based Solutions, laying out concrete actions that COP attendees can take to protect biodiversity, nature and ecosystem health for far reaching outcomes for human health.

Speakers will include Dr. Maria Neira, Director of Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO, Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director of IUCN and Dianna Kopansky, Coordinator of the Global Peatlands Initiative at UNEP.

Members of the media are welcome to attend

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Forest as Medicine: Intersections of biodiversity loss, traditional knowledge and mental health 16 November 2022, 15:30-16:45 EET

It is well recognized that human health relies on thriving and healthy ecosystems, yet biodiversity loss is occurring at an unprecedented scale. While indigenous peoples make up less than five per cent of the total human population, they steward about 80 per cent of global biodiversity.

For indigenous communities, changes to their ecosystems are more than a matter of material survival. They share a deep, layered connection with land and biodiversity on which their health, cultures and central identities rely. Drawing on an entirely indigenous panel, this event will focus on the impact that biodiversity loss is having on the lives of indigenous communities and how these changes impact their mental health. It will also discuss the central role of indigenous traditional knowledge in safeguarding the environment.

Speakers will include Sylvia Kokunda, CEO of Action for Batwa Empowerment Group (ABEG) in Uganda, Archana Soreng, Research Officer with Vasundhara, Odisha, and member of the UN Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change and Juma Xipaia, Indigenous leader belonging to the Zipaya people, activist and medical student at Federal University of Pará (UFPA).

Members of the media are welcome to attend

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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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