



Human Health Implications of Droughts

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Message from the Guest Editors

Droughts are widely considered as the costliest, most complex, destructive, and least understood climatic event, affecting more people than any other climatic hazard. Many studies have focused on the effects of drought on meteorological, agricultural, or hydrological contexts, but assessments of the effects on health are lacking. Climate change projections indicate an increase in the intensity and frequency of droughts in several regions around the world in the 21st century; thus, a more detailed understanding of the relationship between drought exposure and human health is crucial to minimize the risks and vulnerability.

Several aspects need to be explored deeper, for instance, finding the best index(es) for detecting and estimating the different health risks associated with the incidence of droughts and better understanding the aspects linked to vulnerability of these extreme events. In this context, this Special Issue aims to respond to the existing gaps. We expect stimulate a broader discussion of this topic in the scientific community.





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