



The “How” of Systems Transformation: Strategies and Levers for Health-Centered Climate Action – Part 1

Friday, July 25, 2025, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM EDT / 3:00 – 8:30 PM CEST | VIRTUAL

Join the U.S. National Academy of Medicine’s (NAM) [global expert Commission](#) for Part 1 of its virtual public workshop on the “how” of systems transformation for health-centered climate action. Across three parts and days, invited presentations and discussions will aim to:

- Identify the structural levers most critical to accelerating health-centered climate action and understand how these levers interact to drive systems transformation.
- Examine the enabling conditions that shape the feasibility and impact of these levers across diverse country and sectoral contexts.
- Distill real-world strategies and actions that have successfully mobilized these levers, highlighting what made them effective, who played critical roles, and under what conditions they gained traction.
- Surface critical barriers, trade-offs, synergies, and tipping points that shape the path to systems transformation, and distill actionable, cross-sector strategies that enable decision-makers to navigate complexity, align interests, and drive scalable impact.

Register and stream the live event [here](#).

Note, Parts 2-3 are scheduled for August 5-6, 2025, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM EDT / 3:00 – 6:30 PM CEST; join us [here](#).

9:00 – 9:10 AM EDT
3:00 – 3:10 PM CEST

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Michele Toplit, *National Academy of Medicine*

Judith Rodin, *University of Pennsylvania* | NAM Commission Co-Chair

9:10 – 10:25 AM EDT
3:10 – 4:25 PM CEST

SESSION 1

Framing the Levers of Transformation

Objective: Establish a shared mental model for how systems transformation unfolds—from vision to implementation—and frame the core structural levers that will anchor the Commission’s strategic approach.

Moderator: Andy Haines, *London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine* | NAM Commission Co-Chair

Invited Speakers:

- Agnes Binagwaho, *University of Global Health Equity*
- Arunabha Ghosh, *Council on Energy, Environment and Water*

- Elizabeth Sawin, *Multisolving Institute*

10:25 – 10:40 AM EDT
4:25 – 4:40 PM CEST

BREAK

10:40 AM – 12:10 PM EDT
4:40 – 6:10 PM CEST

SESSION 2

Metrics That Move Systems

Objective: Explore how actionable metrics can both signal and drive system-level shifts, informing investments, governance, and policy choices, and advancing the Commission’s goal of turning health-positive climate ambition into accountable, scalable progress.

Moderator: Catherine E. Woteki, *Iowa State University* | NAM Commissioner and workshop planning committee member

Invited Speakers:

- Lorna Benton, *London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine*
- Kristie Ebi, *University of Washington*
- Cassie Flynn, *United Nations Development Programme*
- Marina Romanello, *The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change*

12:10 – 12:30 PM EDT
6:10 – 6:30 PM CEST

BREAK

12:30 – 2:15 PM EDT
6:30 – 8:15 PM CEST

SESSION 3.

Shifting Systems Through Culture, Narrative & Behavior

Objective: Explore how shifts in culture, narrative, and behavior have enabled large-scale systems change—and identify strategies, actors, and leverage points that can inform the Commission’s approach to accelerating people-centered climate-health transformation.

Moderator: Mindy Hernandez, *World Resources Institute* | Workshop planning committee member

Invited Speakers:

- Catherine Abreu, *International Climate Politics Hub*
- Joanna Cohen, *Johns Hopkins University*
- Saugato Datta, *Venn Advisors* | Workshop planning committee member
- Edward Maibach, *George Mason University* | NAM Commissioner
- Kumi Naidoo, *Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative*

2:15 – 2:30 PM EDT
8:15 – 8:30 PM CEST

PART 1 Wrap-Up & Adjourn

Lorraine Whitmarsh, *University of Bath* | NAM Commissioner and workshop planning committee member

Michele Toplitz, *National Academy of Medicine*