

Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH)

Waste and WASH actions for Low-Carbon, Sustainable and Resilient Health Care Facilities

**19 March 2026, 09:00 and 15:30 Geneva time
(1.5 hr technical meeting)
Online, on Zoom**

Link: Shared in meeting invite
in English with interpretation in:
AM Session: ENG to French and Arabic
PM Session: ENG to Spanish and French

Introduction and background:

Waste and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) are areas of interest and opportunities for health systems seeking to lower their greenhouse gas emissions, become more sustainable, and resilient to climate change. As expressed by ATACH country members during the June 2025 Technical meeting on Introduction to Action Planning for Low-Carbon Sustainability in Health Systems & Facilities and in country needs and priorities identified in ATACH, waste and WASH are a priority for many health systems.

Meeting objectives:

- ATACH member countries will increase their knowledge and understanding of the WHO guidance around waste and WASH for health systems and facilities, in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation
- ATACH member countries will learn from each other on actions that have already been taken by some countries to decarbonize, increase resilience, and/or sustainability – and how they are measuring gains
- ATACH member countries will share challenges and lessons learned – and what additional guidance might be needed in the near future to address waste and WASH issues in their systems for low-carbon, sustainability and resilience to climate change.

Meeting chair(s):

- Dr. Megha Rathi, WHO (morning session)
- Diana Picon Manyari, HCWH International Climate Senior Director (afternoon session, both introducing speakers and moderating discussion)

Proposed agenda:

Morning Session: 09:00-10:30

Meeting Chair: Dr. Megha Rathi, WHO (introductions), Dr. Amy Savage, WHO (discussion moderation)

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
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09:00 - 09:05 <i>5 min</i>	Welcoming remarks	Dr. Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, WHO
09:05 - 09:20 <i>15 min</i>	Technical presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO Tools on Building Climate-resilient and low carbon health care facilities - Climate resilient, sustainable and low carbon WASH in Health Care Facilities - Reducing carbon emissions from health care waste management interventions- 	Elena Villalobos Prats, WHO Dr. Maggie Montgomery, WHO Ruth Stringer, HCWH
09:20 - 10:00 <i>40 min</i>	Country experiences Lao PDR, Nepal and Ethiopia	Lao PDR- Dr Viengkhan Pixay, Deputy Director General, Department of Hygiene and Health Promotion, Ministry of Health, Lao PDR and Lkhasuren Oyuntogos, WHO Lao PDR Office Nepal - Dr Sudan Raj Panthi, WASH, Water Quality, Environmental Health Officer, WHO Nepal Ethiopia - Misganaw Tewachew, Climate and Health Focal Point, Ministry of Health
10:00 - 10:25 <i>25 min</i>	Discussion and Q&A	Dr. Amy Savage, WHO
10:25 - 10:30 <i>5 min</i>	Closing remarks / next steps	Dr. Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, WHO
<i>End of meeting</i>		

Afternoon Session: 15:30-17:00

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Meeting Chair: Diana Picon Manyari, Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) International Climate Senior Director

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
15:30 - 15:35 <i>5 min</i>	Welcoming remarks	Diana Picon Manyari, HCWH
15:35 - 15:50 <i>15min</i>	Technical presentations WHO Tools on Building Climate-resilient and low carbon health care facilities - Climate resilient, sustainable and low carbon WASH in Health Care Facilities - Reducing carbon emissions from health care waste management interventions	Elena Villalobos Prats, WHO Lindsay Denny Naughton, UNICEF Ruth Stringer, HCWH
15:50 - 16:30 <i>40 min</i>	Country experiences Nigeria, Belize and Brazil	Belize , Dr. Isani Chan, Ministry of Health and Wellness, Belize Nigeria , Chiranjibi Tiwari, Climate Change & WASH Manager, UNICEF Nigeria Brazil , Fernando Lira, Sustainability Coordinator, Santa Casa da Bahia
16:30 - 16:55 <i>25 min</i>	Discussion and Q&A	Diana Picon Manyari, HCWH
16:55 - 17:00 <i>5 min</i>	Closing remarks / next steps	Diana Picon Manyari, HCWH
<i>End of meeting</i>		