

Planetary Health: Post-Pandemic Future for Healthier Indonesia and Beyond

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Relationships between human and nature will continue to define our shared future globally. Invisible agents, such as zoonotic coronavirus of COVID-19 and carbon emission of climate change, remind us that human cannot stay healthy without healthy environment. New emerging infectious diseases, like COVID-19, have taught us that our health is dependent upon each other. Thus, no one is safe until everyone is. Global cooperation is key to a healthier future for us all. This lesson is of utmost importance, as human society is embarking on a post-pandemic journey with potential threats arising from climate change. In this session, participants will learn lessons from Indonesia's response to COVID-19, as well as its effort to build back better, healthier, and more sustainable post-pandemic future for all.



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