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.

Interactive Policy Dialogue

Environment-Health Nexus in Asia and the Pacific

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

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Featured speakers

Opening and welcome
- Richard Florizone
  President and CEO, IISD

Keynote address
- 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
- Anas Ma’ruf
  Director of Environmental Health, Ministry of Health, Government of Indonesia

Session 1: high-level dialogue on opportunities to operationalize the environment-health nexus
- 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
- Dechen Tsering
  Director, Asia and the Pacific Office, UNEP

Session 2: Thematic discussion on the links between health, climate change, biodiversity loss and sustainable food systems
- Minal Pathak
  Senior Scientist, IPCC
- Sitaramachandra Machiraju
  Senior Agriculture Economist, East Asia & Pacific Region, World Bank
- Serge Morand
  Director of Research, CNRS-CIRAD
- 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

Session 3: open dialogue on strengthening governance and enabling environments
- Sallie Yang
  Programme Officer, National Environmental Law Unit, Law Division, UNEP
- Dindo Campilan
  Regional Director for Asia, IUCN
- Gerda Verburg
  UN Assistant Secretary-General and Coordinator of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement
- Sangmin Nam
  Director of Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

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