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HOW DO WE REDUCE THE IMPACT OF HEALTHCARE ON THE ENVIRONMENT?

| BACKGROUND

Healthcare is one of the most polluting industries, responsible for nearly 5% of total global greenhouse gases¹ and generating over a tonne of waste per hospital bed each year². The COVID-19 pandemic has also greatly exacerbated the use of single-use plastics which have limited potential for recycling.

In this session we look at the opportunities for 'greening health' with a focus on real world examples driving change at global, national and local levels.

| OBJECTIVES

By attending this session you will -

- Understand the challenge of why we can't achieve true health without healthy health systems
- Hear from a panel of international experts on strategies for implementing policy level change in your health systems and organisations
- See four real world examples of initiatives reducing the impact of healthcare on the environment which we hope will spread
- Learn key strategies on how to build local collaboratives to accelerate how we can make healthcare more green



Keynote

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