



**World Health
Organization**



**Conference on
Health & Climate**
27th – 29th August 2014

WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

Schedule Overview¹

Wednesday, 27th August 2014: Defining the agenda

08:30 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	Opening plenary session Opening and overview by WHO Director-General Margaret Chan.
09:45 – 10:00	Introduction to health and climate connections Introductory film on the links between health and climate.
10:00 – 10:15	Current state of knowledge on climate and health Presentation by Prof. Alistair Woodward, Coordinating Lead Author of the Health chapter of the 2014 report of the IPCC Overview of evidence from the latest IPCC report
10:15 – 10:30	Video statements from high-level supporters Video statements on the importance of linking climate and health
10:30 – 12:30	Linking international climate, sustainable development and health policy Positioning health within climate and wider development policy. Discussion with Ministers, UN representatives and other delegates, moderated by Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:30	Introduction to the public health response to climate change Introduction to the two main themes to be addressed throughout the conference; (i) Strengthening health system resilience to climate risks, (ii) Promoting health while mitigating climate change. Presentation by WHO secretariat.
14:30 – 17:30	A multi-stakeholder dialogue on climate change and health Moderated panel discussions on solutions and actions for building health resilience to climate change and gaining health benefits through addressing climate change. Moderation by Dr Fiona Godlee, Editor of the British Medical Journal. Panelists to include invited representatives of governments, bilateral development agencies, NGOs and the private sector.
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap up of first day
Evening	Welcome reception

Thursday, 28th August 2014: Identifying Solutions

09:00 – 10:00	Opening plenary session Summary of discussion from Day 1 and introduction to parallel sessions.
10:00 – 16:00	Parallel sessions on (A) Strengthening health resilience to climate risks; (B) Promoting health while mitigating climate change. Introductory presentations on background information outlining the current state of evidence and draft recommendations for action, followed by moderated discussion.
10:00 – 12:30	A: Strengthening health resilience to climate risks Protecting human health in a changing climate – the role of the health sector. B: Promoting health while mitigating climate change Opportunities to improve public health in cities.
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:00	A: Strengthening health system resilience to climate risks Protecting human health in a changing climate – working across sectors. B: Promoting health while mitigating climate change Leading by example in the health sector.
16:00 – 18:00	Plenary session Discussion of the solutions proposed by the health community within the global climate change response. Presentation on “the economics of health and climate change”. Summary of outcomes by chairs of the parallel sessions and open debate. Open debate on health as a motivating force for action on climate change and recommendations for protecting health from climate change.

Friday 29th August 2014: Defining implementation mechanisms

09:00 – 12:30	Working groups Draft final recommendations resulting from discussion sessions and debate.
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 17:30	Closing Segment Recapitulation of conference topics, summary of working group outcomes and final recommendations. Closing of the conference. Chairs of parallel sessions report back to the conference. Member State representatives summarize recommendations. Closing statements.
Evening	Social Event

¹ This Overview Schedule should be taken as indicative and is subject to change. A more detailed schedule will be provided to participants closer to the time of the conference.