

The Rome International Charter on Health and Climate Change

Health and Climate Change: the future is now

An urgent call for action

The scientific community is united in declaring that climate change effects on health, whether direct or indirect, are the most urgent public health problem which needs to be faced now.

The next 20 years will prove crucial for the health of both humans and planet.

Climate change is already a large scale global killer and will increasingly affect the health of all and particularly that of children and of other vulnerable population groups.

This awareness, stemming from the available scientific evidence, has led 500 researchers from 27 countries to convene in Rome at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità for the First Scientific Symposium on Health and Climate Change to reach a consensus on a set of key actions. These need to be taken and must be considered in all policies if we want to protect the future of humankind and the planet.

Health is climate-dependant, so is our future