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# **AGENDA**

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# **Regional Training Workshop**

# **Climate, Environment and Health for the Americas**

**Organizers:** Government of Neuquén, Argentina; Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI); Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO); and the Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education (GCCHE).

**Place:** San Martín de los Andes, Neuquén, Argentina

**Dates:** 13-17 March 2023

**Background**

The Americas needs to strengthen public institucional capacity to address and adapt effectively to environmental determinants of health (EDHs), prioritizing populations living in conditions of vulnerability. An integrated and evidence-informed approach within the health sector and in partnership with other key sectors such as climate, environment, and disaster risk management, among others, is essential to addressing and adapting to the challenges of EDHs in the region. Identification of solutions must be context-specific, based on the needs and priorities of countries, and should encourage greater coordination, leadership, and communication.

A transdisciplinary (TD) approach expects stakeholders, including decision- and policy-makers, implementers, communities affected by policies, and practitioners, to work jointly with researchers in collaborative and iterative co-development processes at the interface of science and policy. TD research projects are problem-driven and solution-oriented, integrating knowledge, tools, and ways of thinking from multiple disciplines and actors from the public and private sectors. Stakeholders are included from the initial project framing stage and throughout the project life cycle in an equitable and ethical co-creation processes.

Science-policy projects at the nexus of Climate, Environment and Health (CEH) can have broad societal framework and measurable societal benefits; their focus can range from vulnerability and resilience to reduce the risks of natural and anthropogenic hazards, to pollution, food/water security and quality, chronic and emergent diseases related to global change, and adaptation and mitigation actions in different socio-economic and environmental sectors to improve wellbeing (<https://www.iai.int/pdf/en/Strategicplan-en.pdf>).

In this workshop, teams of researchers from the Americas will have the opportunity to refine their pre-proposals for research, based on regional priorities. Concurrently, spaces of dialogue and collaboration among governments, funders and partner institutions, and between institutions and with participating researchers, will be held throughout the meeting.

**Objectives of the workshop**

* Strengthen a regional Americas climate, environment and health (CEH) community of practice with researchers, government officials, and other actors.
* Strengthen the development and implementation of seed projects to ensure that they are aligned with policy priorities and local to regional needs.
* Identify collaborative mechanisms for future funding, technical support, capacity building.
* Identify joint activities between regional/national organizations

| **Monday 13**  **Arrival of workshop participants** | | |
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| **17:00-18:00** | Initial introductions of teams and facilitators | Moderator: Dr. Anna Stewart Ibarra |
| **18:00-19:00** | Opening of the workshop  Welcome comments  Dr. Carlos Javier Darío Saloniti  Mayor of San Martín de los Andes  Dra. Andrea Peve, Minister of Health of the Province of Neuquén  Dr. Marcos Regis da Silva, IAI Executive Director  Dr. Daniel Buss, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)  Reflections on opportunities and challenges for transdisciplinary science to serve society  Dr. Omar Lopez, Chair of the IAI Science Advisory Committee (10 min)  Dr. Evelia Rivera, Chair of the IAI Science Policy Advisory Committee (10 min) | Moderator: Dr. Anna Stewart Ibarra |
| **From 19:00** | Free for dinner |  |
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| **Tuesday 14**  **Objective: Priorities in climate, environment and health in the Americas - research and institutional topics of interest/concern** | | |
| **8:30-9.00** | Brief welcome and introduction to the workshop | Ms. Marcella Ohira / Dr. Anna Stewart-Ibarra |
| **9:00-10:00** | Group activity with research teams   * 15 min Rapid poll of expectations and initial queries (SLIDO by team and answers to initial queries) * 45 min Teams will discuss feedback on pre-proposals and work on pitches with facilitators & resource people | Dr. Irene Torres / Tec. Carlos Barboza |
| **10:00-10:30** | Belmont Forum Funding Opportunity: Collaborative Research Action on Climate, Environment and Health (CEH2) | Dr. Brian Leung |
| **10:30-11:00** | Break |  |
| **11.00-12.30** | Transdisciplinary Game | Ms. Marshalee Valentine / Dr. Ma. Ines Carabajal |
| **12.45-13.45:** | Lunch |  |
| **14.00-16.00** | Regional Climate Sector Priorities  (45 min)  Speakers: Barbara Tapia, World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Morgan Zabow, Coordinator of Climate and Health Communication and Outreach of, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA); Juan José Nieto, Centro Internacional para la Investigación del Fenómeno de El Niño (CIIFEN); Maria de los Angeles Skanski, Centro Regional del Clima para el Sur de América del Sur, (CRC-SAS); Dr. Roche Mahon, Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH)  30 minute break  Regional Health Sector Priorities (45 min)  Speakers Dr. Daniel Buss, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO); Dr. Berta Pineda, Organismo Andino de Salud - Convenio Hipólito Unanue (ORAS CONHU); Dr. Carmen Ciganda, Comisión InterGubernamental Salud, Ambiente, y Trabajo del Mercosur (CISAT); Dr. Joy St. John, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA); Dr. Peter Berry,Health Canada. | Moderator:  Dr. Mercy Borbor  Moderator:  Dr. Jose Siri |
| **16:00-16:30** | Global Consortium on Climate and Health Education (GCCHE) Hub and Trainings | Dr. Cecilia Sorensen |
| **16:30-18.00** | Autonomous teamwork on pitches | Each team decides how to work with members who are not attending in person |
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| **Wednesday 15**  **Objective: Pitch project ideas and align research collaborations and institutional interests/concerns in the region of the Americas** | | |
| **8.30-10:30** | Climate, environment and health (CEH) team pitches (13 teams, 5 minutes per team plus 1-2 questions) | Dr. Cecilia Sorensen/ Ms. Haley Campbell |
| **10.30-11.00** | Break |  |
| **11.00-13.00** | **CEH team pitches continued** | Dr. Cecilia Sorensen/ Ms. Haley Campbell |
| **13.00-14.00** | Lunch |  |
| **14.15-17:00** | Autonomous team work for Climate, Environment and Heath (CEH) teams | Each team decides how to work with members who are not attending in person |
| ***14.00-17:00*** | *Closed meeting for funders/partners/governments to discuss upcoming work plans and identify opportunities for regional collaboration/alignment.* |  |
| **17.00-18.00** | Research publishing landscape from academic editors | Dr. Irene Torres, Dra. Cecilia Sorensen, Dr. Daniel Buss, Dr. Anna Stewart-Ibarra |
| **20:00** | Welcome dinner at the hotel's Club House, by the Government of Neuquén (organizers, teams, funders, partners, governments), attendance mandatory, attire: casual elegant. |  |
| **Thursday 16**  **Policy dialogue and field experience at the climate, environment and health nexus in Patagonia** | | |
| **8.30-9:30** | Green Climate Fund Readiness Projects for health, Argentina | Dr. Daniel Buss and Lic. Alejandra Ferrero, PAHO  Dr. Horacio Trapassi, Ministerio de Salud de Neuquén  Lic. Pablo Rosano, San Martín de los Andes |
| **9:30-10.30** | Government representatives address participants about the CEH nexus and role of science   * Dr. Carlos Javier Darío Saloniti   Mayor of San Martín de los  Andes   * Dra. Andrea Peve, Minister of Health of the Province of Neuquén. * Dra Eva Jané Llopis, Representative of PAHO/WHO Argentina. * Dra. Carla Vizzotti, Minister of Health, Federal Government * Cr. Marcos Koopmann Irizar**,** Vice-Governor of Neuquén. (to be confirmed) * Sr. Sebastián Gonzáles, Minister Chief of Cabinet of the Government of the Province of Neuquén * Cr. Omar Gutiérrez, Governor of Neuquén. (por Zoom) | Moderator:  Dr. Marcos Regis da Silva |
| **10.30-11.00** | Coffee break |  |
| **11.00-11.45** | Roundtable discussion with speakers from the prior session and questions from the audience | Moderators: Dr. Gilma Mantilla and Dr. Franklin Carrero-Martinez |
| **11.45-12.00** | Synthesis & Closing  Ms. Marcella Ohira Deputy Executive Director and Director for Capacity Building (IAI); Dra. Andrea Peve, Minister of Health of the Province of Neuquén. | Moderator: Tec. Carlos Barboza |
| **12.00 -12.30** | Communication at the science-policy interface.  Ms. Anahí Membribe (30 min) | Moderator:  Dr. Irene Torres |
| **12:30-13:00** | Health Diplomacy  Dr. Franklin Carrero-Martinez, Senior Director of Global Sustainability and Development at the U.S. National Academy of Sciences | Moderator:  Ms. Marcella Ohira |
| **13.00-14.00** | Lunch |  |
| **14.30-18:00** | Climate, Environment and Health in Action: Field experiences with the Ministry of Health of Neuquen  A - Estimation of the dog population in Barrio El Arenal  B - Management of health risks due to extreme weather events  C - Identifying Plants for Health in the forest: their biocultural value | Téc. Carlos Barboza,  Dr. Horacio Trapassi, Dr. Gilma Mantilla,  Dr. Ma. Inés Carabajal |
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| **Friday 17**  **Objective: Determine next steps in the development of project proposals and implementation of projects** | | |
| **8:30-9:30** | Field trip debrief | Dr. Horacio Trapassi, Dr. Gilma Mantilla,  Dr. Ma. Inés Carabajal |
| **9:30-11:30** | Autonomous teamwork | Each team decides how to work with members who are not attending in person |
| **9:30-11:30** | *Closed Side meeting of the IAI CEH steering committee* |  |
| **11:30-13:00** | Groups & facilitators report on progress (35 minutes)  Comments/reflections/questions/ discussion from Dr. Omar Lopez, Chair of IAI’s Science Advisory Committee and Dr. Evelia Rivera, Chair of IAI’s Science Policy Advisory Committee (25 minutes)  Next steps for the development of the proposals (25 minutes)  Closing of the event by organizers (15 minutes) | Moderator: Dr. Anna Stewart-Ibarra |
| **13:00-14:00** | Official Farewell Lunch |  |
| **14:30-18:30** | Nautical excursion on Lake Lacar with observation and stops (limited places available), organized by Neuquén partners | Tec. Carlos Barboza, Carolina Mura |
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| **Saturday 18 Departures** | | |