

Preparing for El Niño

Climate and Health Responder Course: Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation in the Americas and the Caribbean



**Tuesdays & Thursdays,
October 13 – December 1, 2026**



More info: bit.ly/GCCCHEDRR



**2:00 – 3:30 PM
Eastern Standard Time**



**Sessions available in English,
Spanish, and Portuguese**

OVERVIEW

Health systems across the Americas and the Caribbean are on the frontlines of worsening climate and disaster risk. The region faces record-breaking heat, severe droughts, catastrophic floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and rising climate-sensitive disease outbreaks — resulting in significant loss of life, displacement, and disruption to health services.

This 14-session course is designed to equip health professionals with the knowledge and practical tools needed to identify risk drivers, reduce vulnerabilities, strengthen preparedness, and support risk-informed decision-making to protect health and strengthen resilience across the most common climate-related hazards facing the region. Participants will gain practical knowledge and tools to strengthen community resilience, protect vulnerable populations, and support climate-informed public health action across the Americas and the Caribbean.

**All health professionals
are welcome!**

REGISTER



COURSE SCHEDULE

- **13-Oct:** Foundations of the Climate-health nexus on disaster risk reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean
- **15-Oct:** Applying Disaster Risk Management to Climate and Health
- **20-Oct:** Extreme Heat, Cities, and Population Health Protection
- **22-Oct:** Extreme heat, health systems and workforce preparedness
- **27-Oct:** Wildfire Risk Reduction, Air Quality Preparedness, and Community Protection
- **29-Oct:** Health Facility Preparedness and Workforce Response to Wildfire Smoke and Air Pollution
- **3-Nov:** Flood Risk Reduction, Urban Preparedness, and Community Communication
- **5-Nov:** Flood Resilience in Health Facilities and Health Workforce Preparedness
- **10-Nov:** Hurricane Risk Reduction, Urban Preparedness, Community Communication
- **12-Nov:** Hurricane Resilience in Health Facilities and Health Workforce Preparedness
- **17-Nov:** Drought Preparedness, Water Security, and Health System Resilience
- **19-Nov:** Cascading Climate Risks: From Health System Disruption to Resilient Recovery / Risks from Complex Climate Events: From Health System Disruption to Resilient Recovery
- **24-Nov:** Climate-sensitive infectious disease risks
- **No Session 26-Nov**
- **1-Dec:** Governance and Integrated Climate-Health Action