

ATACH High-Level Strategic Meeting – Paris, France 2026

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

We, the ATACH Community, convened at the ATACH High-Level Meeting under the French G7 Presidency in Paris on 25 June 2026.

We reaffirm the central role of the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH), led by WHO, as a global platform bringing together over 100 countries and partners to accelerate action on climate change and health.

We recognize that climate change is one of the greatest threats to global health, already contributing to:

- Increasing mortality and morbidity from extreme heat, extreme weather events, and air pollution.
- Disruption of health systems, infrastructure, and supply chains.
- Growing inequities, with the most vulnerable populations disproportionately affected.

Health systems worldwide are already under strain and must adapt urgently to protect populations and maintain essential services as the impacts of climate change intensify.

We recognize that climate change is caused by human activity and can be reduced through human action

- A fast and fair transition away from fossil fuel use to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors – particularly the health sector that contributes to 5% of all global emissions.
- Rapid uptake of renewable and sustainable energy sources to ensure equitable energy access, particularly in remote areas.
- Rethinking health practices that contribute to emissions linked to climate change, such as anaesthetic gases or single use plastics.

We recognize that climate action delivers significant health and economic co-benefits, including:

- Reduced healthcare cost through reduction of burden of disease and death.
- Increased workforce productivity and stronger economies due to reduced days lost to illness.
- Improved air quality and healthier environments.
- Increased resilience, and sustainable development.
- We emphasize that investing in health-centred climate action is both a public health imperative and a sound economic investment.

We recognize key existing global initiatives on climate change and health, including:

- COP initiatives, including: the COP26 Health Programme, the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN) and Sharm-El Sheikh Adaptation Agenda, the COP28 Climate and Health Declaration, and the Belém Health Action Plan (BHAP).
- The Global Action Plan on Health and Climate Change adopted by the 78th World Health Assembly and other relevant Regional Resolutions on climate and health.
- The “One Health & Beyond” initiative launched under the auspices of the French G7 Presidency, aiming to address the interconnected drivers of climate change, health, and ecosystems.

We emphasize the urgent need to accelerate action at scale to address the health impacts of climate change and prevent further harm. We highlight the importance of:

- Integrating health considerations into climate policies and planning, including Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), global stocktake processes and national policies.
- Moving from commitments to implementation, translating plans into concrete and measurable action.
- Working across all sectors to accelerate climate action that protects and promotes health through a whole-of-society approach.

We reaffirm our global commitments on climate and health action, including to build climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems, as put forth in the COP26 Health Programme, including by:

- Strengthening resilience of health systems and facilities to climate shocks and stresses.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing sustainability in health systems, including supply chains.

We highlight the dual role of health systems: protecting populations from climate impacts while contributing to mitigation efforts.

We reaffirm ATACH as an essential global platform and “force multiplier” for coordinated action, knowledge sharing, and capacity building.

- We are committed to working together through ATACH to share knowledge, build partnerships, and accelerate country action on climate change and health.
- We welcome the ATACH Operational Strategy 2026–2028 as a critical initiative to strengthen the Alliance in service of country implementation needs.
- We welcome enhanced regional and country-level engagement, including through communities of practice and partnerships.
- We emphasize the importance of inclusive participation, including communities, youth, and vulnerable populations.

We recognize that financing is a challenge for countries to take meaningful climate and note the need to mobilize investment from domestic and international finance into proven cost-effective interventions to protect health and reduce emissions:

- Recognising ATACH as a platform to identify country needs and opportunities for funding.
- utilising the ATACH network to share knowledge, increase efficiencies and redirect savings to climate and health action implementation.

We call on countries and partners to:

- Act with urgency to protect and promote health in the face of climate change.
- Increase ambition and implementation of climate and health commitments, initiatives and plans.
- Mobilize and align financing at scale, including through new dedicated mechanisms.
- Strengthen global collaboration through ATACH and related platforms.
- Share knowledge and innovations to accelerate progress globally.
- Strengthen monitoring, tracking, and accountability mechanisms.
- Scale up successful interventions and translate evidence into action
- Strengthen integrated approaches and intersectoral collaborations across health, environment, agriculture, and other sectors.

We reaffirm our collective commitment to protect and promote the health of current and future generations by placing health at the centre of climate action.

We commit to working together through ATACH to deliver transformative, equitable, and lasting impact with the goal of protecting health for all.