

Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases: Threats to Pacific Human Health and Security

Emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases pose significant threats to human health and security for small island nations in the Pacific. Determinants of infectious disease emergence and re-emergence are numerous and can be broadly categorized into the microbial agent-related factors, the human-adapted agents and the human environment including climate, weather and changing ecosystems.

Prevention and control of these infectious diseases will not only require expertise on epidemiology, surveillance and disease management but also changes in human behaviour and an enabling environment both at the national and regional levels. A concerted strategy on infectious diseases that cuts across relevant sectors driven by enhanced surveillance, rapid and prompt response, partnership building and collaboration, complemented with a robust research and monitoring and evaluation component to guide policy development is a must.

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Seminar Invitation

Friday 31st March
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Room 305 Samuels Building



Light refreshment is provided

Venue: Room 305, Level 3, Samuels Building, UNSW Upper Campus, Randwick

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