

Programme: ATACH Day at COP28
4 December 2023 / 9:00 – 18:15 / COP28 Health Pavilion

ATACH Day Overview

Title: Advancing transformative action on climate and health – inaugural ATACH Day at COP28 convened by the COP26 (UK), COP27 (Egypt), COP28 (UAE) Presidencies and WHO

Background and Objectives: The Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) was established in 2022 to support delivery of the COP26 Health Commitments on Climate Resilient and Low Carbon Health Systems. Since then, the ATACH has rapidly grown to include 76 committed countries, over 35 key non-state partner organizations, and numerous interested stakeholders, working together through five thematic working groups to advance implementation of the commitments.

In the context of the COP28 Health Day, the inaugural ATACH Day at COP28 is structured in a way to:

- Showcase examples of best practice from countries and partners in delivering their commitments, and inspire and motivate further action in building climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems;
- Launch technical products to support countries and partners in delivering their commitments;
- Discuss opportunities and challenges around implementation, and consider the role of ATACH in advancing the COP28 Health Declaration and outcomes of the COP28 Health Day.

The high-level opening and closing sessions will provide an opportunity to reflect on the best ways to advance and integrate the ambition set on 3rd December within the vision for the ATACH as “an effective, responsive and action-oriented platform which mobilizes WHO Member States and partners to drive an international policy shift, supports implementation, monitors and evaluates progress, and builds a global community of practice to accelerate delivery towards climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health systems, while also promoting integration of the climate change and health nexus into broader global, national and regional plans.” The day will promote a two-day ATACH meeting in March, with the key aims of visioning and setting priorities for ATACH, catalyzing progress and implementation, and forging partnerships.

Overview of the Day’s Schedule:

Time	Session
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival – 30 min
9:00 – 9:30	High-level Opening – 30 min
9:30 – 10:45	Climate Resilient Health Systems – 1 hour 15 min
10:45 – 11:15	Break – 30 min
11:15 – 12:30	Low Carbon Sustainable Health Systems – 1 hour 15 min
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break – 1 hour
13:30 – 14:45	Supply Chains – 1 hour 15 min
14:45 – 15:15	Break – 30 min
15:15 – 16:30	Financing – 1 hour 15 min
16:30 – 17:00	Break – 30 min
17:00 – 18:15	Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition – 1 hour 15 min
18:15 – 19:15	Closing Remarks and Networking with ATACH community – 1 hour

ATACH Day Full Programme by Session:

High-Level Opening Remarks

Time: 9:00 – 9:30

Description: High level opening remarks will outline the ATACH Day objectives and challenge the participants to reflect on the outcomes of the Health Day on December 3rd, including considering the role of the ATACH and its 5 working groups to support delivery of this agenda on the ground.

Welcome to the event:

- Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, WHO (Video Intervention)
- Dr Ailan Li, Assistant Director-General for Healthier Populations, WHO

Moderator: Dr Maria Neira, Director of the Environment, Climate Change and Health Department, WHO

Speakers:

- H.E. Dr Abdul Rahman bin Mohammad Al Owais, Minister of Health & Prevention UAE
- H.E. Dr Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, Minister of Health & Population Egypt
- Mr David Whineray, Director of Global Health, UK Foreign Office

Agenda:

- Welcome and preview of the day
- Opening Keynote Speech
- High-level interventions - Reflecting on the progress made by ATACH and the statements and announcements made on 2nd and 3rd December, the speakers will reflect on the vision for the ATACH to drive action on climate change and health at country level.

Session 1: Climate Resilient Health Systems

Time: 9:30 – 10:45

Description: The ATACH Working Group on Climate Resilient Health Systems (CRHS) focuses on building climate resilience and adapting health systems to current, emerging, and future threats caused by climate change. This event will showcase country examples in delivering COP26 health commitments, launch new technical products and resources of ATACH members, and reflect on key actions needed to achieve climate resilient health systems.

Moderator: Mr Stephen Cornish, Director General, Médecins Sans Frontières Operational Center

Speakers:

- HE Prof Zely Arivelo Randriamanantany, Minister of Health Madagascar
- Mr Jakob Granit, Director General, SIDA
- Mr Le Duc Luan, Deputy Minister of Health Viet Nam
- Mrs Agnès Firmin Le Bodo, Deputy Minister of Health France
- Dr Javier Padilla Bernáldez, State Secretary for Health, Spain
- Ms Carolyn Tateishi, Director, Climate Change and Innovation Bureau, Health Canada
- Dr Alan Dangour, Head of Climate and Health, Wellcome Trust

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductory remarks
- Panel discussion on advancing climate resilient health systems – All Speakers
- Reflection and wrap-up including launch of relevant tools

Session 2: Low Carbon Sustainable Health Systems

Time: 11:15 – 12:30

Description: The ATACH Working Group on Low Carbon Sustainable Health Systems (LCSHS) has a specific focus on mitigating the impact of health systems on climate change, including through health system decarbonization and promoting net zero targets for health systems. This event will showcase country examples in delivering COP26 health commitments, launch new technical products and resources of ATACH members, and reflect on key actions needed to achieve low carbon sustainable health systems.

Moderator: Mr Salman Khan, Liaison Officer for Public Health Issues, International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr Mohan Bahadur Basnet, Minister of Health and Population Nepal
- Dr Snong Thongsna, Vice Minister of Health Lao PDR
- Ms Andrea Connell, Deputy Director for International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, Netherlands
- Dr Mahawa Diakite, National Deputy Director of Public Hygiene, Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene, Republic of Guinea
- Dr Nick Watts, Executive Member, Lancet Commission on Sustainable Healthcare; Director, Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore
- Ms Diana Picon Manyari, International Climate Director, Health Care Without Harm

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductory remarks
- Panel discussion on advancing decarbonization efforts for health systems – All Speakers
- Reflection and wrap-up including launch of relevant tools

LUNCH BREAK – 12:30 – 13:30

Session 3: Supply Chains

Time: 13:30 – 14:45

Description: Healthcare supply chains are global and contribute to the majority of greenhouse gas emissions of health systems. This is why the ATACH Working Group on Supply Chains seeks to promote solutions, standards alignment and collaborative action in order to ensure clean, green and sustainable healthcare supply chains. This event will highlight recent advances in mitigating climate change through better understanding of supply chain hotspots, partnership working and international alignment, while also discussing the key steps that will lead to the most transformative action moving forward.

Moderator: Mr Chris Gormley, Chief Sustainability Officer, National Health Service of England

Speakers:

- H.E. Mr Zahid Maleque, Minister of Health Bangladesh
- Admiral Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health, US Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr Conrad Shamlaye, Chief Policy Advisor, Ministry of Health Seychelles
- Mr Vincent Bretin, Director of Results and Head of Climate and Health, UNITAID
- Ms Claire Lund, Vice President, GSK representing Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI)
- Ms Lígia Ramos, LATAM Regional Lead, Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi)

Agenda:

- Welcome and introductory remarks
- Panel Discussion on reducing emissions of supply chains – All Speakers
- Audience Q&A
- Reflection and wrap-up

Session 4: Financing Opportunities – Principles and mechanisms to advance climate change and health finances

Time: 15:15 – 16:30

Description: The ATACH Working Group on Financing aims to enhance the collective efforts of national Governments and key stakeholders in facilitating access to sustainable finance and resource mobilization, to support the scaling up of country-led, targeted investments in climate and health. The event will discuss important new initiatives including the *Guiding principles for financing climate change and health solutions*, the *climate and health co-investment framework* developed by Multilateral Development Banks, and focus on the *Co-investment facility for climate change and health* announced by the Green Climate Fund at COP27 as a mechanism for aligning diverse initiatives, funding sources and initiatives to achieve common goals. The event will also discuss the role of the ATACH as an open platform for all countries and partners to share information, identify barriers, and match country needs to financing opportunities, so as to deliver a shift in the international financial architecture available for climate change and health.

Moderator: Veronica Galmez Marquez, Deputy Director, Division of Mitigation and Adaptation, Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Speakers:

- Dr Tamer Rabie, Lead Health Specialist, World Bank
- Dr Naveen Rao, Senior Vice President of the Health Initiative, Rockefeller Foundation
- Dr Srilata Kammila, Head - Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP

Panelists:

- H.E. Prof Muhammad Ali Pate, Coordinating Minister of Health Nigeria
- H.E. Sir Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness & The Environment Antigua and Barbuda (TBC)
- Markus Beck, Senior Donor Manager, Sovereign & Private Sector Engagement, Gavi
- Katja Kammerer, Director, Public Sector Liaison / Client Liaison and Business Development, German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)
- Dr Harley Feldbaum, Head of Strategy and Policy, The Global Fund
- Dr Agnès Soucat, Head of Health and Social Protection Division, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Dr Patrick Osewe, Director, Health, Human And Social Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Agenda:

- MDBs investment framework – World Bank
- Guiding principles for financing climate change and health solutions – Rockefeller Foundation
- GCF/UNEP/WHO Co-investment facility for climate change and health - UNDP
- Panel Discussion – All Speakers
- Audience Q&A
- Reflection and wrap-up by moderator

Session 5: Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition

Time: 17:00 – 18:15

Description: The ATACH Working Group on Climate Action and Nutrition strives to foster collaboration to accelerate transformative action to address the critical nexus of climate change and nutrition. Climate change is impacting food systems, health systems, social protection systems and water systems - all of which are fundamental for good nutrition. At the same time, inefficiencies and maladaptation in these four systems are further contributing to the drivers of climate change, namely greenhouse gas emissions and the degradation of natural resources. This session will bring actors in agriculture systems and health systems together to forge stronger partnerships to meet mutual objectives and to discuss actions that need to take place to advance collective work on the intersection of climate change, nutrition, and health.

Moderator: Lina Mahy, Technical Officer, Department of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO

Speakers:

- Dr Ailan Li, Assistant Director General, Universal Health Coverage, Healthier Populations, WHO
- Dr Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, Minister of Health and Populations, Egypt; Co-Chair of ATACH I-CAN WG
- H.E. Ms Laura Rissanen, State Secretary, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Ms Andrea Connell, Deputy Director for International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport Netherlands
- Dr Getahun Garedew, Director General of the Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)
- Ms Bhuvanewari Balasubramanian, Country Representative, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), India; Co-Chair of ATACH I-CAN WG
- Dr Marina Romanello, Executive Director, Lancet Countdown
- Ms Jessica Colston, Environment Technical Lead, GAIN
- Dr Nancy Aburto, Deputy Director, Nutrition Division, FAO
- Mr Stephen Dorey, Senior Health and Environment Specialist, World Bank
- Ms Afshan Khan, Coordinator and Assistant Secretary, Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)

Agenda:

- Welcome and opening remarks – Dr Ailan Li, ADG, WHO
- Setting the scene – Lancet Countdown
- Presentations:
 - I-CAN baseline paper – Ms Jessica Colston, Environment Technical Lead, GAIN
 - I-CAN pathways paper – Dr Nancy Aburto, Deputy Director, Nutrition Division, FAO
- Panel Discussion – Finland, Netherlands, Ethiopia EPA, World Bank, SUN
- Reflection and wrap-up by co-chairs – Egypt and GAIN

Close and Networking with ATACH community

Time: 18:15 – 19:15

Summary of strategic considerations, next steps and closing of the day.

Moderator: Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Head of Climate Change and Health Unit, WHO

Remarks:

- Ms Cavadonga Caballo Diéguez, Deputy Director General of Environmental Health and Occupational Health, Ministry of Health, Spain
- Mr David Whineray, Director of Global Health, UK Foreign Office