LIST OF COP17 SIDE EVENTS REQUIRING WHO HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION

Global Climate and Health Summit; led by public health NGOs
Date: Sunday 04 December 2011
Time: The full day
Conveners: Health Care Without Harm, Climate and Health Council, World Federation of Public Health Associations, Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu-Natal.
Hon. Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health, South Africa will open the Summit.
Venue: Parallel to the UNFCCC meetings at the Tropicana Hotel in Durban, South Africa.

The First Global Climate and Health Summit aims to bring together key health sector actors to discuss the impacts of climate change on public health and solutions that promote greater health and economic equity between and within nations. The Summit is geared to build the profile of the health sector vis-à-vis the COP17 negotiations in Durban, and to also help build a broader, longer lasting global movement for a healthy climate.

Objectives

- Raise the profile of public health and the health sector vis-à-vis the public debate and global negotiations on climate change.
- Catalyze greater health sector engagement on climate issues in a broad diversity of countries.
- Build a common, more coordinated approach to addressing the health impacts of climate change.
- Develop shared advocacy strategies for strong national and global policy measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

General UN System side event, led by UN Secretary-General

Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2011
Time: 13:15 - 14:45
Convener: UN High-Level Committee on Programmes

"As in previous UNFCCC-COP sessions since Bali, the Secretary-General will speak on behalf of the whole UN system at the High-Level Segment in Durban." Typically Heads of UN Agencies present at the CoP are present on the podium and make contributions within the areas of interest of their specific agencies.

Including health and development in climate change mitigation and adaptation, and in decisions at Rio + 20: led by South African Government

Date: Tuesday 06 December 2011
Conveners: Ministry of Health South Africa, UK, WHO
• To review progress since the WHA resolution and plan of action adopted in 2008, and the Cancun and other events on CC and health, identifying next steps to achieve integration of health arguments in climate change decisions and finance.
• To exchange knowledge, experience and good practice on addressing health determinants and promoting health through climate change adaptation and mitigation.
• To agree on next steps for promoting progress in integrating health into climate change response measures, such as pilot studies and international cooperation on specific issues/sectors (transport, household energy or health sector mitigation and adaptation), or the development of tools and pilot implementation for linking health monitoring to climate change decisions.
• To agree on proposals for Rio + 20 conference on sustainable development for integrating health into the conference outcomes e.g. propose goals/targets for Sustainable Development

High-Level Round Table on the Health Sectors’ Plan of Action for Climate Change Adaptation, led by African Development Bank

Date: Wednesday 07 December 2011
Time: 18:30 - 20:00
Convener: African Development Bank, with support of WHO and UNEP

Objectives:
• To present health impacts of climate change with a focus on Africa;
• To present the African experience in forging a health and environment strategic alliance to address climate change adaptation;
• To present the health sector’s plan of action for public health adaptation to climate change (2012-2016)
• To identify opportunities at the global, regional and national levels for immediate implementation.

Women Leadership to Address the Challenges of Climate Change to Health and Nutrition (waiting for UNFCCC approval)

Date: TBC (waiting for UNFCCC approval)
Time: TBC
Convener: co-organized and sponsored by the Public Health Institute (PHI), World Food Programme (WFP), Action Against Hunger (ACF), UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (UN SCN), World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Objectives:
• Provide a platform to exchange the experiences and strategies of influential persons in addressing nutrition security in the climate change agenda
• Identify effective strategies to address country and community needs related to nutrition security in the development of climate change adaptation plans and mitigation strategies
• Facilitate the development of intersectoral networks to engage in the follow-on capacity building initiatives to address the impacts of climate change and nutrition security
UN Joint side-event on social dimensions of climate change: Investing in people: tools and country experiences integrating social dimensions of climate response

Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2011;
Time: 18:30 - 20:00
Convener: co-organized by WHO and ILO as co-conveners of the UN Task team on social dimensions of climate change, which is composed of 19 UN agencies.

Objectives:
- Provide a platform to exchange the experiences, tools and strategies on including social dimensions within the climate change adaptation and mitigation responses
- Showcase what the UN is doing to ensure the consideration of the social dimension together with the environmental and economic ones in the UNFCCC process.
- Facilitate the development of integrated approaches to include the social dimensions of climate change within adaptation and mitigation options.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THAT WILL INVOLVE HEALTH /WHO REPRESENTATION

- Climate knowledge: science, assessment, monitoring and early warning

Date: Thursday, 1 December 2011;
Time: 13:15 - 14:45

Theme: Climate services are weakest in places where they are most needed – in vulnerable developing countries. For a modest investment, and by building on existing systems and capacities, the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) can bring benefits for sustainable development in all countries.

- Security and population dynamics

Date: Tuesday, 6 December 2011;
Time: 13:15-14:45

Theme: Population changes—mobility, urbanization, growing numbers of young people—shape and are shaped by climate vulnerability, including in conflict or natural resource dependent settings, affecting health, food security and livelihoods. Adaptation and humanitarian actions must incorporate these changes.

- Gender

Date: Thursday, 8 December 2011
Time: 13:15 - 14:45
Convener: WFP, WHO, UN SCN, UNF, WB, UNDP, Interagency Task Force on Gender and Climate Change (UNDP, UN Women, UNEP, UNFPA, UNESCO)

Theme: This high-level side event will showcase how all actors – from government ministries to UN agencies to microfinance organizations to large capital funds – can contribute to gender equality and women’s empowerment through more equitable and inclusive climate finance.

- **Adaptation**

Date: Monday, 5 December 2011;
Time: 13:15 - 14:45
Convener: UNISDR, WMO, WFP, UNCCD, UNDP, FAO, UNU-EGS, OCHA, UN-Habitat, UNICEF, WHO

Theme: UN System Support to Adaptation: Progress and Opportunities for Enhanced Action - Systems and sectors essential for human livelihood and health, such as water resources, agriculture and food security, will be adversely affected by climate change. The event will highlight what the UN system is doing to support countries to adapt to climate change and ways to enhance this response.

- **Capacity Building**

Date: Friday, 2 December 2011;
Time: 13:15-14:45
Convener: UNDP, UNEP, UNITAR, UN CC:Learn agencies

Theme: Results-Based Capacity Development to Address Climate Change: Lessons Learned from UN Initiatives - The side event will showcase UN success stories and discuss learning mechanisms and indicators on capacity building. It will pay special attention to needs expressed by parties on mitigation, adaptation, technology, finance, REDD and consider existing UN tools and initiatives such as CC:Learn.

- **Climate Change and Public Health: Healthy Climate, Healthy People, Healthy Economy**

Date: Thursday, 8 December 2011;
Time: 15:00-16:30
Convener: Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), Environmental Quality Protection Foundation (EQPF), International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations

Theme: Speakers will address health in mitigation, adaptation and financing strategies and the role of the health sector in addressing climate change at local, national and global level. The outcomes of the First Global Climate and Health Summit, which takes place in Durban on Dec 4, will also be reviewed.
• **Health as a Driver of Climate Change Policy**  
  **- Local Efforts: Global Action**

  Date: Wednesday, 30 November 2011;  
  Time: 16:45-18.15  
  Convener: Sea Trust Institute, Nurses Across the Borders (NAB)

  Theme: Demonstrates how, by empowering health professionals in low adaptive capacity areas, a north/south partnership with Nurses Across the Borders links research and capacity building with global action to build momentum for health as the universal societal and environmental driver for climate policy.

• **US side-event on climate change and health - Thursday 8 December 2001 (TBC)**

• **Social Talks with UN Foundation**

  **Health.** Organizer WHO. Tuesday, December 6, from 18.00 to 18.30 (TBC)

  **Gender, climate change and health and nutrition.** Organizer WHO, UN Women, WFP. Friday, December 2, 16.00 to 17:00 (TBC)