Climate change undermines the fundamental determinants of good health; clean air, fresh water, food security, and freedom from disease. Addressing climate change presents huge health opportunities, including reducing the over six million annual deaths from air pollution. The 2015 Paris Agreement cites the "right to health", and recognizes the opportunities to obtain health cobenefits from mitigation actions.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan and other key staff will lead a series of events at COP22, bringing together health, climate and environment stakeholders to showcase how the health community is already addressing this threat, and the health opportunities of more ambitious action.

Tenth Focal Point Forum of the Nairobi Work Programme:
Health and Adaptation

9 November, 18:30 – 20:00
Blue Zone

This side event cover the global landscape of climate change impacts on human health, and the current status, and future potential, of adaptation actions. It will address four themes:

- Changes in geographical distribution of disease
- New and emerging diseases, and their impacts on social and economic structures
- Issues of malnutrition, waterborne disease, vector-borne disease and disaster impacts
- Effects of climate change on health and productivity in the workplace

Action Agenda – Health Day

11 November, 15:00 – 18:00
Blue Zone, Arctic

The event will provide an update on the Health Action Agenda approved at the Second Global Conference on Health and Climate in July 2016. It will provide an overview and specific examples of how the public health community supports actions to implement the Paris Agreement. The events will provide:

- An overview of ongoing actions to ensure support for health and climate, address health risks and opportunities, and measure country progress.
- Presentation of perspectives and specific initiatives on health and climate from countries at different levels of development.
- An opportunity to discuss the establishment of a global strategic alliance between the health, environment and climate communities.

Find out more on the WHO events page.
Ministerial Meeting on Health, Environment and Climate Change

15 November, 14:30-16:30
Blue Zone, Moroccan Pavilion

The event will bring together Ministers of Environment and Ministers of Health to promote healthier environments for healthier people. It will build on the evidence that health gains are among the most socially and economically valuable benefits of environmental protection, and therefore the strongest motivation for public support and political action, to mobilize the combined strength of the health and the environment communities behind mutually beneficial actions for sustainable, low carbon, climate resilient development. The expected outcomes of the event include:

- A Marrakech declaration on health, environment and climate change.
- Identification of ways and means for a potential future coalition on health, environment and climate change.
- A proposal for ensuring that health is considered a priority and criterion for allocation of environmental and climate finance.

UN High Level Side Event on Climate Change and Health – SDG3: good health and wellbeing

15 November, 18:30-20:00
Blue Zone, Pacific

The session will address:
- How can we ensure sustained country progress in good health by promoting climate change adaptation and by leveraging co-benefits from sustainable and low carbon policies?
- How can national institutions be supported to achieve these goals?
- How can international tracking through UNFCCC and the SDGs support national progress?

SDG3 (good health and well being) and SDG13 (climate action) will be the central reference points, as well as their linkages with other SDGs – specifically SDG1 (no poverty), SDG2 (zero hunger), SDG6 (clean water and sanitation), SDG7 (affordable and clean energy), and SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities).

For more information on each of the above events, and others addressing health and climate change, visit the WHO COP22 event page: http://www.who.int/globalchange/en/