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Health impacts of climate change:

ADVANCING THE EUROPEAN ADAPTATION AGENDA TO 2030

Unpacking impacts and ways forward for policies in Europe with a special
focus on financing, equity, heat and air pollution

19 September 2023, 0900-1400
Norway House, Rue Archimède 17, Brussels

Online programme



Climate change is the biggest **health threat** of the 21st century and its effects increasingly occur in Europe, too. As **extreme weather events** and **health impacts** intensify, the urgency to act on **adaptation and mitigation** increases.

Opening of the policy conference

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| 09:00-09:10 | Welcome and opening | Moderator: Sonja van Rensen Kristin Aunan, Research Director, CICERO Center for International Climate Research, Norway |
| 09:10-09:20 | Keynote address | Elina Bardram, Director, DG Climate Action, European Commission |
| 09:20-09:30 | Keynote address | Philippe Roux, Head of Unit, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission |

Setting the scene of climate change impacts on health - stories from the field

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| 09:30-09:35 | Heat effects on health in Africa. Too Hot to Thrive: Narratives from community members on heats effect in pregnancy, postpartum and neonates | Adelaide Lusambili, Environment and Health Governance Centre, Africa International University, Kenya, (CHAMNHA project) |
| 09:35-09:40 | Heat effects on workers in Europe | Andreas Flouris, University of Thessaly, Greece (HEAT-SHIELD project) |
| 09:40-09:45 | Tackling health adaptation challenges at an institutional level | Colin O'Hehir, Head of Climate Change Unit, Department of Health, Ireland |



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Key recommendations

09:50-10:00 Accelerating Climate Change & Health Agenda in Africa through Networking Vincent Pagiwa, University of Botswana and Caroline Muthoni, Aga Khan University, Kenya (ENBEL project)

10:00-10:10 Connecting climate and health research - outcomes and identified knowledge gaps from the ENBEL project Kristin Aunan, CICERO Center for International Climate Research

10:15-10:30 Coffee break



Tackling the health impacts of climate change: Which EU action is needed?


10:30-10:40 **Science presentation:** Heat and air pollution – a joint threat for health Alexandra Schneider, Helmholtz Munich, Germany (EXHAUSTION project)

10:40-10:45 **Science presentation:** A missed opportunity for adaptation? The role of COVID-19 recovery for climate change adaptation and health system resilience in Europe Grace Turner, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK (ENBEL project)

10:45-11:40 **Panel discussion:** Tackling the health impacts of climate change: which EU action is needed? Aleksandra Kazmierczak, European Environment Agency (EEA) Anne Stauffer, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) Miriam Weber, WHO Healthy cities network/Utrecht Lucas Demuelenaere, City of Brussels-Capital Region Moderated by Sonja van Renssen

11:40-11:45 Interactive exercise Fleur Monasso, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

Addressing climate health vulnerability in Europe, Africa and beyond – what can the EU do?

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| 11:45-11:50 | Science presentation: Climate financing for local health adaptation | Tilly Alcayna, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre |
| 11:50-11:55 | Science presentation: Climate change and inequality – how can adaptation protect the most vulnerable | Sari Kovats, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK |
| 11:55-12:00 | Science presentation: Workers and heat stress in occupational settings – implications for policy response | Jason Glaser, La Isla Network, USA |
| 12:00-12:30 | Panel discussion: Addressing climate health vulnerability in Europe, Africa and beyond – what can the EU do? | Chiara Martinelli, Director, Climate Action Network Europe Mette Petersen, Director of the Red Cross EU Office Hans Stausboll, DG International Partnerships, European Commission (Africa - Acting Director) Moderator: Sonja van Renssen |
| 12:30-12:35 | Concluding remarks | Anne Stauffer, HEAL  |

12:35-14:00 Networking lunch



Film screening



14:00-16:30
(same venue)

Screening and discussion of the film “Too Hot To Work”

Too Hot to Work.
Director: Mikaël Lefrançois France, 2023
“Too Hot To Work” is taking the audience around the world on a tour of the current state of labor in extreme heat. The film explores how heat is endangering workers’ health and how it affects productivity, incomes, and businesses. It also delves into how a warmer climate may transform the way we work and how workers, businesses, and governments adapt to this growing risk. See full programme for the film screening www.enbel-project.eu