



PSI and PHM Statement at the WHA78 – 17-29 May 2025

Agenda Item 18.3

Climate Change

Health workers are on the frontlines of the climate crisis, witnessing its toll on our patients: from asthma in children caused by fossil fuel pollution, to injuries from extreme weather, to heat-related illnesses.

Climate change deepens health inequalities, driven by a wealthy minority of nations, elites, and corporations.

Colonial, capitalist, and oppressive systems are fueling the climate emergency, war, and ecocide. We demand binding commitments to phase out fossil fuels, dismantle extractive capitalist systems, enforce the polluter pays principle, and hold historic polluters accountable.

The health of people and the health of the planet are inseparable. We must shift from high-carbon hospital models to community-based public health systems that build resilience and reduce emissions.

As frontline workers, we struggle for both health and justice. Let workers lead a just transition that centers human rights and embeds health justice in all climate action. Act decisively. Our lives depend on it.