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WHO at COP28: Daily highlights for media, Saturday 02 December

Featured events

WHO and Wellcome Trust press conference, 16.30-17.00 GST, UNFCCC Media Centre, Blue Zone

WHO and Wellcome Trust will brief UNFCCC-accredited journalists about the Health Day on 3 December, the climate-health ministerial and the importance of prioritizing health in climate negotiations. The press conference will be livestreamed [here](#).

Leaders' Event: Putting Health at the Center of the Climate Agenda, 11.00-12.00 GST, Al Waha Theatre

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will speak at this COP28 Presidency flagship event, which is expected to galvanize public and private sector momentum for climate and health, including through the COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health and climate-health financing initiatives that will unlock billions to safeguard and invest in health in a changing climate.

Further information: <https://www.cop28.com/en/schedule/leaders-event-putting-health-at-the-center-of-the-climate-agenda>. Media access [by application](#) to COP28 Presidency.

Energy for Health installation official opening, 15.15-16.00 GST, Diamond Area, Blue Zone

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, Kitty van der Heijden, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director and Harish Hande, CEO, Selco Foundation will open the installation, which shows how decentralized renewable energy solutions can increase the electrification of health care facilities, enable the provision of essential quality health services and build climate-resilient health care systems. The installation is open from 30 November to 12 December. The event is **open to journalists**.

COP28 Health Pavilion programme

The events are taking place in the Opportunity Petal, Thematic Arena 2 (TA2 225). All the sessions are open to the press and will be livestreamed [here](#). Further information about the events, speakers and other resources can be found [here](#).

Inspiring urgent climate action: generating and communicating evidence on climate and health, 09.30-10.45 GST

This conversation on communication and engagement strategies for inspiring urgent climate action will discuss how effective communication and advocacy strategies can assist different stakeholder groups in their efforts to drive health-informed climate action and build public and political will to implement necessary evidence-driven solutions. The panel will include senior experts working at the intersections of climate change, public health, international development, and policy with first-hand experience of using scientific evidence to drive health-informed climate action.

Child Survival at the Centre of the Climate Crisis, 11.15-12.30 GST

This is a deeper dive into the changing landscape and approach of health programming to respond to the catastrophic effects of climate crisis on child survival. The session will bring focus on changing disease epidemiology due to climate change and its impact child survival, and will discuss the needs for universal as well as targeted approaches to primary health care, water and sanitation, newborn and maternal health, essential child health interventions, and nutrition programming to make them future ready and proactively mitigate impact of climate change on child survival, rather than a reactive approach to an escalating crisis.

Digital Public Goods for Understanding & Addressing Climate Impacts on Health, 13.30-14.45 GST

Interoperable digital infrastructure that integrates climate and health data enables detailed understanding of necessary adaptations, informs policies, monitors interventions' health impacts, and accelerates product development, including early warning systems. A panel of experts will share critical new ideas on how Digital Public Goods can be leveraged to understand and address climate impacts on health.

Regional roundtable by WHO Regional Offices, 15.15-16.30 GST

Additional information: [Health at COP28](#); [COP28 Hub: Health in climate change talks](#); [Climate Change and Health; Environment, Climate Change and Health](#); [Fact Sheet: Climate Change](#)

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