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WHO at COP29: Daily highlights for media, Wednesday 13 November

Featured events (all times are local)

Integrating health into Nationally Determined Contributions: healthy NDCs, 11.00 – 12.30,
NGIC/UNDP Pavilion, Blue Zone

The event will highlight the crucial interconnection between health and climate change, this shared impact on other sectors, as well as the health co-benefits of climate and health action. WHO will present the [new technical guidance](#), launched last week, on integrating health into nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

Speakers will include Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General; H.E. Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President-Designate; H.E. Dr. Teymur Musayev, Azerbaijan; and H.E Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the UN 73rd General Assembly.

Turning Ambition into Action: Scaling Up Adaptation Finance for Achieving the Global Goal on Adaptation, 14:15-15:45, Meeting Room 21

UNFCCC Official Side Event

COP Presidencies Bringing Health to the Centre of the Climate Agenda, 17:00-18:30, Meeting Room 23

High-level event hosted by World Health Organization; Spain, Azerbaijan, and COP 29 Presidency. The Baku COP Presidencies Continuity Coalition for Climate and Health, will be launched at COP29, committing health supportive countries to collaborative and expedite action in line with their respective national mandates.

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COP29 Health Pavilion programme

COP29 Health Pavilion (Blue Zone, Baku Stadium), hosted by WHO in collaboration with the Wellcome Trust and the health community, will once again offer a rich two-week [programme of events](#) to showcase evidence, initiatives and solutions to maximize the health benefits of tackling climate change across regions, sectors and communities. All COP29 Health Pavilion events will be livestreamed and open to the media to join.

Mobilizing the Health Community: The Role of National Medical Associations and the Voice of Physicians in Climate Action 14.00-15.00

This event held by the Canadian Medical Association and Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment will explore focus on the critical role that the health community can play in communicating climate risks and solutions to the public.

Climate Optimism – A Practical Vision for Planetary Health 15.30-16.30

This event on planetary health is hosted by Health in Harmony, Woodwell Climate Research Center, and the Pawanka Fund.

Climate Change and Health Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment for Programming and Decision Support in Botswana, 17.00-18.00

Event hosted by the Ministry of Health and Wellness Bahamas, Climate Change and Environment Advisory Unit - Office of the Prime Minister, Bahamas

Additional information: [Health at COP29](#); [Climate Change and Health](#); [Environment, Climate Change and Health](#); [Fact Sheet: Climate Change](#)

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