



Climate Change and Digital Health: Exploring the Nexus

About GCESCJ

GCESCJ is dedicated to promoting research, policy development, and community engagement on environmental sustainability and climate justice. The Centre actively addresses complex environmental issues through interdisciplinary projects and collaborations, while also integrating legal frameworks to advance equitable solutions for a sustainable future. We recently organized the 21st IUCN AEL Colloquium which saw participation from around the globe.

About the Webinar

Transform Health is a Geneva based coalition of organizations working towards achieving SDG Target 3.8 of Universal Health Coverage. As a part of their mission, they are organizing the Digital Health Week, 2024. During this week, various events have taken place which explore how digital health plays a crucial role in resilience and combating climate change.

Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, through its Centre for Environment, Sustainability and Climate Justice (GCESCJ) has tied up with Transform Health to take part in the Digital Health Week 2024. In pursuance of this, we are organizing a webinar on the topic of 'Climate Change and Digital Health: Exploring the Nexus'. This webinar would also serve as a starting base for our participants to understand what digital health is and its role in addressing climate change in India. It will also act as a foundational webinar for our prospective participants who will take part in the Climate Change Hackathon, 2025 which will be organized by GCESCJ from 11 – 12 January, 2025.

Further, the webinar is free for all to register and join.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/U6JApAfQp4Bznve78>

About the Climate Change Hackathon, 2025

The hackathon will be exploring digital health solutions to combat climate change-induced health issues in India. This hackathon provides a platform for creative minds to devise strategies that leverage digital health technologies to address the climate and health crisis, aiming to create sustainable impacts and foster resilience across communities. For more information, kindly refer to: <https://www.gcescj.in/hackathon>

Webinar Details

Date: 10th November 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM IST

Platform: Cisco Webex

Speakers:

1) Mrunmayee Velukar, Program Officer – Climate Health, PATH

Mrunmayee is a Climate and Health expert with over 6 years of experience in climate adaptation & mitigation, urban infrastructure development and climate-health resilience. She has extensively worked in policy advocacy, research & analysis, stakeholder engagement, and strategy formulation. She is currently associated with PATH to design and strengthen the Climate X Health Portfolio, where she is actively involved in strategic initiatives, identifying easy-to-deploy solutions, business development, especially with a focus on Climate Adaptation Advisory. Previously, she has worked as the Operational Lead for projects related to Low Carbon Development Strategies, Climate Vulnerability Assessment, Impact Evaluations, and Market Assessments with a wide range of clientele including GIZ, BvLF, The World Bank, ADB, DFID, CDKN, and ICLEI SA.

2) Dr. Dhanya S, Assistant Professor of Law, Gujarat National Law University

Dr. Dhanya S. is an Assistant Professor of Law in GNLU with over 8 years of teaching experience and over 9 years of research experience specialising in environmental law and policy. Her research focuses on critical issues such as sustainable development, climate change, and biodiversity conservation, demonstrating a strong commitment to addressing environmental challenges through legal frameworks. She has previously worked as a co-investigator in various projects and has also presented several papers related to the various aspects of climate change in distinguished institutions around the world. In addition to her environmental work, she also engages in other areas of law such as human rights, international law amongst many others. She has previously been invited to chair and speak on research techniques and medico-legal issues and has even judged international competition such as the Louis M. Brown and Forrest S. Mosten International Client Counselling Competition.

3) Adriana Viola Miranda, MD, Regional Director for Asia, Global Health Focus

Adriana Viola Miranda, MD, is a distinguished medical doctor and global health researcher based in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Currently serving as the Director of Program and Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research at the 1000 Days Fund, she focuses on eradicating stunting by strengthening health systems. With four years of experience in global health advocacy, Adriana has co-founded award-winning organizations and has published over 35 peer-reviewed articles. Her expertise spans tuberculosis research, community health systems, and public health consultancy. Additionally, she holds leadership roles in various international health initiatives, including public speaking at many international events like the 17th UN Climate Change Conference of Youth (COY17) emphasizing youth engagement and collaboration across Asia. She is actively involved in training programs and research projects aimed at enhancing public health outcomes in Indonesia and beyond.