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CLIMATE AND HEALTH

The H20 Health (Melbourne 2014) Summit urges the Worlds' Leaders, including those at the G20 Australia, to prioritise action on the Climate as a matter of urgency in the interest of the Health of the Public.

Human influence on the climate system is clear, and recent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases are the highest in history. Recent climate changes have had widespread impacts on human and natural systems.

http://www.ipcc.ch/news_and_events/docs/ar5/ar5_syr_headlines_en.pdf

The environment influences human health in many ways — through exposures to physical, chemical and biological risk factors, and through related changes in behaviour in response to those factors. According to the WHO, 13 million deaths annually are due to preventable environmental causes. Mitigating environmental risk could save as many as four million lives a year in children alone, mostly in developing countries.

<http://www.wma.net/en/20activities/30publichealth/30healthenvironment/10climate/>

Media release:

http://www.wma.net/en/40news/20archives/2014/2014_32/index.html

Meeting notification

<http://www.wma.net/en/50events/20otherevents/70g20melbourne/index.html>

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