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Since COP26, momentum at the intersection of climate and health has accelerated, supported by the development of robust frameworks for action in multilateral fora. To safeguard health in the face of climate change and to ensure the health sector plays its part in both mitigation and adaptation efforts, it is vital to translate these frameworks into concrete action.

This event brought together health, climate, and finance experts to build on the outcomes of Brazil's Global Conference on Climate and Health, and other drum-beat COP events, with a focus on discussing the challenges and potential solutions in mobilising finance and resources to protect health in the face of climate change. The Belém Health Action Plan for the Adaptation of the Health Sector to Climate Change – set to be launched at COP30 – helped frame discussions along specific action areas to accelerate implementation of climate and health initiatives.

Participants identified and discussed the key challenges in mobilising resources and agreed on actionable next steps that actors across sectors and disciplines could pursue, both within their own institutions and through collaborative efforts.

Actionable Steps

Participants highlighted spiralling debt crises, limited private sector engagement, global health architecture reform, and unclear roles and responsibilities as key structural barriers to resource mobilisation. There was debate among participants on how to navigate these challenges. The proposed actions were:

- **Led by all:** Support the integration of climate considerations into reformed global health structures through policy and influencing dialogues.
- **Led by countries with support from international partners:** Foster engagement with the private sector through exploring available insurance mechanisms which can provide immediate cash flows when disasters hit.
- **Led by a sub-group of participants:** Explore and assess various financial innovations, such as a climate and health bond and pre-arranged and disaster risk finance tools.
- **Led by international partners:** Lobby and advocate for country needs on the boards of global institutions to improve the offer on climate and health and access to resources (e.g., simplification of climate finance application process).

- **Led by multilaterals (Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) members):** Map the financial channels available for climate change and health initiatives and produce a guide on the different forms of and ways to access types of international finance to inform countries on available resources and improve access.

There were more specific actions put forward along the action lines of the Belém Health Action Plan. These were:

Surveillance and Monitoring

- **Led by countries and supported by international partners:** Support the political prioritisation of climate and health data sharing between sectors to deliver evidence-based, impactful action. This includes, for example, open data sharing agreements between MET offices and health agencies.
- **Led by international partners, multilaterals & countries:** Establish open data communication pathways that not only provide access to data but ensure users at all levels can understand and interpret it effectively.
- **Led by countries:** Facilitate top-down and bottom-up communication and feedback loops between local and national level actors to ensure efforts respond to needs on the ground.
- **Led by all:** Identify more effective methods of evidence dissemination. Leverage trusted messengers to help rebuild trust in evidence and strengthen pathways for communication and uptake of evidence.

Evidence-based Strategy

- **Led by countries and international partners:** Promote climate-health programme design which builds in financial flexibility, allowing for course correction based on emergent need and implementation learnings.
- **Led by private sector and multilaterals:** Explore financing models which can be responsive to evidence and encourage evaluation.
- **Led by countries with support from multilaterals:** Seek to bridge the gap between the local and the national level in policy development to ensure policies are responsive to local needs.
- **Led by international partners:** Proactively advocate for country-driven priorities at the governing boards of major global institutions (e.g. Green Climate Fund). Push for reform to streamline application processes and reduce access barriers, especially for the most climate-vulnerable countries

Capacity Building

- **Led by countries and multilaterals:** Provide opportunities for youth activists to attend and participate in global platforms and events.
- **Led by all:**
 - Short term: Establish agents of change at the local level to hold community meetings to share and build information, knowledge and expertise.
 - Long term: Develop local climate and health taskforces to support the mobilisation of resources for local climate and health priorities **or** embed climate considerations into existing health groups or health into existing climate groups.
- **Led by WHO:** Map the different capacity building needs of different groups of actors.
- **Led by countries and private sector insurance companies:** Build partnerships between governments and insurance companies to develop knowledge of insurance offers and co-create new tools and products.

Infrastructure & Services

- **Led by ATACH Task Team:** Explore blended financing options to identify opportunities for institutions/actors in building climate-resilient infrastructure.
- **Led by ATACH Task Team:** Consider the role of the private sector more broadly and the different types of private finance available.
- **Led by all:** Clearly articulate the business case for climate-health investment from the private sector and consider the establishment of seed funds to support early-stage project pipelines.
- **Led by ministries of health:** Engage ministries of finance on the prioritisation of immediate vs. future needs for infrastructure investments.
- **Led by international partners and multilaterals:** Advocate for regulatory frameworks for climate resilient health infrastructure at the global and/or national level to attract and facilitate investment.
- **Led by international partners and multilaterals (ATACH Task Team):** Support the establishment of minimum standards for SMART infrastructure.

Supply Chains

- **Led by ATACH task team (short-term):** Establish a definition of a climate resilient supply chain.
- **Led by international partners (longer-term):** Working with this definition, approach national & transnational bodies (e.g., the EU) to mandate the incorporation of climate resilience into supply chain management.
- **Led by multilaterals:** Encourage climate-vulnerable regions to develop pooling platforms to allow for delivery of resources in times of crisis. PAHO have implemented a similar programme which allows for faster distribution in times of acute need.

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