

**Climate Action for Health: cut emissions, clean our air, save lives**

Sunday 22nd of September – 11:30 to 13:00

Conference room 2, UNHQ, NYC

The Social and Political Drivers coalition led by the governments of Peru and Spain, with the World Health Organization (WHO), and in collaboration with the Secretary General’s Climate Action Summit team, is inviting national and local governments, multilateral institutions, philanthropic organizations and civil society, to a discussion on how a healthier and safer future for all can be achieved through actions which save lives, cut carbon emissions, and clean our air.

This pre-summit event will be an opportunity to showcase actions from different actors to align climate change and air quality policies, increase financing for both areas, and present best practices.

The pre-summit event will look at two critical aspects: 1) air pollution, its effects and efforts to counter it; and 2) adapting our health systems and financing for climate change and air pollution.

**Agenda**

Facilitation: Director of Public Health and Environment, WHO, Dr Maria Neira

11:30am to 11:45am	<p><b>Welcome remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Environment of Peru, Ms Lucia Ruiz Ostoic</li> <li>• Director-General, WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus</li> </ul>
11:45am to 12:25pm	<p><b>Air pollution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founder, Lung Care Foundation, Prof Dr Arvind Kumar</li> <li>• Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and Mayor of Accra. Mr Mohammed Adjei Sowah</li> <li>• General Director on Sustainable Development, Sevilla, Spain and Coordinator of the Spanish Network of Cities for the Climate, Ms Esperanza Caro</li> <li>• EU Commissioner for the Environment, Mr Karmenu Vella</li> </ul>
12:25pm to 12:50pm	<p><b>Adapting our health systems and financing for climate change and air pollution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister of Climate Change and Environment of United Arab Emirates, HE Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi</li> <li>• Minister for Family Affairs and Social Services of Finland, H.E. Ms Krista Kiuru</li> <li>• International Director of Program and Strategy, Health Care Without Harm, Josh Karliner</li> <li>• System Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy Engagement, CommonSpirit Health, Ms Rachelle Reyes Wenger</li> <li>• Executive Director of Clean Air Fund, Ms Jane Burston</li> </ul>



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12.50pm to 13:00	<b>Closing remark</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minister of Health of Spain, Ms María Luisa Carcedo</li></ul>
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