ATACH Day at COP 31

10 November 2026 | 09:00 – 17:30 TRT (UTC+3) | WHO Health Pavillion

ATACH Day Overview

Title: From commitments to implementation: Country solutions for climate and health– ATACH Day at COP31 is convened by Türkiye, Australia, Brazil, the United Kingdom, and WHO.

Background and Objectives

As the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) starts implementing a set of new operational mechanisms aiming to move closer to countries, ATACH Day at COP31 will bring together countries, partners and practitioners to share experiences, lessons learned and practical approaches for translating climate and health commitments into action.

The event will place country experiences at the center of the discussion, highlighting progress, challenges and solutions across climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems, sustainable supply chains, and climate and health action across sectors. Through regional perspectives, country spotlights, and interactive exchanges, participants will explore what successful implementation looks like in different contexts and identify opportunities to accelerate progress.

ATACH Day will provide a platform for countries and partners to share practical implementation experiences, discuss enabling factors and barriers, and exchange knowledge with peers facing similar challenges. Interactive discussions will allow participants to explore common implementation priorities, share practical solutions, and identify opportunities for collaboration and mutual support.

Building on this momentum and for the fourth ATACH Day, the ATACH Day at COP31 will aim to:

- **Showcase country-led implementation** of climate and health actions across key thematic priorities.
- **Promote peer learning and exchange** on implementation challenges, solutions, enabling factors and lessons learned from different country and regional contexts.
- **Strengthen dialogue between countries, partners and technical experts** on priority areas for implementation.
- **Explore cross-cutting issues critical to implementation**, including financing, capacity building, equity and support for SIDS and LMICs.
- **Identify opportunities for future collaboration and enhanced support** through ATACH's engagement mechanisms.

ATACH Day schedule overview:

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:00	**High-level Opening & Setting the Scene** – 1 hour High-level interventions from: • **H.E. Prof Dr Kemal Memişoğlu**, Minister of Health, COP31 Presidency, Republic of Türkiye • **H.E. Dr Alexandre Padilha**, Minister of Health, Brazil • **Prof Zoe Wainer**, Director General, Australian Centre for Disease Control, Australia - COP31 Presidency of Negotiations • **Mr Christopher Gormley,** Chief Sustainability Officer, National Health Service (NHS) England **ATACH progress to date and priorities for 2026-2028** • **Ms Elena Villalobos Prats**, ATACH Secretariat Lead, World Health Organization **Chair: Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum**, Unit Head, Climate change, Energy and Air Quality, World Health Organization
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:00	**Regional Perspectives on climate change and health priorities and needs** – 45 min High-level interventions by representatives from MoH in 6 WHO Regions • **H.E. Mr Tuafafa Latasi,** Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Tuvalu (WPRO) • **Dr Riyad Al-Sheyab**, Secretary General for Primary Healthcare and Epidemics, Ministry of Health, Jordan (EMRO) • **Dr Agnes Soares Da Silva,** Director, Department of Environmental Health and Workers Health Surveillance, Ministry of Health (PAHO) • **Mr Erlend Tuseth Aasheim**, Specialist Director, Sustainable Health and Care Services, Directorate of Health, Norway (EURO) • **Ms Eliza Ximenes dos Santos**, Environmental Health Technician, Ministry of Health, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (SEARO) **Q&A** **Chair: Mr Mazen Malkawi,** Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health Sector, Ministry of Health and Prevention, United Arab Emirates
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15-12:45	**Country spotlights: Examples of national progress on implementation** – 1 hour 30 min Interventions by countries and partners on clear implementation examples with focus on enabling factors, challenges and learnings at country level across thematic priorities. Panel 1: 1. **Dr. Stephen Muleshe**, Director, Public Health, Ministry of Health, Kenya 2. **Ms Andrea Connell**, Deputy Director for International Affairs, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, Kingdom of The Netherlands 3. **Ms Moza Obaid Al Ketbi**, Head of Environmental & Occupational Health Section, Department of public health and prevention, Ministry of Health and Prevention, United Arab Emirates 4. **Dr Johnaliz A. Khow**, Medical Officer IV, Health and Climate Change Office, Department of Health, The Philippines

	Panel 2: 5. **Dr Zakariya Mohammed**, Director Climate Change and Environmental Health, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria 6. **Dr Naretrit Khadthasrima**, Deputy Director General, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand 7. **Mr Santiago González Muñoz**, Deputy Director of Environmental and Occupational Health, Ministry of Health, Spain **Chair:** TBC
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break – 1 hour
13:45-15:15	**Interactive Session: Technical Exchange for Implementation** – 1 hour 30 min Facilitated Lightning Talks and World Café on specific country challenges **Welcome and Introduction** (5 min) **Moderator: Prof Nick Watts**, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore **Lightning talks (25 min)** **First World Café discussion round** (20 min) ***Co-facilitator group 1:*** **Implementation for climate resilient and low carbon supply chains** **Ms Rittika Datta,** Policy Advocacy Manager, Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi) **Mr Vincent Bretin,** Director of Results and Climate, Unitaid ***Co-facilitator group 2:*** **Health systems decarbonization** **Mr Christopher Gormley,** Chief Sustainability Officer, National Health Service (NHS) England **Ms Jit Sohal**, Head of Strategy and Impact, Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore ***Co-facilitator group 3:*** **Indicators with a focus on equity and inclusion** **Dr Marina Romanello,** Executive Director, Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change **Ms Elizabeth Drent,** Acting Director of the Climate Change and Health Office, Health Canada ***Co-facilitator group 4:*** **Climate Change, Equity and Access to Health Care** **Dr Thiago Luchesi**, Head Global Advocacy, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance **Mr Chiagozie Udeh**, Programme Specialist, Climate Adaptation & Innovation, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) ***Allowing 5 minutes to change facilitator groups*** **Second World Café discussion round (20 min)** Four co-facilitator groups maximum ***Co-facilitator group 1:*** **Health care facility emissions measurement** **Ms Diana Picon Manyari**, International Climate Senior Director, Health Care Without Harm **Dr Jian Zhang,** Vice President, Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Tsinghua University ***Co-facilitator group 2:*** **Integrating climate change considerations into nutrition programming** **Dr Katrin Engelhardt,** Scientist, Nutrition and Food Safety Department, World Health Organization (WHO) **Ms Julia Wolf,** Senior Forestry Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

	Co-facilitator group 3: **Mental health in climate-related emergencies** **Dr Alessandro Massazza,** Senior Policy & Advocacy Advisor, United for Global Mental Health **Dr Maria Guevara,** International Medical Secretary, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) **Moderated reflection (15 min)** Moderated discussion to share key insights emerging across the different groups
15:15-15:30	Break
15:30 – 17:00	**Cross-cutting priorities to advance implementation** **Panel 1: Accelerating Climate and Health Financing** (45 mins) **Opening: Dr Agnes Soares da Silva,** Director of the Department of Environmental Health Surveillance, Ministry of Health Brazil (5 min) Panel: 1. **Dr Alan Dangour,** Director of Climate and Health, Wellcome Trust 2. **Mr Mikko Ollikainen**, Head, Adaptation Fund 3. **Mr Xavier Muron,** Director for Türkiye, Agence française de développement (AFD) 4. **Mr Medanou Bertin Gbobada**, Focal point for Climate and Health, Ministry of Health, Togo 5. **Ms Judith Moore,** Director of Resilient Healthcare, World Economic Forum Interventions from the floor (2 mins): 6. **Dr Johanna Sanchez**, Lead, Climate and Health, Grand Challenges Canada **Panel 1 Chair**: **Mr Greg Kuzmak**, Director of Health, Rockefeller Foundation **Panel 2: Equitable Climate and Health Action** (45mins) ; 4 min each + Q&A 1. **Dr Kimberly Humphrey**, Board Member, Doctors for the Environment Australia (DEA) 2. **Ms Aminath Shaufa,** Director Public Health, Health Protection Agency, Ministry of Health, Maldives 3. **Mr Abdul-Fatawu Salifu**, ATACH Champion for Communities, Patients and Youth 4. **Dr Indra Dhakal,** Chief Health Quality Standard Regulation Division, Ministry of Health and Food Safety, Nepal **Q&A** **Panel 2 Chair: Ms Arthy Hartwell,** Head of Policy, Climate and Health, Wellcome Trust
17:00 – 17:30	**High-level Closing** - 30 min • **H.E. Prof Dr Kemal Memişoğlu**, Minister of Health of the Republic of Türkiye • **H.E. Dr Sasho Klekovski**, Minister of Health, North Macedonia • **H.E. Dr Michael Ronald Darville,** Minister of Health and Wellness of The Bahamas • **H.E. Dr Hossam Abdel Ghaffar,** Official spokesperson and Assistant Minister for Institutional Development for the Ministry of Health and Population, Arab Republic of Egypt • **Dr Jérôme Weinbach**, Deputy director for European and International Affairs of the Social Ministries, France **Chair: Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum**, Unit Head, Climate change, Energy and Air Quality, World Health Organization