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Summary

This initiative was discussed at a BCCI-2 session on 10 August 2019, introduced by Jerry Spiegel and Vic Neufeld, with Kristy Facer (PICS program manager) as a discussant. The key idea is to explore “knowledge to action” inter-relationships between climate change impacts locally (in B.C.) and globally (that is “beyond”)—particularly in countries of the “global South”. An inter-university working group prepared a “version 1” working paper that was available prior to the session and then discussed at the session itself. *[A copy of this working paper is available upon request].*

Key Messages:

- There are clear interactions between climate change impacts in high-income countries (the North”) and low-income countries (“the South”).
- The world’s richest countries are primarily responsible for the production of greenhouse gases (GHG’s), while the world’s poorest countries and vulnerable populations within them are most affected despite having contributed least to climate change. A response to this situation is sometimes referred to as “climate justice”.
- Significant “south-North” mutual benefits can be achieved by creating collaborations where researchers and knowledge users (policy makers, practitioners and others) create authentic partnerships to work together on these global challenges.

Follow-up developments:

The working group reviewed the helpful suggestions and questions from participant colleagues made during the BCCI session, and have included them in subsequent discussions and documents. Specific funding opportunities are being explored and further discussions are underway, particularly with “solution seeking partners” in both BC and the global South.

Updates about the BC and beyond initiative will be provided through the *Community of Practice* website.

A relevant report:

Each year since 2017, an interdisciplinary collaborative known as the Lancet Countdown publishes an independent assessment that monitors the evolving health profile of climate change, in reference to the commitments made by governments under the 2015 Paris Agreement. The 2019 report based on 41 indicators across five domains was released on November 16. The report describes trends that are “deeply concerning”, with a continuing rise in greenhouse gases. However, renewable energy sources, investments in health system adaptation and sustainable transport systems are increasing, along with a significant growth in public engagement. Please find a link to the online report: *The Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate* on the resource library [landing page here](#).

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