Public Health Impacts of Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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The National Press Club
529 14th Street, Washington, DC

The findings of a major international study to investigate the public health impacts of different strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will be made public on Wednesday, 25 November 2009. The release of the findings will be a combined event in the US and the UK, to coincide with the publication of the results in *The Lancet*.

**PROGRAM** (joint video link between Washington, DC and London)

7:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast** (courtesy of the UN Foundation)

8:20 a.m. **Welcome**
- Dr. Christopher Portier, Associate Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, US National Institutes of Health

8:30 a.m. **Opening Comments**
Chair: Sir Mark Walport, Director, Wellcome Trust
Dr. Christopher Portier, Associate Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations (by video)
The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, US Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services (by video)
Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization (by video)
Right Honorable Andy Burnham MP, Secretary of State for Health, UK

9:00 a.m. **Study Findings**
Chair: Dr. Richard Horton, Editor, The Lancet
London: Prof. Sir Andy Haines (summary findings and policy implications), Alan Dangour (food and agriculture), Paul Wilkinson (household energy), James Woodcock (transport), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM); Anil Markandya (electricity), Basque Centre for Climate Change
Washington: Prof. Kirk Smith & Dr. Michael Jerrett (short-lived greenhouse gases), University of California, Berkeley

10:00 a.m. **Public Health Policy Panel Discussion and Q&A with Panelists**
Moderator: Dr. David Heymann, Head, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House
US Panel Members
Dr. Jon Kim Andrus, Deputy Director, Pan American Health Organization
Prof. Rita Colwell, University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University
Dr. Roger Glass, Director, Fogarty International Center, US National Institutes of Health

UK Panel Members
Dr. Nafees Meah, Head of Science, Department of Energy and Climate Change
Dr. Maria Neira, Director, Public Health and the Environment Department, World Health Organization
Dr. David Pencheon, Director, National Health Service Sustainable Development Unit

Discussion Topics
- Impact of findings on Copenhagen negotiations and mitigation strategies
- How to facilitate technological changes
- How to facilitate behavioral changes

11:20 a.m. Closing Comments
Sir William Castell, Chairman, The Wellcome Trust
Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, US National Institutes of Health

11:30 a.m. Press Conference – Q&A (UK video link ends)
Moderator: Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, US National Institutes of Health
Opening Comments: Dr. Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary for Health, US Department of Health and Human Services
Dr. Jon Kim Andrus, Deputy Director, Pan American Health Organization
Dr. Roberto Bertollini, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe
Prof. Rita Colwell, University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University
Dr. Roger Glass, Director, Fogarty International Center, US National Institutes of Health
Dr. Michael Jerrett, University of California, Berkeley
Prof. Kirk R. Smith, University of California, Berkeley

12:30 p.m. Adjourn