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SRHR Conference 2026

Between Drought and Dignity: How Climate Change Threatens Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

29 April 2026, 9am-4.00pm, Hotel Kreuz in Bern

9.00 AM	Registration and Coffee
9.30	Welcome message by Carine Weiss, Medicus Mundi Switzerland
Part 1: The Evidence – What do we know?	
9.40	Setting the global scene: Why climate change is a SRHR crisis by Pernille Fenger (UNFPA)
10:00	Research and research gaps in climate change and SRHR by Vanessa Brizuela (WHO)
10:20	Effect of heat on maternal, newborn and child health: from research to interventions by Jeroen de Bont (Karolinska Institute, online)
10.40	Q&A with Pernille Fenger (UNFPA), Vanessa Brizuela (WHO)
11.00	Coffee Break
Part 2: Local Realities – What is happening in the local context?	
11.30	Climate change, gender and SRHR in The Gambia: Local realities and challenges by Fatou Jeng (Plant-for-the-Planet, UNFPA Youth Representative)
11.45	Missing from the evidence, missing from the response: disability inclusion in climate-SRHR programming by Alessandra Aresu (Handicap International)
12.00	<i>Bar Talk</i> : Climate change, water insecurity and women's sexual and reproductive health in rural Nepal: insights from an anthropological study by Nicole Guillaume (University of Lausanne) and Mouna Al Amine (Enfants du Monde)
12.15	SRHR risks in climate- vulnerable settings – an example from Bangladesh by Tanzila Ahmed Zisa (Swiss Red Cross Bangladesh, online)
12.25	Q&A with Fatou Jeng (UNFPA), Alessandra Aresu (HI), Monika Christofori-Khadka, (SRC), Nicole Guillaume (Unil) and Mouna Al Amine (EdM)
12.55	Introduction to the mini exhibition <i>Climate Change through Our Lens</i> by Pascal Frischknecht (CBM Schweiz, Swiss Disability and Development Consortium, SDDC)
1.00	Lunch
Part 3: From Evidence to Action: Who will lead the climate-SRHR-response?	
2.00	From waste to dignity: rethinking menstrual health in a changing climate by Emily Au-Young, Reemi (online)
2.10	Gender, disability and climate justice by Pascal Frischknecht (CBM Schweiz, SDDC)
2.30	SRHR as a climate adaptation & justice strategy by Meghna Joshi-von Heyden & Bárbara Battistotti Vieira (Women in Global Health Switzerland, Core Group)
2.50	Documentary <i>Heat and Health Facilities</i> by HIGH Horizons EU
3.00	Coffee Break Out Discussions : From evidence to action: what needs to change?
3.20	Sharing Circle of the results of the <i>Coffee Break Out Discussions</i> via Mentimeter
3.30	Closing Panel : From evidence to political action
4pm	The End