

Peer Review

Review of: "Strengthening COP Meetings through Cross-Sectoral Thematic Convergence and Highlighting Health in COPs"

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The article provides a very good and detailed overview of initiatives that link climate change and health. The authors take COP28 and COP29 as starting points, describing the increased recognition of health in the context of UNFCCC COPs. They also note how the COPs provide a platform for raising awareness and funds, presenting initiatives, and increasing the visibility of the health impacts of climate change. They also note the benefits of including health in countries' NDCs, thereby integrating the health and climate agenda at the national level.

The article provides a comprehensive, well-written, and interesting summary of initiatives. It also makes the case for more research and consideration of health during climate change negotiations. However, beyond this, the academic contribution is a bit thin. I don't see an independent academic thesis or argument that underpins the paper. The research method also goes hardly beyond collecting and synthesizing existing information. That said, if the authors complement the paper with a list of action points or demands on how to further anchor health in the climate negotiations, the paper could make a worthwhile academic commentary – if not a fully-fledged academic paper.

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