

ROUNDTABLE: LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION, GLOBAL HEALTH IMPACT
During the 64th session of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC (SB 64)
Date: 11 June 2026, 16:00-17:30 CEST
Location: H-107 (TBC), World Conference Center Bonn

Background

Building on progress made under the Global Climate Action Agenda, particularly on multi-level governance, urban development, zero waste (Axis 4) and resilient health systems (Axis 5), there is now a strong foundation for advancing integrated climate and health action. Diverse initiatives bringing together subnational and local governments are strengthening public health resilience against extreme climate events and waste-related risks through integrated approaches for adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation. Their collective work converges around two key Plans to Accelerate Solutions - [The Belém Health Action Plan for the Adaptation of the Health Sector to Climate Change](#) and [Greening Cities to Beat the Heat: Harnessing nature-based, passive and efficiency solutions for sustainable cooling and energy demand reduction](#)- protecting vulnerable populations and urban environments by integrating climate-resilient health systems with nature-based solutions to mitigate extreme heat and other health risks and enhance societal adaptation. With the COP 31 Presidency explicitly highlighting resilient health systems, climate-resilient cities and zero waste as priorities, there is increasing recognition of the interconnected nature of climate change and public health, as well as the essential role of subnational governments in driving and implementing climate action. Together, these converging priorities create a timely opportunity to strengthen multi-level governance and better integrate local and subnational climate and health initiatives into national and global strategies.

The sixty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB 64) provides a unique moment to convene local implementers, subnational coalitions, health experts, and national governments to define a core agenda in the lead-up to COP 31, where health is expected to be a central theme. This in-person roundtable “**Local Climate Action, Global Health Impact**”, hosted by the Marrakech Partnership jointly with subnational networks and local climate and health implementers, aims to enhance collaboration between local, regional and national governments, and health institutions, elevate the unified voice of subnational actors on climate and health, and advance their meaningful engagement within the global climate framework.

A particular focus will be placed on surfacing locally proven climate and health solutions with potential for replication and scale, alongside the policy, financing, governance and coordination mechanisms needed to enable broader implementation. In addition to complementing ongoing UNFCCC collaborations on the climate and health nexus, this roundtable supports an integrated whole-of-society approach and strengthens non-Party stakeholder (NPS) engagement in implementing the Paris Agreement.

Agenda

Moderator: Mrs. Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Senior Advisor on Adaptation and Resilience, United Nations Foundation

16:00- **Opening Remarks**

16:05
(5 min) Opening reflections on the growing convergence of climate governance, urban resilience, zero waste and public health and setting the stage for integrated climate and health action through multi-level governance ahead of COP 31.

- Mr. Samed Ağırbaş, COP 31 Climate High-Level Champion, Türkiye (TBC)

16:05- **From Evidence to Action: What Do Subnational Climate-Health Solutions Look Like?**

16:35
(30 min) Open discussion amongst roundtable participants to explore practical examples of integrated climate and health action at the subnational level, with a focus on enabling conditions for success and pathways to scale

- *What locally proven climate and health interventions have demonstrated the strongest impact, what conditions have enabled their success, and how should local implementers evaluate and measure the impact of these actions?*
- *What resources and capacities do local and subnational officials need to develop climate-health plans that are resilient to challenges such as health system pressures, mis- and disinformation, and political shifts?*

16:35- **Connecting Subnational Action to National and Global Frameworks**

17:00
(25 min) Open discussion amongst roundtable participants to explore how subnational climate-health action can be better reflected and embedded within national planning and international reporting frameworks

- *How can subnational climate-health action be more systematically reflected in NDCs, NAPs, and national health strategies? What accountability mechanisms exist or are needed?*
- *What financing and technical support mechanisms best enable subnational actors to sustain and expand climate-health programmes, and how can national governments facilitate access?*

17:00- **Road to COP 31 and Beyond**

17:25
(25 min) Open discussion amongst roundtable participants on priorities and expectations for strengthening climate-health action in the lead-up to COP 31 and beyond, with particular attention to resilient cities and subnational implementation

- *What are the top climate and health priorities of local and subnational governments for the COP 31 outcome focused on building cities resilient to heat and flooding? How might multistakeholder efforts (including acceleration plans such as the Belem Health Action Plan, Beat the Heat on urban cooling, and multi-level partnership mechanisms to support cross-sectoral action), help support these priorities?*
 - *What do local and subnational actors need from national governments to ensure health is meaningfully reflected in national climate commitments and outcomes at COP 31? Conversely, what support do national leaders need from local and subnational actors to enable more ambitious, health-responsive national climate plans?*
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17:25- **Closing Remarks**

17:30
(5min) Closing reflections on the critical role of local implementers and subnational governments in advancing integrated climate and health action, highlighting the need for stronger collaboration across levels of government and emphasizing the collective priorities emerging from the roundtable for advancing ambitious and health-centered outcomes at COP 31.

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