

Public Health

Co-conveners, Dr. Maya Negev, Haifa University, Israel and Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, Ben Gurion University

Session 1: Climate Change and Health

Monday, Nov. 17 11:00-12:30 Water Institute

Prof. Colin MacDougall, Flinders University, Australia, *Perspectives on climate change from ecological public health.*

Dr. Shlomit Paz, Haifa University, Israel, *Climate change impacts on West Nile virus.*

Dr. Michael Gdalevich, South Health District, Ministry of Health, and Faculty of Health Sciences, Ben Gurion University, Israel, *“Climate Change and Health - an Israeli Perspective.”*

Session 2: Infectious Diseases and Sexual Health in Arid Zones

Monday, Nov. 17 15:00-17:00 Water Institute

Ms. Ikram Salah, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, *“Infectious Disease Ecology and Epidemiology: Case study: the Eco-epidemiology of Cutaneous Leishmaniasis caused by Leishmania tropica in Bethlehem.”*

Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, Ben Gurion University, Israel, *“Brucellosis in the Negev: Epidemiological, Social and Economic Perspectives”*

Ms. Yael Goor, Ministry of Health, Tel Aviv Health District, Israel, *“Levinsky Clinic for detecting sexually transmitted diseases and HIV: Access to health and social services for people with no legal status or asylum.”*

Dr. Zohar Mor, Ministry of Health, Israel, *“Tuberculosis screening and disease among migrants from the horn of Africa arriving in Israel.”*

Ms. Tsega Gebreyesus, School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, *“The factors influencing the sexual and reproductive health of Eritrean asylum-seeking women while en-route to and in Israel”*

Session 3: Ecosystem Services and Health

Monday, Nov. 17 17:30-18:45 Water Institute

Dr. Alon Lotan, HaMaarag, Israel, *“Introduction to the Israeli National Assessment of Ecosystem Services.”*

Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, Ben-Gurion University, and Dr. Maya Negev, Haifa University, *“Health aspects of ecosystem services.”*

Dr. Shlomit Paz, Haifa University, Israel, *“Climate change, health and ecosystems.”*

Dr. Shirra Freeman, The Hebrew University, Israel, *“Agriculture, health and ecosystems.”*

Dr. Ronit Endevelt and Mr. Yannai Kranzler, Ministry of Health, Israel, *“Food, health and ecosystems.”*

Ms. Dana Ziv, Hebrew University, Israel, *“Air pollution, health and ecosystems.”*

Session 4: Environment, Health and Social Justice in Arid Areas

Tuesday, Nov. 18 11:00-12:30 Old Administration

Mr. Ahmad Abu Halaweh, Augusta Victoria Hospital, *“Diabetes Care in Palestine; between Reality and Challenges”*

Mr. Ilan Fathi, AJEEC - NISPED, *“Installation of solar panels in houses of chronically ill infants and children in the Arab Bedouin villages of the Negev for the operation of medical equipment and reduction of use of diesel powered generators.”*

Dr. Marta Jaramillo, Universidad Icesi, Colombia, *“Desertification and Infant Mortality in Colombia.”*