

C2E2SPOTLIGHT



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Health in the Climate Crossroads: From Risk Awareness to Protective Action and the Structural Barriers in Between

Canada's escalating climate emergencies are generating health burdens that test institutions and individuals alike. Drawing on interviews with BC community leaders and a national survey of 2,104 Canadian adults, this presentation examines how health risk perception shapes adaptation at both the community and individual level. Across both studies, understanding health risk drives adaptive action. However, community leaders note that siloed funding, diffuse intergovernmental accountability, and a system oriented toward reaction over prevention hinder health protective adaptation. The session closes by inviting attendees to consider the role of health researchers in generating the evidence needed to support health-protective climate adaptation.

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