

WITS RHI CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Date: 18 July 2024

Venue: Southern Sun, Pretoria

Link: <https://shorturl.at/Ohl3M>

Time: 09:00 – 16:30

Background

As global temperatures continue to rise, the impact of extreme heat on health has become a critical issue demanding urgent attention. At the project's inception, we conducted a series of stakeholder engagement meetings at community, district, and national levels to create an awareness on the impact of climate change on health and to discuss our ongoing research on the topic. Wits RHI will therefore be convening a multi-stakeholder engagement meeting to share the preliminary findings from the High Horizons and HAPI studies and get input on possible adaptation and mitigation interventions that will form the basis of the discussions at our planned co-design workshop at the end of July to co-create interventions with key stakeholders.

This multi-stakeholder engagement meeting will therefore address how the preliminary findings from the High Horizons and HAPI studies can be used to co-produce multi-level, progressively refined, simple and complex, multi-component interventions.

Objectives:

1. Present preliminary findings from the High Horizons and HAPI research studies
2. Obtain insights and suggestions from stakeholders to approach adaptation and mitigation interventions
3. Explore the responsiveness and opportunities available for improvement

Proposed Agenda

Time	Item	Lead
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and registration	All
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome and introductions	Celeste Madondo – Wits RHI
09:10 – 09:15	Purpose of the meeting	Mr Sikhonjiwe Masilela – Gauteng Department of Health
Setting the scene		
09:15 – 09:30	Projected Climate Change in Southern Africa	Jessica Steinkopf – Global Change Initiative
09:30 – 09:45	High Horizons and HAPI study overview and progress update	Gloria Maimela – Wits RHI
09:45 – 10:00	Association of high temperatures with pregnancy and birth outcomes	Matthew Chersich – Wits PHR
What is the data showing us?		
10:00 – 10:30	Healthcare workers, experiences of heat on their wellbeing, health, productivity, delivery of quality of care	Ijeoma Solarin – Wits RHI
10:30 – 10:45	Healthcare worker activity findings	Nasser Fardousi – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

10:45 – 11:00	Stakeholder insights and suggestions	All
11:00 – 11:20	Tea	All
11:20 – 11:50	Pregnant and postpartum women's experiences of heat	Pascalina Munyewende – Wits RHI
11:50 – 12:00	Stakeholder insights and suggestions	All
12:00 – 12:40	How hot does it get in houses and facilities in Tshwane: preliminary findings from High Horizons and HAPI	Jørn Toftum - DTU Jan Hugo – UP
12:40 – 13:00	Carbon emission emitted in three healthcare facilities	Lebohlang Radebe and Jean Le Roux – Wits RHI
13:00 – 13:15	Stakeholder insights and suggestions	All
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch	All
What are our responses and opportunities?		
14:00 – 14:20	Climate change and adaptation: good practices	Caradee Wright - SAMRC
14:20 – 14:30	Discussions	All
Where to from here?		
14:30 – 15:00	Summary of insights and suggestions from stakeholders to approach adaptation and mitigation interventions	Celeste Madondo – Wits RHI
15:00 – 16:00	Co-design workshops design and approach	Gloria Maimela – Wits RHI
16:00 – 16:30	Way forward and closure	Mr Sikhonjiwe Masilela – Gauteng Department of Health

Target audience

National, Provincial and District Department of Health representatives:

- MNCWH
- ANC Nurses, Midwives
- Facility managers
- Hospital managers
- DID
- Infrastructure

Researchers

NGOs/CBOs

Meteorological

CAB members

Department of Social Development

Meteorological

Civil Society

Private sector

UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO