



# World Conference on Disaster Reduction

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Title	APN/WHO Public Forum on “Climate Calamities and Human Health”
Organizations	Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research(APN),WHO Centre for Health Development(WKC), Hyogo Prefectural Government
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Carlos Corvalan (カルロス・コルヴァラン) WHO (世界保健機関)</li> <li>• Dr. Michael H. Glantz (マイケル・H・グランツ) NCAR (米国国立大気研究センター)</li> <li>• Dr. Andrew Matthews(アンドリュー・マッシュューズ) NIWA (ニュージーランド国立水・大気研究所)</li> <li>• Dr. Shingo Nagamatsu (永松 伸吾) DRI (人と防災未来センター)</li> <li>• Mrs. Madeleen Helmer (マデリーン・ヘルマー) IFRCCC (国際赤十字・赤新月社連盟 気候センター)</li> </ul>
Report	<p>The global climate is changing with more frequent extreme weather events occurring, increasing the incidence of natural disasters such as heat waves, droughts and floods. These events directly impact the health and well-being of the affected communities and climate change is a new challenge to ongoing efforts to protect human health. The goal, therefore, of this APN/WHO public forum was to increase the public’s awareness on climate change as an actual and potential root cause of disasters affecting human health.</p> <p>The forum programme consisted of keynote presentations by Dr. Carlos Corvalan (WHO) on ‘Climate change and human health’ and Dr. Michael H. Glantz (National Center for Atmospheric Research) on ‘Putting “natural” disaster early warning into context.’ The panel session devoted to ‘smart’ solutions to help communities deal with future climate extremes, was chaired by Dr. Andrew Matthews (NIWA ).</p> <p>The APN and WKC are now preparing a publication highlighting key aspects and outcomes of this public forum on ‘climate calamities and human health’. Both organizations are also exploring opportunities for further collaboration, and appropriate follow-up activities to this public forum at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction.</p>
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