Detailed Programme: ATACH Day at COP30
14 November 2025 / 10:45 – 20:00 local time / COP30 Health Pavilion

ATACH Day Overview

Title: Accelerating action on climate and health – ATACH Day at COP30 is convened by the COP26 (UK), COP29 (Azerbaijan) and COP30 (Brazil) 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 over 100 committed countries, over 90 non-state partner organizations, and numerous interested stakeholders, working together to advance implementation of COP26 commitments and other priorities on climate change and health (CCH). The ATACH has gathered international momentum as the global collaboration platform to implement priorities arising from global initiatives on climate & health, including the I-CAN initiative launched at COP27, the COP28 Health Declaration and the WHA 77th Resolution on Climate and Health.

Building on this momentum and for the third ATACH Day, the ATACH Day at COP30 will aim to:

- **Reflect on how the ATACH can accelerate implementation to address country needs for building climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems and overall climate change and health priorities** (from COP29, COP28, WHA77 Resolution on CCH, I-CAN);

- **Showcase examples of best practices from countries/areas and partners** which can inspire and inform scaled-up delivery on CCH commitments and priorities, including **tangible tools, activities and actions** which ATACH members can integrate into their partnerships, policies and programmes;

- **Discuss "accelerating and scaling-up action" for climate change and health,** specifically for climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems and health promoting climate action by other sectors, and **the ways forward to support progress through the ATACH**, considering implementation needs, opportunities and challenges.

Proposed Outcomes

The ATACH Day would be expected to result in the following **outcomes/takeaways for participants**:

- An enhanced understanding of the new governance and strategy of ATACH, including of opportunities for different constituencies to engage in various collaborative mechanisms under the ATACH.
- Improved knowledge and awareness of best practices, tools, approaches, activities and actions which countries can build into their partnerships, policies, programmes and interventions, in order to contribute to delivering their commitments on CRLCSHS and other CCH priorities.
- A collective vision for the future of climate change and health action with a focus on CRLCSHS, including the role of ATACH in addressing the needs of countries to achieve the envisioned success.

Theme of COP30 ATACH Day: "Accelerating action for climate and health"

The COP30 ATACH Day will bring together key constituencies and stakeholders in climate change and health for reflections and discussions on accelerating action for climate and health to achieve climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems.

The high-level opening session will be an opportunity to explore **how various actors and constituencies can contribute to scaling up existing efforts on climate and health**, and to reflect on **opportunities and steps to achieve accelerated action as quickly as possible**. "Accelerating action on climate and health" will also be a guiding concept for technical sessions throughout ATACH Day.

Schedule Overview of ATACH Day:

Time	Session
10:45 – 11.15	**High-level Opening** – 30 min
11.15 – 11.30	Break – 15 min
11.30 – 13:00	**Climate-Resilient and Low-Carbon Sustainable Health Systems** – 1 hour 30 min
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break – 2 hours
15:00 – 16:30	**Accelerating Climate and Health Financing** – 1 hour 30 min
16:30 – 17:00	Break – 30 min
17:00 – 18:30	**From Evidence to Action - Accelerating Healthy Climate Action in All Sectors** 1 hour 30 min
18:30 – 20:00	Closing Remarks and Networking with ATACH community – 1 hour

Detailed Programme by Session

**All times are shown in local time*

High-Level Opening Remarks Time: 10:45 – 11:15
Description: The high-level opening session will be an opportunity to explore **how various actors, including countries and constituencies, can contribute to scaling up existing efforts on climate and health**, and to reflect on **opportunities and steps to achieve accelerated action as quickly as possible**. "Accelerating action on climate and health" will also be a guiding concept for technical sessions throughout ATACH Day. **Welcome and Moderator: Ms Elena Villalobos Prats,** ATACH Secretariat Lead, Capacity Building and Country Support Lead, WHO **Speakers:** *ATACH co-convenors:* - **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, WHO - **H.E. Alexandre Padilha**, Minister of Health, Brazil - **Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum**, Unit Head, Climate Change and Health, WHO *Other ATACH members:* - **Ms Mónica Corrales**, Director of Sectoral, European and Multilateral Cooperation, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) - **Dr Hussein Al Rand**, Assistant Undersecretary, Ministry of Health and Prevention, United Arab Emirates

Session 1: Climate-Resilient and Low-Carbon Sustainable Health Systems Time: 11:30 – 13:00
Description: To protect health from growing climate threats, health systems need to build climate resilience and adapt to current, emerging, and future threats caused by climate change. At the same time, health systems worldwide are already working on mitigating their contribution to climate change, including through health system decarbonization and low-carbon development. This event will showcase country examples and reflect on how to accelerate action for climate-resilient low-carbon sustainable health systems. **Moderator: Prof Nick Watt**s, Director, Centre for Sustainable Medicine, National University of Singapore

Session agenda	
11:30 – 11:35	1. **Welcome and Introduction: Prof Nick Watts**
11:35 – 12:15	2. **Spotlight on accelerating climate and health action** *4mins per speaker (20-25 mins/ 15 mins questions)* **Speakers**:

	- **Mr Stephen Thorpe,** Co-Founder/Director, **Sustainative** - **Mr Per Fredrik Ilsaas Pharo**, Director, Department for Climate, Nature and the Private Sector, **Norad** - **Dr Jérôme Weinbach**, Deputy Director for European and International Affairs, Social Ministries, **France** - **Dr Tatiana Marrufo**, Head of Central Office of the National Observatory of Health. Program Lead of Climate, environment and health program at 'Instituto Nacional de Saúde', **Mozambique** 3. **Open discussion** with questions from the floor (15 mins)
12:15 – 12:55	4. **Supporting accelerated action for climate-resilient and low-carbon sustainable health systems** *4mins per speaker (20-25 mins/ 15 mins questions)* **Speakers:** - **Mr Chris Gormley**, Acting Chief Sustainability Officer, **National Health Service (NHS) England** - **Ms Carolyn Tateishi**, Director, Climate Change and Health Office, **Health Canada** - **Dr. Maria Guevara**, International Medical Secretary, **Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)** - **Ms Andrea Connell**, Deputy Director International Affairs and Manager Global Affairs, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, **The Netherlands** - **Ms Diana Picon Manyari,** International Climate Senior Director, **Health Care Without Harm** 5. **Open discussion** with questions from the floor (15 mins)
12:55 – 13:00	6. **Summary and Wrap-Up**

Session 2: Accelerating Climate and Health Financing Time: 15:00 – 16:30 GMT+4
Description: ATACH 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 how COP30 can support existing initiatives aligning towards facilitating access to financing matching country demands and identify priorities and impediments for countries to access climate and health finance. The event will also discuss the role of 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**: **Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum,** Unit Head, WHO

Session agenda	
15:00 – 15:07	1. **Welcome and Introduction**
15:07 – 15:18	2. **Keynote presentations** • Ms Ritu Bharadwaj, Director Climate Resilience, Finance and Loss & Damage, **International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)**
15:18 – 15:33	3. **Action Bursts: Spotlight on Country Successes** **Speakers**: · **Dr Didacus Namanya**, Focal point climate change and health, Ministry of Health, **Uganda**
15:33 – 16:18	4. **Fireside chat discussion: "How to accelerate action for Climate and Health finance"** **Speakers:** · **Mr Arghya Sinha Roy**, Director, Climate Change, **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** · **Ms Sandrine Bouttier-Stref**, Global Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, **Foundation S** · **Ms Anamaria Bejar**, Director of Public Policy Engagement, **Gavi the Vaccine Alliance** · **Ms Saliha Dobardzic**, Lead, Programming and Innovation Unit, **Adaptation Fund** · **Ms Estelle Willie**, Director of Health Policy, **The Rockefeller Foundation** · **Mr Matthew Lindley,** Senior Manager, External Relations and Communications, **Unitaid**
16:18 – 16:25	5. **Open discussion**
16:25 – 16:30	6. **Reflection and closing remarks**

Session 3: From Evidence to Action - Accelerating Healthy Climate Action in All Sectors
Time: 17:00 – 18:30

Description:
This session will explore how health can act as a catalyst for accelerated climate action in all sectors. Focusing on actionable strategies, it will discuss ways to integrate health co-benefits into multi-sector operations, leverage partnerships, and connect climate and health outcomes to broader agendas, such as governance, prosperity, and stability. Through country examples and discussion, participants will gain insights into practical steps, tools, and approaches that ATACH members and partners can adopt to enhance health outcomes while advancing climate commitments across sectors.

Moderator: Dr Alan Dangour, Director of Climate and Health, Wellcome

Session agenda	
17:00 – 17:05	1. **Welcome and Setting the Scene**
17:05 – 17:45	2. **"In conversation": Evidence-based decision-making for healthy climate action in all sectors** **Speakers:** · **Professor Dame Angela McLean**, Government Chief Scientific Adviser, **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** · **Mr Francisco Jorge Heras Hernández**, Deputy Director-General for Climate Change Adaptation, Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, **Spain** · High-level representative, Ministry of Health, **Brazil** (TBC)
17:45 – 18:25	3. **Actionable strategies for working across sectors: Health, Nutrition, Urban Development, Energy** **Speakers:** - **Dr Marina Romanello,** Executive Director, Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change - **Ms Rose Mokaya**, Assistant Director Public Health-Climate Change and Health Unit, WHO-ATACH Country Focal Point, Ministry of Health, **Kenya** - **Mr Rui Leão,** Secretary General, International Union of Architects **(UIA**) - **Mr Jorge Meza,** Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**), and representative of the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (**I-CAN**). - **Mr Kevin Valencia,** Vice President of Finance, **IAAS World** (International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences)
18:25 – 18:30	4. **Summary and Wrap-Up**

Closing and Networking with ATACH community Time: 18:30 – 20:00
Description: The closing of ATACH Day will include high-level closing remarks providing a summary of strategic considerations about the "future we want" for health systems and healthy climate action in other sectors. The closing will also be an opportunity to outline key next steps for ATACH to drive action on the climate change and health nexus and support progress towards the desired future for health and health systems. **Moderator**: **Ms Elena Villalobos Prats**, ATACH Secretariat Lead, Capacity Building and Country Support Lead, **WHO** **Speakers**:

- **Ms Helen Yaxley**, Climate and Health Policy Lead, Climate, Environment and Health Team, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**
- **Mr Stephen Bouwhuis**, Assistant Secretary Environmental Health & Climate Change, Ministry of Health, **Australia**
- **Dr Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum**, Unit Head, Climate change and health, **WHO**

Summary and Wrap-Up and invitation to the cocktail