

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to ask you and your organization to join me and [my organization] in [signing a letter](#) calling on national governments and their representatives at the upcoming United Nations climate negotiations (COP26) in Glasgow this November to take all necessary action to avert the climate crisis and save millions of lives. We must raise the voice of health professionals around the world and bring our message to decision-makers that the climate crisis is a health emergency that threatens millions of lives.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report has painted a stark picture of rapidly increasing global temperatures unless urgent and stringent action is taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions this decade. And the evidence is clear that the climate crisis is a global health emergency--in the words of UN Secretary General António Guterres, it's "code red for humanity".

The IPCC Climate Report also offers hope. It states that 'it is virtually certain that global surface temperature rise and associated changes can be limited through rapid and substantial reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions.' In other words, we still have a choice. If we are to avoid the worst outcomes for humanity, world leaders must deliver clear plans for rapid decarbonisation aimed at restricting global warming to 1.5C.

The COP26 is the first UN global climate summit since the start of the pandemic, and with health dominating the political agenda there is a clear opportunity for the voice of health professionals around the world to make a difference.

In an unprecedented move signalling the urgency of the crisis, this month, over 200 health journals around the world have published an editorial warning of the catastrophic harms to health from the failure to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C and to restore nature.

Now [I/we] and many other health organizations, health workers and healthcare professionals have signed this letter calling on national governments and their representatives at COP26 to take all necessary action to avert the climate crisis and save millions of lives. And it's why [I/we] now ask for your support by signing this letter.

To join us, [sign here \(https://healthyclimateletter.net/\)](https://healthyclimateletter.net/)