

## Activities of the IUNS Task Force on Climate Change and Nutrition (June 2014- June 2015)

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The IUNS Task Force on Climate Change and Nutrition is taking advantage of a unique changing Global agenda that is influencing policies that affect nutrition. In this context the task force has implemented activities in preparation for the new climate agreement by the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change at the COP21 in Paris 2015, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the work on the new Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Development agenda.

The IUNS Task Force on Climate Change and Nutrition jointly with the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment co-organized a round table "***Creating a climate for health, nutrition and gender equality***" August 28th, around the WHO Conference on Climate Change and Health in Geneva in August 2014. The round table multidisciplinary panel included the Swiss Federal Office for Environment, WHO, FAO, the Ministry of Health of Uganda and Action Contre la Faim. The key messages of the round table were shared to the IUNS members [Round table around the WHO Climate Change and Health Conference](#) As a follow up the chair of the task force on climate and nutrition was invited by the UN Secretary General to the UN Climate Summit during the UN World Assembly in NY in September 2014 and presented some of the key messages of the IUNS round table in WHO to the health and agriculture sessions.

A paper on "[Protecting women's and children's health from a changing climate](#)" was published by the task force in collaboration with WHO, the Partnership for Global Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, GAIN, GGCA, World Vision and other partners and launched at the WHO Conference on Climate Change and Health in Geneva in August 2014.

The IUNS task force on climate and nutrition and the Swiss Government co-organized with FAO a meeting on "***Nutrition and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities***" around the INC2 to discuss challenges and opportunities for capacity building on climate change and nutrition, November 2014. This initiative was supported by the Swiss Government.

The task force has been invited by UNDP to give a presentation at Yale University on "***Addressing climate change, the right to food, health and gender equity within the post 2015 development agenda***" in a Conference on "*Environmental Governance and Democracy: Human*

*Rights, Environmental Sustainability, Post-2015 Development Agenda, and the Future Climate Regime*”, organized by UNITAR and Yale University in collaboration with UNDP, UNEP and the World Resources Institute in September 2014.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) invited the task force on climate change and nutrition to contribute to the panel on Agriculture and Food Security of the WMO Conference on Gender November 2014. This activity was supported by the World Meteorological Organization.

The IUNS co-organized with University of California, ACF, CARE France, International Office for Migration and Veterinaires and Agronomes Sans Frontiers of an event on Climate justice and Human Rights with focus on food security nutrition, health and gender at the UNFCCC COP20 in Lima, 2014. We launched a policy paper on Climate justice and human rights with focus on the right to food and nutrition <https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/climate-justice-and-human-rights-focus-food-security-nutrition-health-and-gender>. This event and the publication were funded by Action Against Hunger. IUNS task force co-organized with International Office for Migration, CARE France, and UN University an event on ***Climate change, migration and food and nutrition security*** at the EU Pavilion at the COP20 in Lima, 2014. The chair was invited by the Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice to address the right to food and climate at the Human Rights High Level meeting at the COP20 in Lima, 2014. UN WOMEN and International Office for Migration invited to address climate change, nutrition and gender issues in a meeting about Climate induced migration at the COP20 in Lima.

The IUNS task force on climate change and nutrition contributed to a Symposium at UCLA Law School with the new UN Rapporteur for the right to food Hilal Harvel in March 2015. Focus was the right to food in the context of the UN Framework Convention for Climate Change.

The task force contributed to the ***Food and Nutrition Security Forum learning event on Climate Change, Food Security and Nutrition*** with a background presentation on ***Climate Change and Nutrition*** <http://www.fao.org/climatechange/42907-084406979320858ae0afa68e60045203a.pdf> and with an online video and presentation on the ***Co-benefits of nutrition-sensitive adaptation and mitigation*** see: <http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/news/climate-change-FS>

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