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Integrated Global Data Collection and Country Consultation on Environmental Health and Migration Indicators

The World Health Organization (WHO) presents its compliments to Member States and Associate Members and has the honour to inform them that the WHO Environment, Climate Change, One Health and Migration Department (ECO) is piloting an initiative to consolidate its data management and monitoring activities, whilst reducing cost, duplication of processes and demands on Member States.

The initiative integrates six individual surveys that pertain to the Department's global mandates using one data collection platform covering the following technical areas:

- **Climate change and health:** WHO Health and Climate Change Global Survey, as per the WHO Global Action Plan on Climate Change and Health 2025–2028.
- **Migration and health:** WHO Global Monitoring Framework, as per the WHO Global Action Plan on Promoting the Health of Refugees and Migrants 2019–2030.
- **Water, sanitation, hygiene and health:** As per resolution WHA64.24 (2011) and the SDG 6 global monitoring mandate.
- **Chemical safety:** Indicators proposed under the Global Framework on Chemicals where WHO is identified as the custodian (document EB156/23).
- **Air pollution:** WHO Assessment Survey on Air Pollution Actions for Health (C.L.19.2025) to inform progress on the WHO Updated road map for an enhanced global response to the adverse health effects of air pollution (document EB156/24).
- **Radiation:** WHO monitoring activities on radiation protection and medical exposure, as per resolution WHA79.13 (2026).

In addition, WHO/ECO will conduct a Member States consultation on Outcome Indicators 1.1 and 1.2 of GPW 14 strategic objective 1, "respond to climate change, an escalating health threat in the 21st century" through a dedicated questionnaire.

Member States are invited to nominate a focal person(s) (name, affiliation, email address) to complete both the integrated survey and the Outcome Indicator questionnaire. Nominees should be communicated to **ECOmonitoring@who.int, by 8 December 2026**. The names and contact information of focal points from previous survey cycles are available on request. To streamline the engagement of Member States in this process, it is proposed that both

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the integrated survey and the consultation questionnaire be administered through the same national focal point.

Nominated focal points will be given access to the platform to respond to the integrated survey and consultation questionnaire upon their nomination and **asked to complete both by 15 January 2027**. A concept note outlining the context, objectives and resource persons at the
... global level is annexed to this CL and available in the six official languages at the following link: https://tinyurl.com/2h4fw9fn.

The World Health Organization this opportunity to renew to Member States and Associated Members the assurance of its highest consideration.

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Concept note available at: https://tinyurl.com/2h4fw9fn

Integrated global data collection on environmental health and migration

Context

WHO collects data from Member States to monitor progress on the environmental and migration-related determinants of health. These data underpin WHO reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals, on the Fourteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 14, 2025–2028), and on global action plans, road maps and resolutions adopted by the World Health Assembly.

The Department of Environment, Climate change, One Health and Migration (ECO) has launched a pilot initiative to integrate its monitoring work across data collection, data management and data dissemination. The first step brings the Department's country surveys together into a single annual data collection on one platform. Integration is at the level of the process: each technical module keeps its own mandate, while its content has been streamlined and overlap between modules minimized.

Objectives

- Provide the data needed for GPW 14 and global action plan reporting, and to identify gaps and guide support to countries.
- Reduce the reporting burden on Member States.
- Consolidate data management across ECO, reducing duplication and building synergies between technical areas.

Content of surveys by technical area

- **Climate change and health:** governance and national planning (health and climate strategies, health national adaptation plans, vulnerability and adaptation assessments); integrated surveillance and early warning; climate-resilient and low-carbon health systems and facilities; financing.
- **Migration and health:** equal access of refugees and migrants to essential and emergency healthcare; their inclusion in national health, emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction plans; culturally sensitive care; data disaggregated by migratory status.
- **Water, sanitation and hygiene:** risk-based management of drinking-water and sanitation services, including water safety plans and sanitation safety plans.
- **Chemical safety:** poison centres and availability of antidotes; clinical management and prevention of lead poisoning; legally binding controls on lead in paint, mercury in cosmetics and dental amalgam.
- **Air pollution:** air quality standards aligned with the WHO air quality guidelines; involvement of the health sector in setting them; health workforce training on air pollution and on health impact assessment.
- **Radiation:** radon policies and national action plans; regulations on electromagnetic fields and ultraviolet radiation; and data on medical exposure to ionizing radiation.

How it works

Each national focal point has access only to the module for their own technical area, and is supported by WHO regional and country offices. For the Climate change and health survey, which has the longest survey instrument, responses are prefilled based on responses to the 2025 survey so that focal points only need to review and update them.

Resource persons

- **General enquiries, coordination and platform:** ECOmonitoring@who.int
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