



Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work
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GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE of the Americas



Climate Change and Health Experts' Group Meeting Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Objectives:

- Knowledge sharing and dissemination: Sharing the latest scientific research, findings, and key challenges for the present and future of global health.
- Global, regional and local funding: Identify opportunities for funding research and academic initiatives
- Capacity building: Identify opportunities for capacity building and knowledge transfer to strengthen the ability of health systems and communities to respond to climate-related health challenges.
- Incorporating citizen sciences in academic and research initiatives
- Networking and collaboration: Facilitating networking opportunities among experts, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders to foster collaboration and exchange of best practices in addressing climate change and health issues.

Methodology:

- Open access to all participants of the Conference
- Core team of speakers and moderators
- Brief “provocative” presentations to motivate the discussion
- Presentations: key issues, initiatives, obstacles, and opportunities
- Brief interventions with specific and concrete actions

Agenda

Time	Topic	Moderator(s)
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Objectives and Methodology Dr. Rajiv Chowdhury Department of Global Health Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work Florida International University, USA (DGH/RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)	
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Citizen Science and Climate Change: A Call to action Dr. Luis Eduardo de la Vega Stanford University, USA Round table discussion Implementation of citizen science: relevance in public health. Challenges and opportunities	Dr. Abby C. King Stanford University, USA
3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Key Challenges in Global Health: From Funding to Implementation Research Dr. Rajiv Chowdhury (DGH/RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA) Global Health Scenario, Present and Future Perspectives: How to Innovate in Times of Crisis • Climate Sensitive Infectious Diseases Dr. Diana Rojas (WHO, Switzerland) Dr. Thais Dos Santos (PAHO/WHO, USA) • Climate Change and Non Communicable Diseases Dr. Paula Andrea Díaz Dr. Eliana Martínez (University of Antioquia, Colombia) • Healthy aging in Countries at Risk Dr. María Isabel Zuluaga (University of Antioquia, Colombia) Round table discussion	Dr. Byomkesh Taludkder (DGH/RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Capacity Building and Human Capital in Global Health. How to Improve our Network and Collaboration Round table discussion Dr. Rajiv Chowdhury (DGH/RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA) Dr. Taissa Vila (Lancet Regional Health-Americas, Brazil) Dr. Eliana Martínez (University of Antioquia, Colombia)	Dr. Thais Dos Santos (PAHO/WHO, USA)
6:00 p.m.	Closing remarks	Dr. Rajiv Chowdhury, (DGH/RSCPH&SW, FIU, USA)

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