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Welcome! The session will begin momentarily.

Feel free to introduce yourself in the Zoom chat window:

- What's your name? What sector do you work in?



# Connecting Us

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In the “Main Room”

- What country are you joining from today?
- In one word, what sustains you in these challenging times?



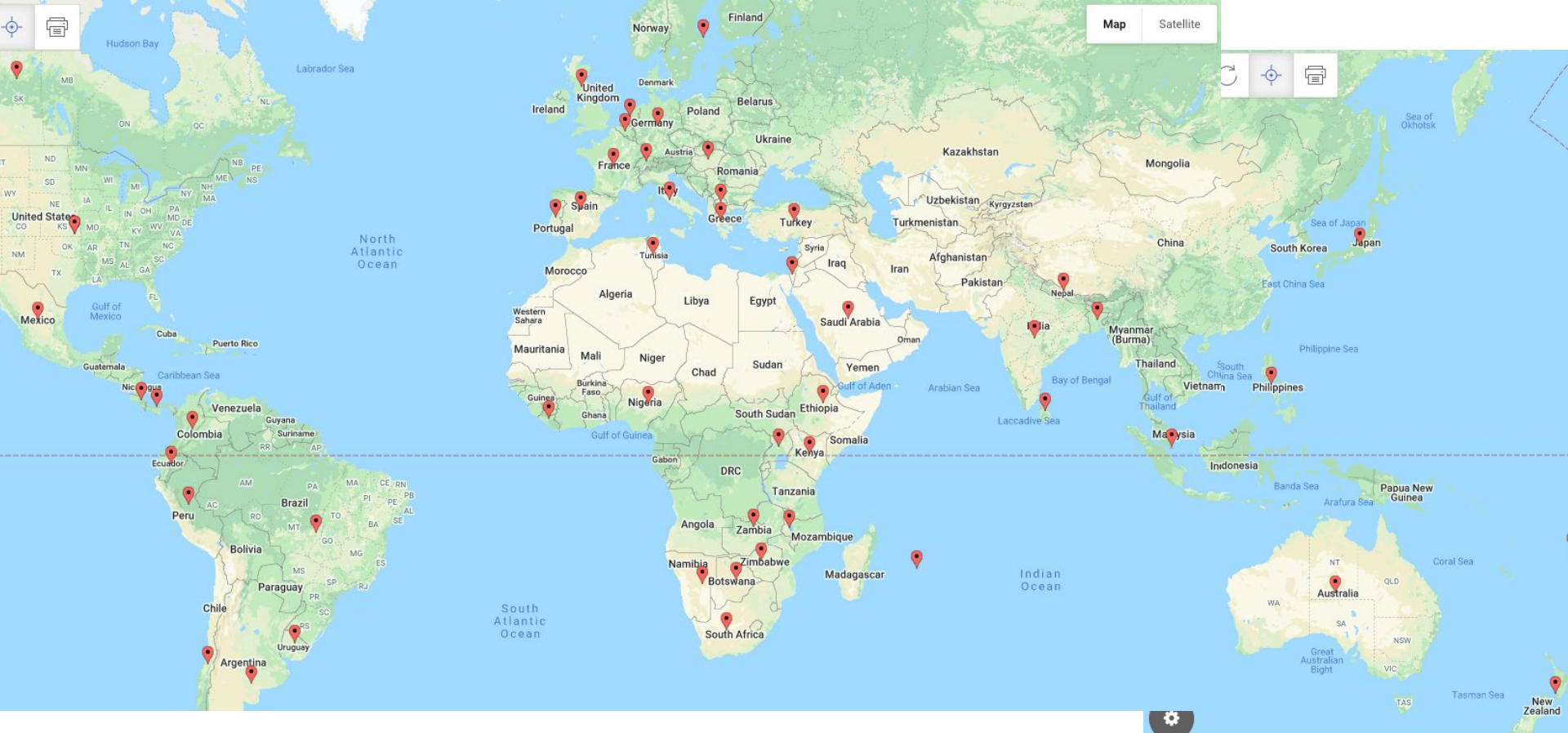
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# Connecting Us: Where we are joining from...



# Reflections from Panelist Conversation

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- What connections and patterns do you see?
- Please 'thumbs up' ideas that resonate with you!



## What connections and patterns do you see?

- Cross-over between ALL our pandemics - covid, racism, environmental failures, etc.
- Putting communities at frontline of strategy development
- Meaningful involvement of local leaders in developing solutions
- Encourage and support climate social entrepreneurs and change-makers. Identify the shifts we can push to move towards a healthy and environmentally sustainable society, support people pushing those changes, and expand or replicate their initiatives where needed.
- Women leadership is key! Totally
- Resilience
- Climate crisis and racial injustice need to be elevated as key healthcare issues
- Cooperation
- Wholeness -- not seeing nature outside of humanity but rather seeing humanity within nature will ensure solutions to all of our anthropogenic problems.
- Connection between local solutions and global sustainability
- For us to be healthy would also mean not just overcoming physical diseases but be in a world that is just and values social and environmental justice.
- Science literacy--health, pandemics, climate, it's all interconnected and the public needs to listen to quality scientific data to address all of these issues.
- Building resilient, sustainable health systems requires education and buy-in by frontline workers. To leverage their expertise and connections in their communities, we can help them access and use renewable energy in their own homes and lives so that they can then be committed/effective ambassadors.
- Human collective behaviour

## What connections and patterns do you see?

- Multidimensional approach
- need a clear economic driver for global community health
- Local control is necessary. Communities know what they want and need. They are the experts in their lives and experiences.
- Being a model -- it would be lovely to see western nations utilize some of the successful ideas from non-western nations. For example, the Paani foundation works wonders with growing crops with little water.
- can't support healthy people without supporting healthy environment
- Inter-connection of food security and mental health of communities.
- Community participation
- There can be no resilience without justice and equity.
- Leadership Void
- Business don't pay cost of production, let alone cost of protection, of natural resources. How do shareholders claim profit?
- Coordination for impact. As in many chronic disease issues... the links and causes overlap... how to look at this systematically and create common goals.
- Education and accountability -- we need to connect the dots better so we quit raising climate change deniers and we need to educate this at an early age. All have their part in the healing process and if this is taught to our children, we will overcome the problems we have created.
- Thinking of building infrastructure for health equity/environmental justice. How to have leadership in some places that create long term infrastructure for COVID that lasts beyond the pandemic.
- Committed leader and practitioner collaborative driving innovation and strategic plans for health through improved sustainability efforts
- Decisions we are making now to address COVID will have long term consequences (or benefits) for climate change and health equity



## What connections and patterns do you see?

- Stakeholder capitalism vs shareholder capitalism
- our inter-related problems require us to nurture collaboration and interdependence
- humility
- Children's health and exposures should be the baseline for adaptation strategies
- Honoring diverse perspectives of communities; social cohesion; leadership; cross-cultural collaboration
- Solutions need to be people-centered and empowering
- Educación social desde tempranas edades.
- The guiding principles for how we approach these issues are universal, but each community has unique needs and what works in one place may not be what another community needs/wants.
- Make health in all policies central at every government level, and partner in implementing efforts with community orgs
- Account for human depreciation (pace of aging) in financial systems
- Eroded ecology has exposed our biology, while economy continues to grow
- Interesting to see similar efforts being implemented in New Mexico, to what we are doing in places like SW Africa.
- Innovation and finding an advantage against all odds
- Care over profit and speed
- New policies in terms of economic development, equity, and environment preservation, Glocalization
- eco-centric transformation for justice with inclusion of frontline health workers and civil society
- That solutions have to build from the bottom up, reflecting the priorities and needs of the most affected communities, and with those communities as leaders or co-leaders of any efforts for change.
- Economic principles from a time of ecological abundance, are out of sync with the eroded ecology of our times.

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# Breakout Group Work | 15 minutes

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- Leadership:** What actions and ideas do you have for activating leadership that builds momentum for change at the intersection of climate, health, and racial justice?
- Resilience:** What actions and ideas do you have for building community and health system resilience in the face of COVID and climate crisis?
- Mitigation:** What actions and ideas do you have to mitigate health impacts of climate change, especially for communities hardest hit? How can we get to the root cause of these challenges?

## Leadership: What actions and ideas do you have for activating leadership that builds momentum for change at the intersection of climate, health, and racial justice?

- Encourage and support climate & health social entrepreneurs and change-makers. Identify the shifts we can push to move towards a healthy and environmentally sustainable society, support people pushing those changes, and expand or replicate their initiatives where needed.
- Diverse leadership- especially women and young people came out as being key to creating inclusive policies
- Reducing siloed thinking and creating space for dialogue about how all of these things overlap
- It is important to consider the intersectionality between climate and health: they cannot be addressed anymore as two separate topics but we need to acknowledge the connection
- Local leadership, and community leadership + engagement are important driving factors for activating leadership, building movements, and influencing change. Also think about expanding the definition of "health" to be more holistic, inclusive, etc.
- Educate policy makers that climate, equity and racial issues are all health crises.
- We talked about how leadership can be at many levels, how we need to be thoughtful about how we engage leaders in small communities who may have a more traditional view of how things should be done, and how visceral examples may provide an impetus for action.
- There is a disconnect between focus of government leaders and population needs. Better governmental structures or avenues needed to address community needs.

## Leadership: What actions and ideas do you have for activating leadership that builds momentum for change at the intersection of climate, health, and racial justice?

- Research correlation between corruption rating of a country and frailty index (pace of Aging) of rich and poor in that country. If monetary wealth doesn't slow down pace of aging in unsustainable economies, what purpose would does it serve?
- Listen to the needs
- Influencing policies at different levels through actions
- Importance of community involvement
- Implementing initiatives within surrounding communities such as aiding food deserts by donating leftover food to those areas.
- Identify what leaders are interested in (e.g. cost) and find ways to promote these issues by implementing this
- Ensure a voice at the table so people can feel ownership of the change that is happening
- Convert Business Management to a licensed profession, allowed to practice only as long as they uphold sustainable economic practices, just as physicians are licensed to protect patient health.
- Consistent shared language across sectors
- Buy-in to the issues by various leaders in various roles

## Resilience: What actions and ideas do you have for building community and health system resilience in the face of COVID and climate crisis?

- Increase building standards to ensure health care facilities are the last standing in a crisis
- Resilience is pre-emptive while Adaptation is curative. We need to build resilience in communities and individuals at scale now. There is not a lot of time. This is nutritional, psychosocial resilience, survival skills-building - taught at schools, health centres... as "normalised" human behaviours
- Health authorities really need to conduct facility-specific assessments. Global guidance can help point directions but needs to be adapted to local level
- Need to build community care systems - community health workers and public health systems to be able to respond to crisis
- Better understanding of the links between COVID and climate
- Fund cost sinks platforms that can rejig the system to transfer 95% care to primary health, use healthcare free capacity and plug resource gaps at near variable cost.
- Need resiliency of health care facilities.
- build community capacity for local organizing, assessment and solutions
- Global guidelines for assessing climate resiliency of HCF's has been published recently by WHO, but the CR issues are very different and very specific at the various levels of health service delivery.

## Resilience: What actions and ideas do you have for building community and health system resilience in the face of COVID and climate crisis?

- Capitalizing on the waste that is created and offer sustainable solutions.
- Improve science literacy
- Need trust in public (govt) leaders and health officials
- Focus on children as the denominator; as well as include children in reliance strategy development
- Using economic losses to promote sustainable industries as an alternative
- Somehow mitigate the corruption that allows failure in addressing equity.
- Different ways of looking at resilience give so many different entry points - energy, mental health, community health - can be adapted to context and situation
- Educate, beginning with children, re: connections between covid (zoonotic disease) and climate change (habitat degradation)
- #IPR4Gud All health startups could begin as nonprofits. Any resultant IP could be licensed to nonprofits for free and for profits for a consideration, which is used to fund treatment of Marginalized patients.
- Embracing change. "Transformation, transformation, transformation" as Maria Neira said.

**Mitigation:** What actions and ideas do you have to mitigate health impacts of climate change, especially for communities hardest hit? How can we get to the root cause of these challenges?

- Provide incentives for renewable energy, EVs and energy conservation pursuits.
- Need an economic or financial driver for community health. Sole focus on economic growth is harming public health
- Need diverse participation in developing solutions -- clearly, community input is important. In addition to that, we need diverse disciplinary representation, geographical representation, and racial/gender/etc. Representation to have effective and sustainable solutions.
- Financial Systems should book and pay cost of production of natural resources and depreciation of human body, if they want to continue with shareholder capitalism.
- Why do our balance sheets believe we are immortal? Deduct one's body's depreciation from networth year on year. Mitigating that cost will align economy, ecology and biology.
- We must work together to leverage existing local programs that are leading the way on implementing innovative solutions for accelerated action on Global Recovery with sustainable, community-driven solutions. Listening to community leaders as well as other stakeholders and funding are critical.