FUTURE EARTH HEALTH KNOWLEDGE-ACTION NETWORK

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Future Earth has been developing about ten Knowledge-Action Networks (KANs) as practical vehicles for active collaboration across scientific disciplines and between science communities and their partners in the society. Future Earth Health KAN is one of them. Its visions are to support and promote solution-driven transdisciplinary researches with stakeholders, to provide better understanding of the links between health and the environment, and to lead to integrated solutions for human health and environmental sustainability. Following a scoping workshop held in Bellagio, Italy in July, 2016, a Development Team (DT) was formed for actualize preparatory steps. By DT members with diverse backgrounds and co-chaired by Professors Andy Haines and Peter Daszak, initial implementation items and strategic actions have been identified and are followed through monthly web calls. In order to explore further broader communities to engage, Advisory Group was established recently, with Professor Oyun Sanjaasuren as the Chair. The members of those groups are open in the Future Earth website (http://www.futureearth.org/future-earth-health) together with key working documents. Health KAN welcomes active participation from research and professional communities, users of health and environment sciences, early career people, and anyone who has interests, via Open Network (http://www.futureearth.org/future-earth-open-network) and other opportunities.

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