

Interactive Policy Dialogue

Environment-Health Nexus in Asia and the Pacific

Environmental risks including climate change, biodiversity loss, and unsustainable food systems are the biggest health threats facing people in Asia and the Pacific.

An integrated and cross-sectorial approach to the environment-health nexus can guide impactful, efficient national and regional policy responses to converging health and environmental risks, and advance delivery on the SDGs.

This Policy Dialogue seeks to bring together policymakers and stakeholders working in the areas of health, environment, agriculture and wildlife management in Asia and the Pacific to:

- ✓ Advance understanding and identify priorities for operationalizing the environment-health nexus in public policy, with a focus on the One Health approach;
- ✓ Discuss pathways to strengthen national and regional governance of interlinkages between health, climate, biodiversity, and food systems, including through multilateral processes;
- ✓ Promote collaboration between sectors, countries, development partners and stakeholders in the region.

14 September 2022

10:00-16:00 (GMT+7, Bangkok)

Virtual event via Zoom

10:00-10:10 | Opening remarks

10:10-10:20 | Keynote address

Addressing the global health crises through environmental interventions

10:20-11:30 | Session 1—High-level dialogue

Opportunities to operationalize the environment-health nexus: experiences from the region

11:30-12:30 | Break (1 hour)

12:30-15:05 | Session 2—Thematic discussion

Climate change, health, and nature-based solutions

Biodiversity, health, and nature-based solutions

Food systems, environment, and health

15:05-15:50 | Session 3—Open dialogue

Strengthening governance and enabling environments

15:50-16:00 | Closing remarks

Registration & info: shorturl.at/atH02

Featured speakers

Opening and welcome



Richard Florizone
President and CEO,
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Katinka Weinberger
Chief of Environment
and Development
Policy Section,
ESCAP



Annika Reynolds
CEO of **GreenLaw**; Youth
Chair of Environment and
Human Rights, **Australian
Lawyers for Human Rights**



Alexander O'Connor
Assistant Minister for
Health and Medical
Services,
Government of Fiji



Maxi Rein Rondonuwu
Director General of Disease
Prevention and Control,
Ministry of Health,
Government of Indonesia

Keynote address

Session 1

Session 2

Session 1: high-level dialogue on opportunities to operationalize the environment-health nexus



Minal Pathak
Senior Scientist,
IPCC



Scott Newman
One Health
Asia-Pacific Regional
Program Priority Lead,
FAO



Pema Gyamtsho
Director General,
International Centre for
Integrated Mountain
Development (**ICIMOD**)



Catherine Machalaba
Principal Scientist for
Health & Policy,
EcoHealth Alliance



Nitish C Debnath
National
Coordinator,
**One Health
Bangladesh**

Session 2: Thematic discussion on the links between health, climate change, biodiversity loss and sustainable food systems



**Sitaramachandra
Machiraju**
Senior Agriculture
Economist, East Asia &
Pacific Region, **World Bank**



Serge Morand
Director of Research,
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Sally J Edwards
Health and the
Environment Coordinator,
Regional Office for the
Western Pacific, **WHO**



Makiko Yashiro
Ecosystem Management
Coordinator, Regional
Office for Asia and the
Pacific, **UNEP**



Sallie Yang
Programme Officer,
National Environmental
Law Unit, Law Division,
UNEP

Session 3: open dialogue on strengthening governance and enabling environments

Moderating / closing remarks



Dindo Campilan
Regional Director
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Gerda Verburg
UN Assistant Secretary-
General and Coordinator of
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