



How Well Are National Climate Plans Protecting Health?

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Biographies of Speakers

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Professor Moon seeks to combine academically rigorous research and analysis with policy relevance and impact. Her work is broadly concerned with the intersection of global governance and public health. Her theoretical contributions to the field include conceptualizing the global health system, defining the functions the system must perform to adequately protect public health, global public goods for health, and identifying the types of governance gaps and power disparities that contribute to health inequity. She has developed specialized policy expertise on how to achieve more globally equitable innovation and access to medicines; strengthen the global governance of outbreak preparedness and response; make trade, investment and intellectual property rules more health-sensitive; and address perennial weaknesses in development assistance for health. Her current research projects focus on the international sharing of outbreak-prone pathogens and related benefits, and new business models of pharmaceutical R&D. She also directs the Knowledge Network on Innovation and Access to Medicines, a project that aims to maximize the contributions of research and analysis to strengthening the pharmaceutical innovation system, a topic she has researched for over twenty years.

Prior to joining the Graduate Institute in 2016, she was Lecturer on Global Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She was Study Director of the Harvard-LSHTM Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola, head of Harvard's research team on the Lancet Commission on Global Governance for Health, and co-directed the Project on Innovation and Access to Technologies for Sustainable Development at the Kennedy School of Government. She also co-founded and led the Forum on Global Governance for Health, a focal point at the university for research, debate and strategic convening on issues at the intersection of global governance and health. She has continued to teach and advise doctoral students as adjunct Lecturer at the Harvard Chan School.

Her work has been published in leading academic journals and covered in mainstream media. Professor Moon speaks regularly at academic conferences, government and intergovernmental meetings, legislative hearings, and civil society convenings. She has served on a number of expert advisory bodies and boards, including most recently as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative, WHO Fair Pricing Forum Advisory Group, Expert Advisory Group to the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines, Proposal Review Committee of UNITAID, and US National Academies of Medicine Forum on Antimicrobial Threats. She is currently the Principal Investigator on three research projects, and the recipient of a PRIMA grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation. She received a BA in history from Yale, an MPA in international relations from Princeton, and PhD in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Ambassador Sylvain Kalsakau

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva



Ambassador Sylvain Kalsakau is the Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations Office at Geneva since June 2025. He previously served as Head of the United Nations Division in Vanuatu's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, first from 2010 to 2016 and again from 2022.

From 2016 to 2020, he was Deputy Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations in New York. Before his diplomatic career, Ambassador Kalsakau held senior roles at the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu and a private-sector bank, and taught mathematics. He holds master's degrees in diplomacy and international affairs.

Nova Tebbe

Post Doctoral Researcher, Global Climate and Health Alliance and Climate Solutions for Health Lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison



Dr Nova Tebbe supports evidence-based policy research on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), COPs and other UN climate policymaking. Her research focuses on the health and equity co-benefits of climate mitigation policy, focusing on how to maximize these benefits in international, national, and local contexts through policy analysis, evaluation, and design. She has experience not only in the academic space but also in the advocacy realm, contributing to national policy briefs, U.S. state climate change reports, and expert facilitation.

Nova received her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as a dual-degree Master of Public Health and Master of Public Affairs with a certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy.

Amy Savage

Technical Officer, Climate Change, Air Quality, Energy and Health Unit, World Health Organization



Dr Amy Savage is a Technical Officer in the Climate change, Air quality, Energy and Health Unit at the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters. In her current role, she provides technical support to countries on climate change and health, leads capacity-building initiatives, and supports the integration of health into national climate policies, plans and programmes. She also plays a key role in the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH),

supporting collaboration among governments and partners to accelerate the development of climate-resilient and low carbon health systems.

Dr Savage has more than 15 years of experience in international development and public health, including over 10 years focused on climate change and health. She has led the development of training programmes, technical guidance and country support tools, and has supported countries across all regions, particularly small island developing states and other climate-vulnerable countries. Her work has included climate finance readiness, health national adaptation planning, and strengthening country capacity to address the health impacts of climate change.

She holds a PhD in Public Health from Queensland University of Technology, focused on the impacts of climate change on food and nutrition security, and a Master of Human Nutrition from Deakin University.

Zakariya Mohammed

Director/Head, Climate Change and Environmental Health (CCEH) Division, Public Health Department, Federal Ministry of Health & Social Welfare, the Federal Republic of Nigeria



Dr. Zakariya Mohammed is the Director/National Coordinator, Climate Change & Environmental Health, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Nigeria. He has served the Federal Ministry of Health for almost two decades, contributing to public health programmes and policies in different capacities and various areas including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), Tuberculosis (TB), and Malaria.

He is a Medical Doctor with a Postgraduate Diploma and Master's degree in Development Studies, as well as a Master's degree in Health Economics and Public Health (ongoing). His huge experience in public health, health system strengthening, sustainable development and health economics has supported his current leadership role in advancing Nigeria's Health Sector responses to the public health impacts of climate change and environmental risks.

In his current position, Dr. Mohammed facilitates collaboration among stakeholders and supports the Health Sector leadership in Nigeria's efforts towards building climate-resilient health systems, and strengthening the health sector's preparedness

and response to climate-related health risks, thereby advancing Nigeria's climate and health agenda.

Alexandra Malm

Climate, Environment & Health Advocacy Coordinating Officer, Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders



Alexandra Malm is the Climate Advocacy Coordinating Officer at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), where she leads global engagement strategies on the climate crisis.

Since joining MSF in 2013, she has worked on strategic communications and advocacy across a range of humanitarian and medical issues, including Ebola, HIV/TB, COVID-19, malaria, malnutrition, and neglected tropical diseases. She has worked in South Sudan, Nigeria, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Mozambique, and Eswatini. Prior to MSF, she worked in programme support for an NGO specialising in Middle East conflict issues and in government communications at the British Cabinet Office.

Rosie Tasker

Clean Air Liaison, Global Climate and Health Alliance



Rosie Tasker leads GCHA's work to embed clean air and climate considerations in WHO policy processes. She convenes key non-governmental stakeholders in Geneva and around the world, and engages with Permanent Missions on issues of environment and health to support constructive policymaking on climate and health, including World Health Assembly Resolution on Climate Change and Health in 2023.

With a decade of experience in international health policy, Rosie also holds a role with the Union for International Cancer Control and previously worked with the NCD Alliance and the British Red Cross. She received her MSc in Global Health and Development from University College London and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Oxford.