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SIDE EVENT

High-Level Policy Dialogue on Climate Change and Health and the Official Launch of The Pan-African Partnership on Climate and Health (PPCH)

Venue: Mali Pavilion Date: 18 November 2024

Time: 14:00-16:00PM (GMT+4)

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Context/Background

The effects of climate change on human health are increasingly threatening communities and countries across the globe. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), air pollution results in nearly 7 million deaths annually. WHO further reports that approximately 189 million people remain exposed to extreme weather conditions which ultimately heighten the risk of heat-related illnesses and infectious diseases. To combat these climate-related health impacts, key stakeholders have begun establishing global policy frameworks on Climate Change and Health. For instance, the COP28 Presidency, in partnership with WHO and the UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention, launched the **COP28 Declaration on Climate and Health** during the 2023 COP28 convenings. A **Resolution on Climate Change and Health** was also adopted by member states and WHO during the Seventy-Seventh World Health Assembly (WHA77). Both the Declaration and the Resolution highlight the urgent need to address the intersection of climate change and health, and emphasize the necessity for global commitment to tackling climate-related health challenges.

In Africa, where the effects of climate change are most severe, African regional stakeholders on Climate Change and Health have maintained the momentum to influence and steer conversations on these critical issues from an African perspective. For example, the WHO African Regional office launched a **Framework for the Afro region** to provide guidance in building climate resilient and sustainable health systems. AMREF Health Africa through a collaborative initiative with the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP) and World Health Organization, also launched **Africa's Common Position on Climate Change and Health** during the 2023 African Regional Conference on Climate Change and Health, in Malawi. Moreover, through an initiative dubbed the Pan-African Partnership on Climate and Health (PPCH), PACJA, AMREF, and AFIDEP organized a side event at the Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA) conference, which influenced the inclusion of climate change and health in Article 10 of the resolution (Decision SS.X/3) from the 10th special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Cote d'Ivoire.

To advance the climate change and health priorities outlined in Article 10 of AMCEN's Decision SS.X/3 and to ensure that Africa's climate change and health considerations are integrated into the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), Amref Health Africa, in collaboration with PACJA and AFIDEP, will host a high-level policy dialogue on climate change and health at COP29 under the PPCH umbrella.

Objectives

1. Raise awareness about the health impacts of climate change in Africa and advocate for a stronger global commitment to tackling these challenges while emphasizing its urgency and significance in Africa.
2. Integration of health considerations into climate policies and actions, aligning with both the COP29 agenda and the aspirations noted in Article 10 of AMCEN's Decision SS.X/3.
3. Mobilization of increased funding to support climate and health initiatives, ensuring that Africa's needs are prioritized in the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG).
4. Create grounds for support around the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) UAE Belem work program ensuring a consultative process for developing Climate and Health Indicators contextualised to African realities.

Participants

The Pan-African Partnership on Climate and Health (PPCH) seeks to employ an inclusive multistakeholder approach during implementation. As a result, the launch and high-level dialogue will bring together government, academia, non-profit, and civil-society actors working towards advancing Climate Change and Health at national, regional and/or global levels. African Ministers of Health and Environment, and representatives from top financial institutes will also grace the activity and activity be engaged in it.

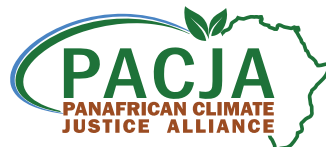
Expected Outcomes

1. Official Launch of the Pan African Partnership on Climate and Health (PPCH)
2. Communique on Incorporation of African Climate Change and Health priorities in key COP29 outcomes.
3. Joint Policy Press Statement focusing on unified and robust African response to the health impacts of climate change.

Time	Activity
	Moderator: Benson Simba - Director, Social Determinants of Health; Amref Health Africa
30 MINS	Solidarity Statements/Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Dr. Mithika Mwenda-Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance▶ Dr. Gitahi Githinji -Group Chief Executive Officer- AMREF Health Africa▶ Dr. Adelheid Onyango-Director of the Universal Health Coverage/ Healthier Populations Cluster at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa▶ Raphael Danglade-Lead Portfolio Manager, Climate and Development, Africa-Europe Foundation▶ Dr. Iziaq Salako-Minister of State for the Environment-Federal Republic of Nigeria▶ H.E Dr Joyce Banda- Former President, Malawi▶ H.E Teymur Musayev-Minister of Health Azerbaijan
30 MINS	Unmasking The Pan-African Partnership on Climate and Health (PPCH) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Ms. Lilian Khalai Mulaa- Project Officer PACJA
45 MINS	Navigating Climate Change and Health in Africa: Policy and Financing Pathways for Sustainable Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Mr. Gerishom Gimaiyo- Director Health Africa Regional Officer-The Rockefeller Foundation▶ Bience Gawanas- Vice Chair- The Global Fund Board▶ Prof. Anthony Nyong- Director for Climate Change and Green Growth-The African Development Bank▶ Mr. Chihenyo Kangara- Regional Manager, Africa Desk-Green Climate Fund▶ Ms. Alice Bell-Head of Policy, Climate and Health Wellcome Trust▶ Moderator: Dr Martin Muchangi-Director Population Health and Environment-Amref Health Africa
15 MINS	Closing Remarks: Amb. Ali Mohammed - Chair African Group Negotiators



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