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COP28 Health Update

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COP28 aims to be watershed moment for climate and health



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The challenge



Climate change is one of the **biggest health threats** facing humanity



The health impacts of climate change will **disproportionately impact the most vulnerable** communities



Countries are recognizing climate and health as a priority, however **many countries and ministries currently work in siloes**



The climate-health nexus **remains underfunded** despite significant mobilization of finance for climate and adaptation

COP28 ambition



Lift the political profile of the climate & health agenda

- Provide high-level platform for climate & health with first-ever health day
- Hold first health ministerial with political statement & manifesto for action that recognizes health as a priority
- Catalyze the broader climate-health community



Unlock finance for high-impact, country-driven climate-health interventions

- Promote a common understanding of climate-health finance
- Mobilise financial commitments from MDBs and philanthropies that serve country priorities
- Launch set of finance initiatives to pilot and scale up a diverse set of high-impact investments on climate-health

Objectives of the ministerial

Co-hosted by COP28, UAE MOHAP and WHO

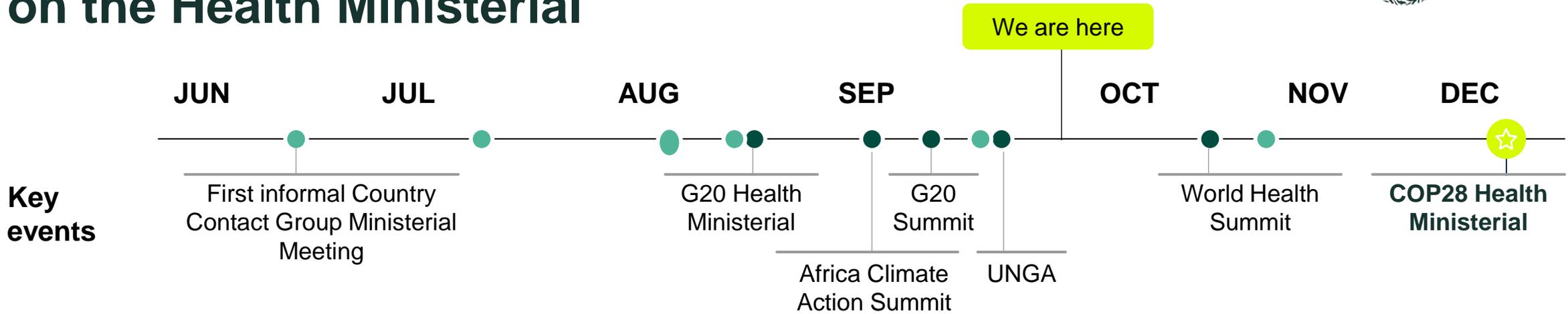
- **Meaningful participation of 50+ Ministries of Health**, alongside their counterparts in other line ministries. Efforts will be taken to ensure regionally balanced and equitable participation (i.e., with additional support provided to LDCs and SIDS).
- **A political outcome statement**, reflecting country priorities on climate change and health, and providing a clear way forward to overcome existing barriers to mainstream health in the climate agenda.
- **A roadmap for action**, the development of a common understanding of the opportunities for continued collaboration between countries on climate and health (e.g., WHA, COPs).

Ministerial: Updates on progress

Country champion group: India, Kenya, Brazil, US, UK, Germany, Fiji, Netherlands, Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Egypt, UAE

- **General invitation letter has been sent to all countries** via UAE Mission in Geneva, MOFA and COP28 Presidency office – initial confirmations received from some countries
- **Personalised invitations** to priority countries drafted – WHO to share by early October
- Champion countries providing final round of **feedback on political declaration – declaration to be shared with all countries on Sept 26**
- **Process for wider consultations being finalized in collaboration with key partners, including champion countries and WHO regional offices**

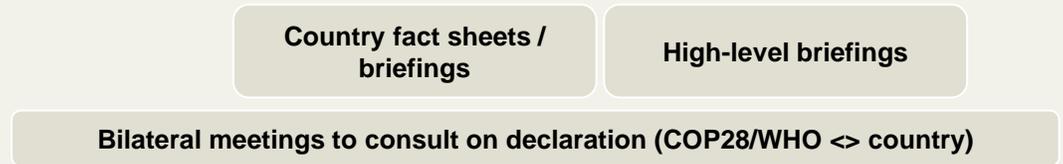
Proposed timeline for consultation and outreach on the Health Ministerial



Declaration consultation process and timeline



Country engagement process and timeline



Informal Country Contact Group meetings: supporting the development of the Ministerial Declaration: Brazil, Kenya, Fiji, India, Germany, UK, USA, UAE and Egypt, Netherlands, Viet Nam, Sierra Leone

Key dates on the road to Dec 3, 2023



- Sept 26: Share first draft of declaration with all countries.
- Sept 28: Host Geneva mission briefing for all countries in Geneva with WHO and socialize the declaration text.
- **Oct 2 - 6: Organize regional consultations with each WHO regional office (TBC).**
- **Oct 9: Share second draft of declaration with all countries, incorporating comments on first draft.**
- Oct 15: Preview second draft of declaration and call for endorsement at World Health Summit.
- Oct 25: Last date for country comments on declaration.
- **Nov 1: Share final declaration with all countries for sign-off.**
- Nov 2 - Dec 2: Gather endorsements from countries ahead of Health Day.

We would greatly appreciate support from the WHO Regional Offices in organizing regional consultations and mobilizing Ministries of Health within their respective regions. Please let us know which dates and times would work best for your regional consultation.