Embedding sustainability into oral health systems is urgent, and requires a complex systems approach across education, policy and practice.

**Background**
- High burden of oral diseases, with low access to services and strong inequities in both.
- High consumption of natural resources, with the production of high volumes of waste, emissions and pollution.

**Why is this important?**
- **Climate change** is the most important issue of our time, with the potential for massive harm to human and planetary health.
- CC will impact on oral health systems globally. This will require new knowledge and skills that we are unprepared for.

**Impacts on Oral Health Systems**
- Increased consumption of UPF and SSB’s
- Scarce resources for high technology treatment
- High treatment need for displaced persons
- Reduced fiscal headroom for public oral healthcare

**Education**
- Oral health workers require a combination of domain specific and cross cutting knowledge, plus practical skills and competencies.
- Primary route for this is incorporation into all undergraduate programmes. However, postgraduate and continuing education will be required to enable life-long learning.

**Local champions**
- **Organisational Implementation**
  - Early Co-education
  - Maturation Stage
  - Advanced Competence

**Supportive Systems**
- Guidelines to make sustainable practice easier
- Financing prevention and effective interventions
- Skill mix to increase access in hard to reach areas
- Data for research and a learning health system

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