COP31 and Health

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Health Day - 9th November

Key Initiative: Antalya Initiative on Health Resilience, under the “dynamic and resilient health systems” pillar of the action agenda

- The global health community must consider impacts of climate change on its systems
- Climate action across sectors is vital to ensure the health systems are not overwhelmed by climate related health impacts of people and infrastructure

Policy Priorities

Adaptation

- Triple adaptation finance to at least US$ 120 billion well in advance of 2035
- Make progress towards full and timely operationalisation of the Belém Adaptation Indicators

Mitigation

- Prioritise renewable energy-based electrification and expand access to safe, reliable affordable energy as part of a just and equitable transition away from fossil fuels
- Ensure the mandate of a extended Mitigation Work Programme is strengthened and supports implementation
- Recognise and act on significant and rapid gains in reducing short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs)

Policy Priorities

Just Transition

- Establish the Just Transition Mechanism and include health in its scope
- Include health experts in any new just transition entities established, such as for health impact assessments

Finance

- Scale up provision of public grant-based and highly concessional finance through the Climate Finance Work Programme
- Consider innovative sources of climate finance, by implementing fiscal policies for polluting commodities which are commensurate with the cost of associated health harms

Policy Priorities

Global Stocktake (GST)

- Integrate health considerations throughout the 2nd GST
- Informed by the best available science, including IPCC

Science

- Promote the inclusion of the best available science , particularly the work of the IPCC
- Formal recognition of Indigenous and local knowledge alongside peer-reviewed research

Conflict of Interest (COI)

- COP Presidencies, the UNFCCC Secretariat, and Parties should adopt measures to disclose and address COI