



Eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Health in Climate Change (HIC)

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Time (CET)	Agenda item
08:45–09:30	Checking in to the Zoom session and testing sound and video
PART A: CORE MEETING OF THE HIC WORKING GROUP	
09:30–09:45	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and welcome (<i>Robb Butler, Director, Communicable Diseases, Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>) • Background, objectives and expected outcomes (<i>Oliver Schmoll, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health</i>)
09:45–10:00	Election of co-Chairs
10:00–10:45	Session 1: Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global updates on climate change and health, including the preparations for COP29 (<i>Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Climate Change and Health Unit, WHO</i>) • Building on the Budapest Declaration on Environment and Health (<i>Colin O’Hehir, Department of Health, Ireland</i>) • Climate change and health governance: insights from the Vienna meeting (<i>Andrea Schmidt, Gesundheit Österreich</i>) • The 2024 Europe report of the <i>Lancet</i> Countdown on Health and Climate Change: unprecedented warming demands unprecedented action (<i>Kim van Daalen, Barcelona Supercomputing Center</i>) <p>Q&A</p>
10:45–11:30	Session 2: Sharing progress on heat and health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heat-health action planning: update on the guidance (<i>Vladimir Kendrovski and Marisol Yglesias Gonzalez, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health</i>) • Heatwaves and health: guidance on warning system development (<i>Speaker TBC</i>) <p>Panel: Experiences and lessons learned on heat and health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 National Heat Protection Plan Austria (<i>Katharina Brugger, Gesundheit Österreich</i>) • 2023 HHAP Tajikistan (<i>Speaker TBC</i>) • Extreme heat at the Paris 2024 Olympics: risk management strategies and response to protect athlete’s and spectators’ health (<i>Karine Laaidi, Santé publique France</i>) <p>Q&A</p>
11:30–11:40	HEALTH BREAK

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11:40–12:25	<p>Session 3: Broadening the climate change and health horizon: innovations and insights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and climate change: A call for evidence-informed (<i>Speaker TBC</i>) • Climate-resilient and sustainable health systems: responding to country needs (<i>Speaker TBC</i>) • Responding to climate change impacts on human health in Europe: focus on floods, droughts and water quality (<i>Aleksandra Kazmierczak, European Environment Agency,</i>) • Research perspectives on the health impacts of climate change: conference outcomes (<i>Rita Araujo, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</i>) <p>Q&A</p>
12:25–12:30	Summary and conclusions PART A (Oliver Schmoll)
12:30–13:30	LUNCH BREAK
<p>PART B: SPECIAL CONSULTATION OF HIC MEMBERS ON THE RESEARCH AGENDA FOR ACTION ON CLIMATE AND HEALTH (REACH)</p>	
13:30–13:35	Opening and housekeeping
13:35–13:45	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maria Neira, Director, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO</i> • <i>John Reeder, Director, Research for Health, WHO</i> • <i>Francesca Racioppi, Head of Office, European Centre for Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe</i>
13:45–13:55	<p>Overview of REACH (<i>Christian Schweizer, Climate Change and Health Unit, WHO</i>)</p>
13:55–14:10	<p>WHO's progress on climate change and health and reflections on future looking goals and trends (<i>Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum, Climate Change and Health Unit, WHO</i>)</p>
14:10–14:20	<p>REACH framework and summary of research gaps and priorities in the existing literature (<i>Naomi Beyeler, Climate Change and Health Unit, WHO</i>)</p>
14:20–14:30	HEALTH BREAK
14:30–16:00	<p>Small breakout room group work to develop the REACH agenda (3 x 30 minutes):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are key research themes for inclusion in the REACH framework? How can the framework be enhanced for actionability? What evidence is needed by policymakers, practitioners, and communities to advance action in the WHO focus areas of work?
16:00–16:20	<p>Developing the principles and criteria for prioritization of research themes within REACH (<i>Sarah Charnaud, Research for Health Unit, WHO</i>)</p>
16:20–16:30	<p>Summary of key discussion points and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christian Schweizer</i> • <i>Oliver Schmoll</i>