

Monday, 11 December 2023

### WHO at COP28:

## Daily highlights for media, Tuesday 12 December

### **COP28 Health Pavilion programme**

Tuesday, 12 December, is the last day at the WHO Health Pavilion at COP28.

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 <a href="here">here</a>. The brochure, with full information about the events, speakers and other resources can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

# Linking agendas of the UNFCCC & the World Health Assembly in Latin America & the Caribbean, 09.30-10.45 GST

How can we synergize the global health agenda on climate change and the global climate change agenda on health? This event will map out two policy processes: the UNFCCC and the World Health Assembly (WHA). The aim of the event is to generate greater awareness across disciplines of different policy forums addressing similar issues, and how research, policy, and advocacy should be aligned to maximize the impact of both forums.

#### Vital point: Our Future, Our Action, 11.15-12.30 GST

This side event brings together a diverse array of key stakeholders, to foster a dynamic exchange on the critical nexus between youth, health, and the environment in shaping a sustainable future. Linked to three pivotal processes in the realm of climate change and health, "Vital Point" draws inspiration from the Budapest Youth Declaration, echoes the establishment of the EHP Partnership on Youth and the WHO Youth Council's Working Group on Climate Change and Health. The session aims to translate these processes into actionable initiatives, decipher their implications for the future of climate change and health, infuse a strong youth perspective into climate change and health discussions, and reinforce policy commitments.

# Rising Tides, Resilient Health: Navigating the 7<sup>th</sup> Cholera Pandemic and Beyond with the Global Taskforce on Cholera Control, 13.30-14.45 GST

This panel looks at the impact of climate health in the unfolding of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cholera Pandemic, which affects the lives and livelihoods of 1 billion people. Against a background of systemic under-investment in water and sanitation and lack of vaccine availability, cholera is the poster child of poverty, social injustice, climate change, and conflict.

The panel explores how the Global Taskforce on Cholera Control – a partnership that includes international organizations, academic institutions, and UN agencies – places cholera as a tool to improve

climate adaptation, increase the resilience of communities to health emergencies, and contribute to creating sustainable wealth among those currently affected by cholera. The event emphasizes the ticking clock leading to 2030, the target year to reduce cholera deaths by 90 per cent. Together, the panel explores innovative solutions at the intersection of climate, health, and finance to enable locally led solutions.

Additional information: <u>Health at COP28</u>; <u>COP28 Hub</u>: <u>Health in climate change talks</u>; <u>Climate Change and Health</u>; <u>Environment</u>, <u>Climate Change and Health</u>; <u>Fact Sheet: Climate Change</u>

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