The National Health + Climate Forum was held on March 30 at the American Climate Leadership Summit 2022, the only national convening exclusively dedicated to diversifying public engagement and political resolve for climate action. The National Health + Climate Forum brought a broad array of health leaders and practitioners together with other professionals and shared the latest information and opportunities for action on topics ranging from mental health to local health leadership, and climate change and disabilities. Here's our session overview and replay guide.

Welcome + Opening Keynote

Robbiianne Mackin, ecoAmerica  
Leyla McCurdy, MPhil, Climate for Health Leadership Circle  
Executive Committee  
Arthur C. Evans, Jr., PhD, American Psychological Association

US Leadership on Climate + Health: The Office of Climate Change + Health Equity at HHS

The Department of Health and Human Services announced the formation of the Office of Climate Change & Health Equity. Hear the goals and agenda for this office, including seasonal forecasts to protect our health. (28 min video)

John Balbus, MD, MPH, Office of Climate Change + Health Equity, Office Asst. Secretary for Health, HHS  
J. Nadine Gracia, MD, MSCE, Trust for America’s Health

Where we are on Climate, Health + Equity: Tools from The Lancet Countdown

It has been 5 months since the 2021 Lancet Countdown U.S. Brief was released. Learn guidance for operationalizing the findings to build health equity in climate solutions, and what should be considered for the 2022 brief. (30 min video)

Natasha DeJarnett, PhD, MPH, BCES, Division of Environmental Medicine, University of Louisville  
Renee Salas, MD, MPH, MS, Lancet Countdown; Harvard Global Health Institute

From Federal Framing to Local Action

Community leadership, citizen science, and grassroots advocacy can address health inequities of climate change. Hear directly from Houston residents collaborating for action. (35 min video)

Grace Tee Lewis, PhD, Environmental Defense Fund  
Denae King, PhD, Bullard Center for Environmental + Climate Justice, Texas Southern University  
Joetta Stevenson, Greater Fifth Ward Super Neighborhood #55

Natural Connections: Collaboration with the Environment

Restoring relationships with the natural world benefits both people and the planet. An example of the intersection of Anishinaabe teachings and Western ways of knowing in the healing process. (11 min video)

Leah Prussia, College of St. Scholastica
Mental Health + Our Changing Climate: Impacts, Inequities, Responses

Hear from the authors of this groundbreaking report and the latest tools and resources for practitioners, communities, and policymakers to understand the mental health impacts of climate change and bring forth solutions. (38 min video)

Susan Clayton, PhD, The College of Wooster
Christie Manning, PhD, Macalester College
Gavin Rienne, MPH, University of Kentucky
Derrick Sebree, PsyD, Michigan School of Psychology

Climate Action: Local Health Leadership

Think globally, act locally is advice we hear often, but what does that look like for climate action that improves health and health equity in a small town? (25 min video)

Madelyn Gustafson, National Environmental Health Association
Armen Henderson, MD, MBA, Dade County Street Response, Disaster Relief Team
Nichole Lemin, MS, REHS, MEP, Franklin County Public Health

Climate Change + Disabilities: Collaboration with the Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Over 61 million Americans live with a disability. Learn how climate impacts people with disabilities, and the need for climate justice to include disability justice, too. (8 min video)

Meighen Speiser, ecoAmerica
Liz Weintraub, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

Reports from the Field: Direct from Climate for Health Ambassadors

Hear opportunities for you to act and advocate with tools and resources provided through ecoAmerica’s Climate for Health program. Climate Ambassadors share their actions to engage communities, peers, and policymakers on equitable climate solutions. (36 min video)

Milagros Elia, MA, APRN, ANP-BC, M. Elia Nature-Based Healthcare Solutions
Kasondra McCracken, MCHES, Arizona State University
Sydney Otis, ecoAmerica
April Taylor, Chickasaw Nation
Gregory White, Decatur Active Living, City of Decatur

Caring for Yourself to Care for the Planet

Engaging with our climate emergency can feel overwhelming at times. To do our best work, we all need to prioritize self-care every day. (8 min video)

Bruce Bekkar, MD, Public Health Advisory Council of the Climate Action Campaign

Looking Forward: Onwards for Climate and Health

Knowledge is power, but so is passion. Hear the call to find and create pathways for health professionals to learn and pursue their passion on climate. (15 min video)

Katherine Catalano, MS, American Public Health Association
Natasha Sood, MPH, Medical Students for a Sustainable Future

How to Build Programs + Policies that Equitably Address Climate’s Health Effects

Dive into the step-by-step playbooks detailing city strategies that address “the trifecta” of climate, health, and equity. Organized by Healthy Babies Bright Futures and the National League of Cities. (55 min video)

Robert Blaine, DMA, National League of Cities
Emily Koo, City of Providence, Rhode Island
Hon. Emily Larson, City of Duluth, Minnesota
Linda Rudolph, MD, MPH, Public Health Institute; Medical Society Consortium on Climate + Health