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SIDE EVENT

Advancing Political Commitments on Climate and Health Financing: Where is the Global South Voice?

Venue: Cote d' Ivoire Pavilion Date: 13 November 2024

Time: 11:00AM-12:30PM (GMT+4)

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Mid-way through a global ‘super-year’ of elections and in the context of new institutional and programming cycles for the EU and AU, the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is set to be hosted in Baku, Azerbaijan, at which parties are expected to agree on a crucial New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG).

This will be a test for countries to show commitment and mend eroded trust that international cooperation can effectively tackle current challenges that hinge on climate change. At the heart of these challenges lies the climate-health nexus, elevated at COP28 and most recently at the 77th World Health Assembly in Geneva, where member states adopted a resolution acknowledging insufficient financing as a significant barrier to developing resilient and sustainable health systems.

With countries expected to enhance their next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), it’s crucial that a ONE health approach is adopted and for countries to secure the technical capacities and financial resources to deliver on commitments. Accessibility, quality, and predictability of climate finance, as well as honouring climate finance commitments, together with innovative finance, will play a critical role in operationalising revised NDCs. It will also contribute to future-proofing, climate-proofing and integrating the development and health agendas.

To this end, the climate-health community is calling for an effective, needs-based, accountable, and predictable NCQG on Climate Finance, whereby health is fully integrated and recognised as a transversal theme that cuts across climate action and sustainable development at large. As we forge ahead amongst several competing global priorities in need of financing, climate-resilient health systems must be considered a mandatory and foundational element to build upon for a prosperous society. In this context, Amref Health Africa and partners will convene a High-level Ministerial discussion on Climate and Health along the margins of COP29.

Objectives

1. Analyse the emerging financial needs of climate and health in Africa concerning the 2024 Africa Common Position on Climate and Health.
2. Reflecting on opportunities and innovative instruments to enhance tracking of climate finance pledges for the health sector.

Outcome:

A political and financial Africa-Europe Climate-Health Roadmap which takes into consideration the following principles:

- ▶ Lay the groundwork for COP29 and look ahead to COP30, to unite a global health voice to place “health” at the core of negotiations including the global goal of adaptation, new climate finance targets and the loss and damage fund.
- ▶ Support the bridging and operationalization of agendas such as the Guiding Principles for Financing Climate and Health Solutions and the Joint Roadmap for Climate-Health Finance by International Financing Institutions.

- ▶ Engage high-level political leaders to commit to the necessary financing quantum, instruments, and timeframe for delivering climate finance within the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), which supports all required climate actions, including those in the health sector.
- ▶ Elevate innovative financing models that are just, equitable and non-debt burdening, while strengthening the accountability of allocations to ensure effectiveness of investments, reaching communities.

To achieve the set objective and foster bold political commitments, the convening will focus on engaging key policymakers, experts, and diverse health and climate funders. Notably, the event will seek the participation of prominent political figures including **Hon. Minister of Environment for Nigeria**, among others.

Agenda:

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Date: 18 November 2024 11:00AM-12:00PM

Venue: Azerbaijan NGO Forum Pavilion

Time	Activity
	Moderator: Charles Mwangi - Head of Programs and Research, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance
30 MINS	<p>Ministerial Panel Discussion: Addressing Climate and Health Financing in Africa: Insights from the 2024 Common Position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Dr. IZIAQ SALAKO-Minister of State for the Environment Federal Republic of Nigeria ▶ Hon Ir. Prosper Dodiko- Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Burundi ▶ Hon. Khumbize Chiponda-Minister of Health Malawi ▶ Hon. Mary Muthoni- Principal Secretary Ministry of Health Kenya ▶ Dr. Mithika Mwenda-Executive Director, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance <p>Moderator: Dr. Gitahi Githinji-Group Chief Executive Officer- AMREF Health Africa</p>
30 MINS	<p>Panel Discussion: Novel Approaches to Monitoring and Boosting Climate Finance for Health in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Raphael Danglade-Lead Portfolio Manager, Climate and Development, EU/AU Foundation Representative ▶ Prof Brama Kone- Technical Officer Climate and Health WHO Afro Region ▶ Alice Bell- Head of Policy, Climate and Health-Wellcome Trust ▶ Prof Alhaji Njai- Associate Professor University of Sierra Leone ▶ Dr. Guastavo Aboua- Director General Ministry of Environment Cote D'Ivoire ▶ Moderator: Benson Simba- Director, Social Determinants of Health; Amref Health Africa
5 MINS	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Moderator: Benson Simba- Director, Social Determinants of Health; Amref Health Africa



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