WHO webinar on Environmental Health Inequalities

Monday, 11 December, 10.00–11.30 CET

Please register for the event here

Environmental conditions are a major determinant of health and well-being, but they are not the same for everyone everywhere. Inequalities in environmental risk are interlinked with almost all environmental challenges, including exposure to air pollution, noise, inadequate housing, energy and water supply, climate change or lack of access to nature.

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, this webinar will provide an introduction into the environment as a human right, present data on urban environmental health inequalities in Europe, and review the coverage of environmental equity aspects in national action on sustainable development.

The event will be in English with simultaneous Russian translation. Participation is at no cost.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Opening
- Welcome message
  Robb Butler, Head of Division for Communicable Diseases, Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Statement on Human Rights and the Environment (video message)
  David R. Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment

Presentations
- Environmental health inequality in Europe: noise, energy and utility cost, and air pollution
  Gabriele Bolte, Stefanie Dreger, Pia Hasselder, WHO Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health Inequalities, University of Bremen, Germany
- From evidence to policy: how environmental inequality is addressed by national SDG implementation
  Gergő Baranyi, University College London, UK

Discussant statements
- Reflections on environmental justice and health, and priorities for action
  Grayson Fuller, Sustainable Development Solutions Network, France
  Génon K. Jensen, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)
  National representative (tbc)

Panel discussion
- All speakers will be available to respond to questions from the audience.

Farewell
- Concluding messages
  Francesca Racioppi, WHO European Center for Environment and Health

10 December 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The theme of the 2023 Human Rights Day is “Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All”.