



Sunday, 10 December 2023

WHO at COP28: Daily highlights for media, Monday 11 December

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](#). The brochure, with full information about the events, speakers and other resources can be found [here](#).

***Advancing Climate, Health, and Equity Outcomes through Local Action in the Indo-Pacific*, 09.30-10.45 GST**

This session will demonstrate the multiple benefits of bringing together an interdisciplinary, cross-country cohort to learn from one another on core components of successful climate decision-making for resilient development: health and equity. The panel will share key learnings, including avenues to establish sustainable mechanisms for continued knowledge exchange to elevate regional voices on health for future international climate negotiations.

***From Community to Planet: Health professionals on the frontlines of climate change*, 13.30-14.45 GST**

This panel gathers global leaders on the intersection of health, environment and education to speak to lessons learned from their local to national advocacy, the promise of Planetary Health education, as well as its limits. Topics range from how to effectively train health professionals in Planetary Health leadership roles, upending current paradigms of health educational pedagogy, greenwashing and its role on health and children's education, and youth perspectives on implementing the Planetary Health declaration.

***Health Loss and Damage in the LAC region: a Multi Sector Approach*, 15.15-16.30 GST**

The session will recognize the critical importance of addressing the pressing challenges of climate-induced loss and damage to health and well-being in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. Through a collaborative effort, this innovative session aims to look at health loss and damage from different perspectives, and help foster a unified commitment to resilience, leaving no one behind in the pursuit of a healthier future for all.

The speakers will articulate the demands and expectations of the health community at COP28 and voice a powerful call to action to countries, urging them to prioritize loss and damage in relation to health, strengthen their response through the adoption of holistic policy approaches, facilitate coordination and catalyze technical assistance, as well as provide the necessary means of implementation.

Other events of interest

Financing nutrition for a healthier climate: the power of sustainable diets, 17.00-18.00 GST

Hybrid event at the [Food and Agriculture Pavilion](#), COP28, Dubai. Virtual participation: [here](#). Session organizers: WHO and FAO.

The Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN) baseline analysis demonstrates that financing and investing for programmes that link nutrition and climate is very low. Our current food systems do not ensure access to healthy diets for everyone and contribute to diet-related health issues; at the same time, they put immense pressure on our environment. By investing in initiatives that address both nutrition and climate we can address two interconnected challenges simultaneously. However, more efforts should be done to align climate and nutrition sectors. Not only will this improve the health of our populations, but it will also contribute to the preservation of our planet for future generations.

Further information about the session, including the list of speakers: <https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2023/12/11/default-calendar/cop28-financing-nutrition-for-a-healthier-climate--the-power-of-sustainable-diets>

Health, food and climate: a systems perspective for urgent climate action, 18.30 – 20.00 GST

Hybrid event, Side Event Room 4, Blue Zone, COP28, Dubai. Virtual participation: [here](#).

Finland, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Nordic Council of Ministers are hosting this official side-event bringing together global leaders and experts in dialogue about the connections between food, health and the climate.

Transforming our food systems is a strong lever to promote human health and climate action. Health, nutrition, and environmental sustainability need to be core, cross-cutting foundations to enable healthy and sustainable food systems. Our food consumption has vast environmental and climate impact and shows the need to promote healthy and sustainable diets as an important part of a food systems transformation, and to increase awareness about the interlinkages between health, food and climate.

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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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