

Cross-sectoral advocacy:
Climate Change and Water

Current vs future impacts
Inter-generational equity
Current inequities and social injustice

Who is the right advocate
Sometimes healthcare providers will present data in a credible but non-objective way

Priority setting
What do we do now
What do we do tomorrow
What do we do in 15 years

Economic vs Health / climate concerns

Cross-sectoral collaboration
Intersection between policy-science-advocacy
Examples
Policy
NGO
Medical
Researchers
Regulators
Advocacy around coal phase out by CAPE:
Data from environmental scientist
Spokespersons from health field

Time to adoption
Early adopters vs laggards

Tolerance of uncertainty

Social determinants of health approach vs
Environmental determinants of health

Special significance
for indigenous populations

Definition of health
Mental health burden of climate change
Diversity of definitions
and valuation systems
Minimization of conflict

What do we do with deniers?
Include and try to find convergence

Addressing climate change as a root cause
Example of climate refugee to
influence immigration policies

Social injustice
Best measures for long term impact
often bring short term social injustice

Unethical to not act from the health perspective
Lets not get into the debate but get into the
strategies for the future
Health practioners are good at making the diagnosis
2 roles:
Responding to health impacts of climate change
(traditional public health: responding to needs)
Public health bringing an impartial stance to the
larger intersectoral table