

## International Conference “Cities under COVID-19: A Systems Perspective”

November 3-4 2021

### Background

According to the WHO, more than 4.5 million people have died, worldwide, from COVID-19. As we are increasingly facing health challenges at a global scale, the interdependence of human development and environmental health is becoming more evident. Cities are a microcosm of that global health challenge which calls for systemic solutions. Different cities, states and countries have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in very different ways.

The International Conference, organized by the International Science Council's global science programme on Urban Health and Wellbeing (UHWB), hosted by the Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xiamen, China will be held on **November 3-4, 2021** and bring together scientists from around the world to share experiences and learn from dealing with COVID-19 in different cities, if and how systems approaches have been taken and what the outcomes have been.

### Organization

ISC-Urban Health and Wellbeing Programme  
Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences

### Platform

#### ZOOM Meeting Registration Link:

Day 1:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEku6rqTojG93-nF6A2KZnyrmMBsGOingg>

Day 2:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlCuCorTgiHtCbWWwWgreX-HhuZWHpJYtw>

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## Agenda

Wednesday, NOV 3		
Time (China, UTC+8)	Name	Content
09:00-09:05	Zhu Yong-Guan	Opening
09:05-09:30	Philippa Howden- Chapman Jo Boufford Mathieu Denis	Welcome Addresses
<b>Session 1</b>		<b>Chair: Philippa Howden-Chapman</b>
09:30-09:45	Isaac Luginaah	The response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the City of London and Middlesex County using a Systems Approach: What lessons can we learn?
09:45-10:00	Blaise Nguendo Yongsi	Challenges to fight COVID-19 in Douala Metropolis
10:00-10:15	Paulo Saldiva	COVID-19 in São Paulo
10:15-10:30	Franz Gatzweiler	A systems perspective on urban health and wellbeing: a new science plan
10:30-10:45	Huang Cunrui	Spatial and Temporal Trends of Mortality Burden Attributable to Heatwaves in China
10:45-11:15		Discussion
11:15-11:30		Break (15min)
<b>Session 2</b>		<b>Chair: Chen Weiqiang</b>
11:30-11:45	Wang Lan	Studies on urban factors influencing COVID-19 incidence
11:45-12:00	Philippa Howden- Chapman	Eliminating COVID-19 at the border

12:00-12:15	Aakriti Grover	Coping Strategies, Response and Sustainable Future to Covid-19 in the capital of India, Delhi
12:15-12:30	Rachel Cooper, Louise Mullagh	Cities under COVID-19 – A case study of Lancaster
12:30-13:00	Carlos Dora	<b>Keynote 1</b> Urban Health: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead
13:00-14:00	<p>Panel discussion with all presenters, moderated by <b>Wang Guan</b> (CGTN): Key lessons learnt from and for cities and opportunities for improving a systems approach; main take-aways and recommendations for mayors and urban decision-makers in China and globally</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippa Howden Chapman</li> <li>• Zhu Yong-Guan</li> <li>• Carlos Dora</li> <li>• Franz Gatzweiler</li> </ul>	
<b>Thursday, NOV 4</b>		
<b>Session 3</b>		<b>Chair: Franz Gatzweiler</b>
10:00-10:15	Juan Vela Valdez	COVID-19 in Havana, Cuba
10:15-10:30	Amy Howden-Chapman, Veronica Olivotto	A Case Study of COVID19 and New York City
10:30-10:45	Christine He	Analysis on the prevention and control measures and experience of the new crown epidemic system in Wuyi County
10:45-11:00	Saroj Jayasinghe	COVID-19 in Colombo, Sri Lanka
11:00-11:15	Suraj Bhattarai	COVID-19 response of Biratnagar Metropolitan City, Nepal
11:15- 11:45	Discussion	
11:45-12:00	Break (15min)	

Session 4		Chair: Yong-Guan Zhu
12:00-12:30	Lu Yonglong	<b>Keynote 2:</b> Urban Ecological Risks and Resilience towards Sustainability
12:30-12:45	Abdalhadi Alijla	We are in Battle with the Virus": Hamas, Hezbollah, and Covid-19
12:45-13:00	Akinyinka Omigbodun	Coping with COVID-19 in Two Urban Communities in Ibadan Metropolis, Nigeria
13:00-13:15	Mari Vaattovaara	How bright are the northern lights? Finnish welfare state and local responses to COVID-19
13:15-13:30	Danbee Lee	COVID-19 Impact Assessment and Pandemic Preparedness
13:30-13:45	Celine Rozenblat (with Montse Daban and Antonio Novo)	Social and Industrial Clusters to support European cities under COVID-19
13:45-14:45	Panel discussion with all presenters, moderated by <b>Zhu Yong Guan:</b> Key lessons learnt from and for cities and opportunities for improving a systems approach; main take-aways and recommendations for mayors and urban decision-makers in China and globally	
14:45-15:00	Yong-Guan Zhu	Closing