Americas Climate Change & Health Report

Summary of Key Points
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Conceptual Framework

IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, Health Chapter

Impact of Climate Change on Human Health

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
The imperative of climate action to protect human health in Europe
Extreme weather events that directly affect health
Indirect effects that impact health
Americas vs European Report
Items to draw from & build on

• Continued focus on policy options
• Continue the use of case studies to illustrate cross-cutting themes and key messages
• Shorter background section
• Longer section on mental health
• Include section on Indigenous Peoples
• Increase focus on intersectionality
• Increase focus on equity
Outline a conceptual framework early in the report to provide a foundation & lens through which readers can view the assessment.
Major Report Topics

1: Climate change impacts on health
   Overview of health impacts
   Could be presented by health outcome or by climate hazard

2. Response options
   Adaptation responses, assessment tools, efficacy, limits of adaptation
   Mitigation responses, mitigation-adaptation synergies
   Tailor to the intended audience of the report

3. Recommendations
   • Clear & actionable items
   • Consider audience
Cross-Cutting Themes of Report

- Intersectionality
- Equity
- Coupled socio-ecological systems
- Indigenous knowledge
- Urgency of action
- Systems thinking, transdisciplinarity, sustainability
- Cascading risks, cumulative risks, etc
- Regional analyses & cross-boundary issues
- Communicating knowledge gaps, uncertainty, etc
- Spatial, temporal, geopolitical, other issues of scale
Key Messages to Emphasize

1. Climate change impacts us now

2. Climate change-related health impacts will continue to worsen

3. The time for action is now