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Proposals for multidisciplinary research for health and disaster response in a Changing Climate

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In this presentation, we will present "Proposal for Multidisciplinary Research for Health and Disaster Response in a Changing Climate", a recent policy study report by the Yonsei University Division of KAST. This report provides not only an overview on the current status of science and technology related to the prediction of severe weather events associated with climate change, but also suggestions on how this information -including scientific uncertainties- can be used for disaster prevention and health programmes, especially in highly urbanized areas such as Seoul. These problems are strongly related to the SDGs 3, 11, and 13. The report suggests the development of a research center aimed at solving some of the unknown scientific problems and delivering scientific information to decision makers.