

*Workshop on human health, global environmental
change and transformative action:
The case for health co-benefits*

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Welcome!

- Aim
 - Share knowledge, methods and strategies to strengthen the health sector's role in mitigation policies and activities – across different scales and sectors
- Structure
 - Overarching theme of health, within the following areas:
 1. Energy
 2. Transport
 3. Nature-based solutions
 - Participatory discussions, open, thoughtful, 'deep listening' atmosphere
- Outputs
 - More closely-linked network of researchers and policymakers in CC&HH co-benefits
 - Collaborations on papers, projects...

Context- much more visible health advocacy

Mitigation & co-benefits – IPCC AR5:

Co-benefits = climate mitigation +
health gains from well-chosen health policies



EXPERT BLOG > KIM KNOWLTON

Breathing Agreement Action

July 27, 2016 | Kim Knowlton

Co-authored by Jessica Koehn

"The world will not end because of climate change. And it will not be caused by pollution," said UNFCCC Deputy Executive Secretary [Cristina Rivera](#) at the [Conference on Health and Environment](#). She emphasized how protecting

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Global climate change agreement has public health impacts on greenhouse gas emissions

Kim Krisberg

Nearly 200 nations came together in Paris in December to accept a climate change agreement that is being heralded as a pivotal moment for global health and a turning point in work to mitigate and adapt to climate change.



DIARMID CAMPBELL-LENDRUM

Team Leader of the Climate Change and Health Team, World Health Organization

23 August 2016

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Health Mobilizes Behind the Paris Agreement



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STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- > The Paris Agreement marks the beginning of a new era in the global response to climate change.
- > It is widely recognized that this Agreement is critical to safeguarding the planet.
- > What is less well known is that this is probably the most important health agreement of the century.

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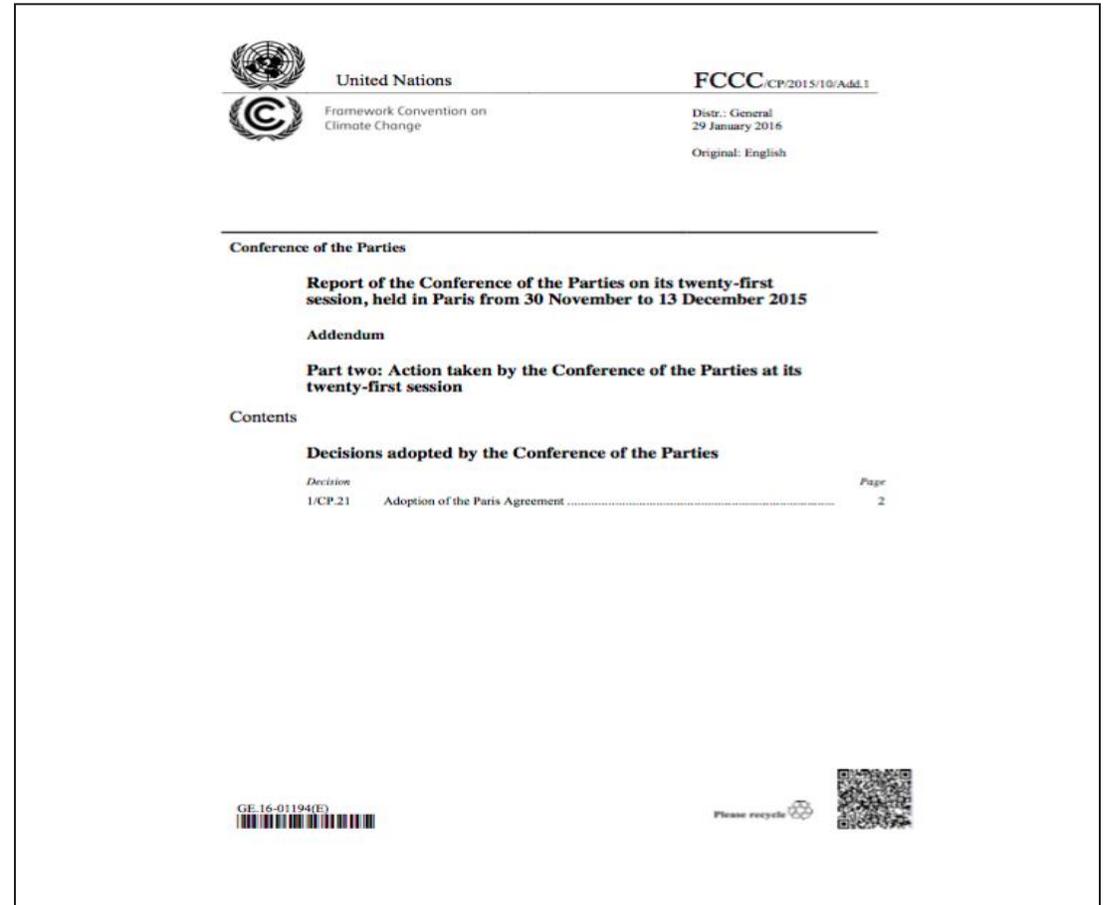
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mitigation.

Director-
"Why a
ference

Director General Dr Margaret Chan with Health minister delegates from Sudan and medical students at COP21

Paris Agreement and health

- Co-benefits
- Sustainable food production and healthier diets
- Health economics
- Working across sectors
- Need to measure progress
- Health sector providing strong leadership in communicating to policymakers/public and the public about the urgent nature of climate change



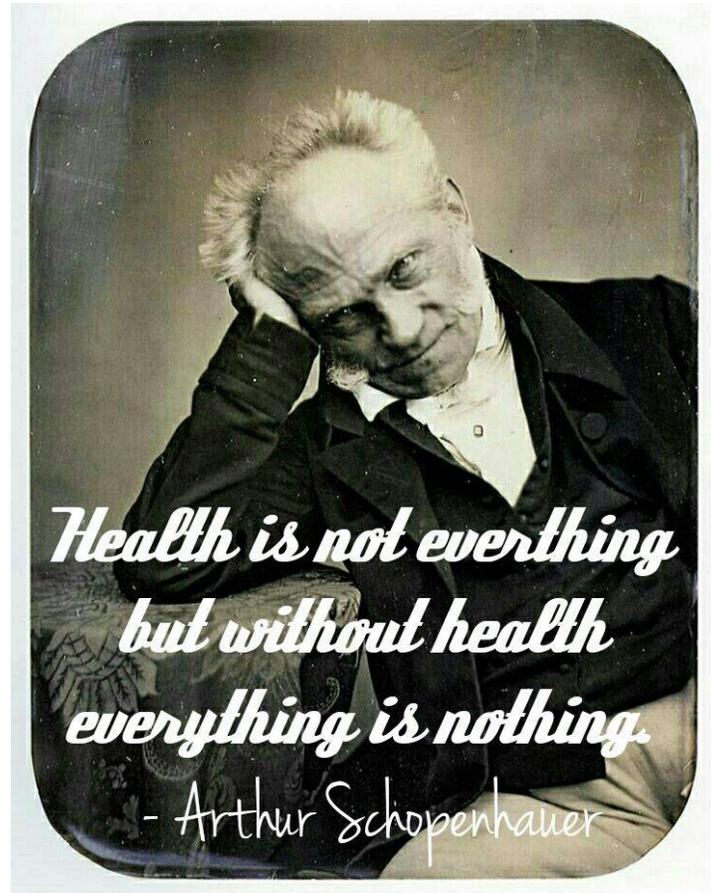
Lancet Commission on Health & Climate Change, 2015

- Policy recommendations include:
 - rapidly phasing-out coal from the global energy mix to protect cardiovascular and respiratory health
 - integrating the health impacts of national energy policies into decision-making processes
 - redesigning cities to promote active travel and reduce urban air pollution
 - strong and predictable international carbon pricing mechanism

WHO Priority area – new Director General

What is health?

Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.



Thank you...

