



Friends of MSF: Sustainability and Climate Change Conference

Feedback - January 2020

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Climate change is one of the biggest threats to humanity; a four-degree increase in temperature will result in the displacement of 760 million people due to the rising of sea levels. Other catastrophic effects, if not addressed in time, could include water shortage, crop failure, extreme weather, biodiversity loss, and desertification.

“Given the enormity of human impacts and political obstacles, adaptation and enhancement of resilience are essential but fundamentally insufficient, as anticipated needs will far exceed the response capabilities of relief actors.” - The Lancet Countdown with MSF.

From a field worker's experience to policymakers' standpoint, Friends of MSF's Sustainability and Climate Change Conference aimed to address how climate change will affect humanitarian aid. With a focus on advocacy and climate migration, this conference aimed to discuss how students can become more involved.

Course Information

Course Date:	25th January 2020
Venue:	Harris Lecture Theatre, Guy's Campus, King's College London, Great Maze Pond, London
Attendance:	28 Delegates
Aimed at:	University Students with an interest in Sustainability in the Humanitarian Aid Field
Fee:	£12.00 (Friends of MSF Members); £15.00 (Non-Members)



Programme

0930 – 0945 Introduction – London Friends of MSF

0945 – 1030 Keynote Speech: Should Aid Workers Consider Climate Migrants? – Professor Ilan Kellman

1030 – 1115 International Development and Climate Change – Dr Amiera Sawas

1115 – 1130

Break

1130 – 1245 Climate Migrants: A Discussion – Dr Lynne Jones, Dr Emmanouil Athanasiou and Professor Ilan Kellman

1245 – 1330

Lunch

1330 – 1430 Small-Group Sessions Rotation 1:

- o "Climate Change and Health" A Publication by Lancet (Countdown) and MSF – Dr Robert Verrecchia
- o Can You Diagnose Patients in French? – UCL Friends of MSF

1430 – 1530 Small-Group Sessions Rotation 2:

- o Electives – That Medic (Dr Mohammad Farwana)
- o Can You Diagnose Patients in French? – UCL Friends of MSF

1530 – 1545

Break

1545 – 1645 Small-Group Sessions Rotation 3:

- o Training to Advocate – Dr Emmanouil Athanasiou
- o Frugal Innovation Hackathon – Imperial College London Friends of MSF

1645 Closing Remarks

Faculty

Organisers:

Miss Annie Cheung

President of Imperial College London Friends of MSF

Mr Carl Rodgers

President of King's College London Friends of MSF

Mr Ruben Pohle

President of University College London Friends of MSF

Speakers:

Dr Amiera Sawas, BSc, MSc, PhD

Senior Research and Policy Specialist
ActionAid, London, United Kingdom

Dr Emmanouil Athanasiou, MSc, PhD

Advocacy Manager and Humanitarian Affairs Officer
Medecins Sans Frontieres, France

Professor Ilan Kellman, BSc, MSc, PhD

Professor of Disasters and Health
University College London, London, United Kingdom

Dr Lynne Jones, OBE, FRCPsych, PhD

Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
Harvard University, USA

Dr Mohammad Farwana, MBBS

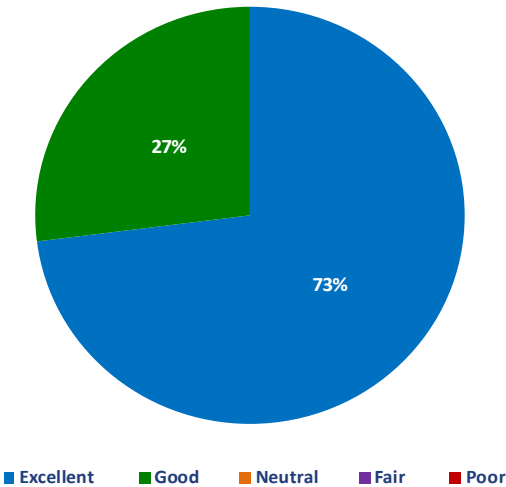
Foundation Doctor and Graduate Research Fellow
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom

Dr Robert Verrecchia, MBChB, BSc, MSc

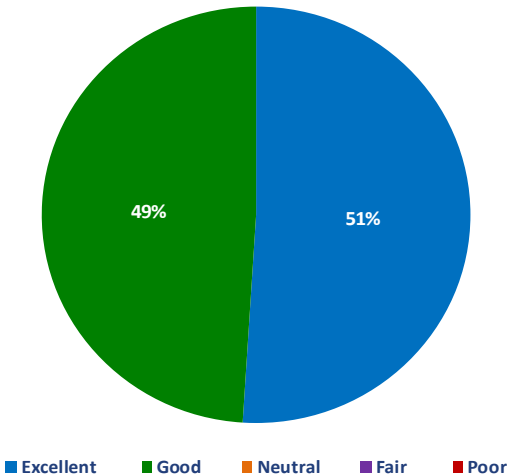
Board of Directors, Medecins Sans Frontieres
Public Health Registrar at University College London, London, United Kingdom

Overall Teaching Feedback

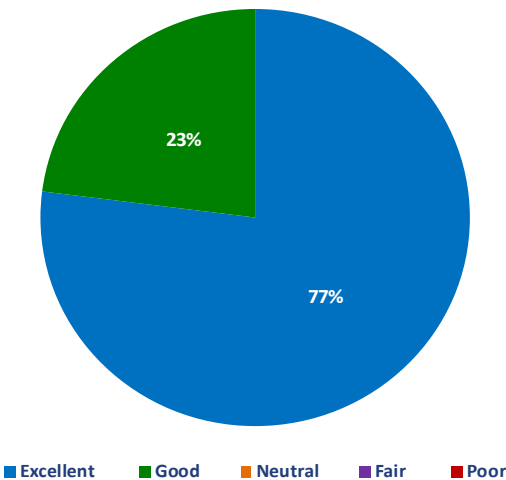
How was the content of the conference?



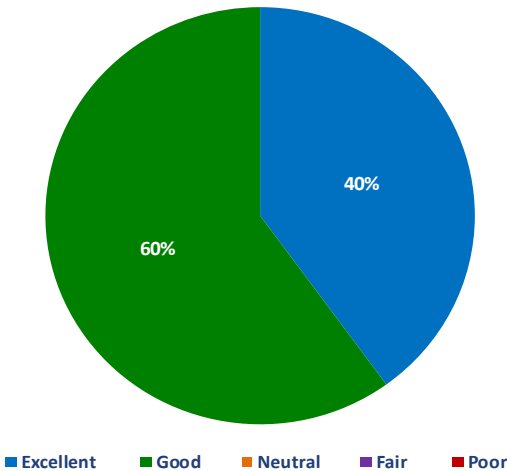
How would you rate the general academic standard of the speakers?



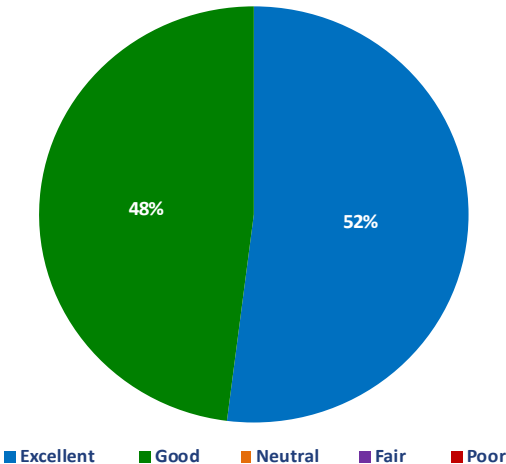
Should Aid Workers Consider Climate Migrants? - Dr Ilan Kelman



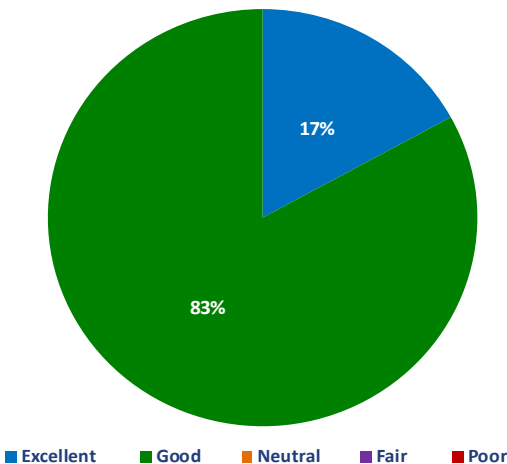
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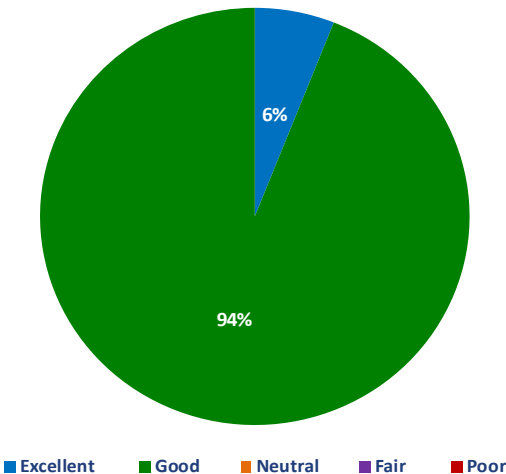


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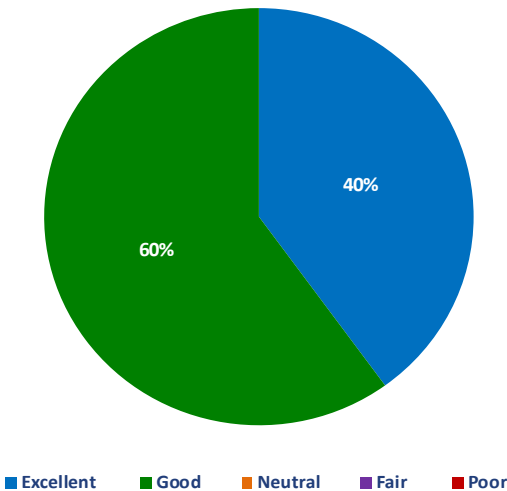


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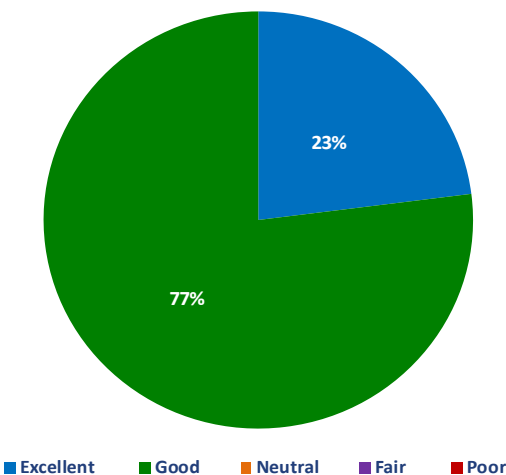
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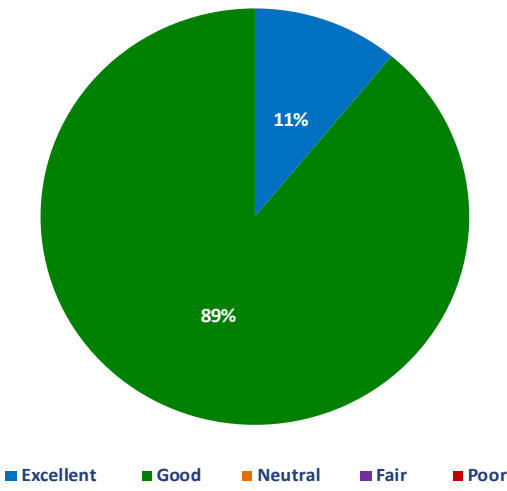
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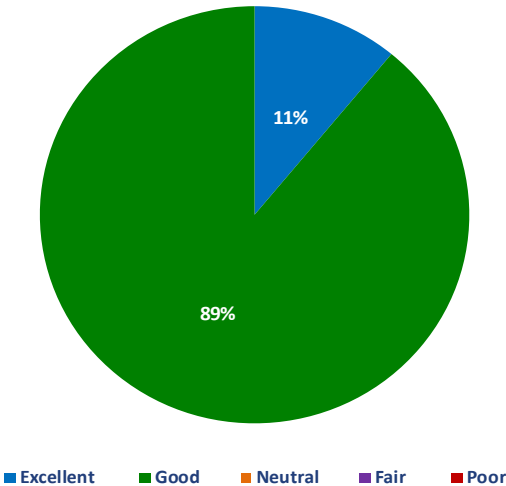
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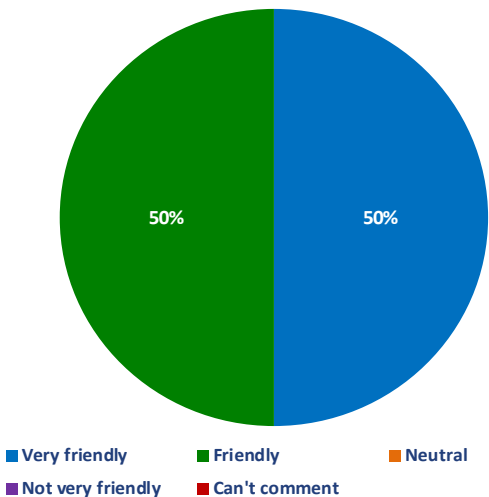
How were the facilities and venue?



How were the refreshments?

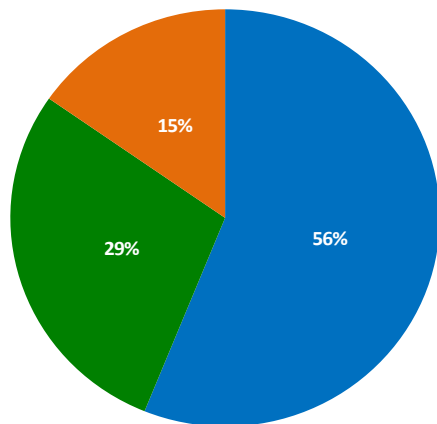


How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



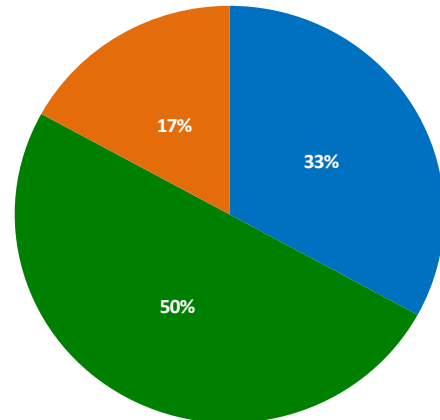
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Would you recommend this conference to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Individual Comments

The talks were very impressive – it was very thought provoking.

HC

Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom

It is important to understand more about global health in medicine and to look at these wider effects on health which are often overlooked. I really enjoyed the talk by Ilan Kelman, as I learnt new concepts and understood how complicated the situation of climate migration is.

AM

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

Although it was not entirely relevant to my studies, I enjoyed the conference and was impressed by the diverse range of topics and activities available.

CB

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

The speakers and the question time were good.

GP

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

It was a truly inspirational day and I learnt a lot from all of the speakers. Going forward, I am interested in reading the books that were mentioned, as well as becoming more involved with MSF. The conference has inspired my studies and has solidified that I believe in what I am doing. Thank you very much to the organisers and the speakers.

AB

UCL Medical School, London, United Kingdom

A really cool and unique conference.

AC

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

The conference offered a very good insight and covered a lot of different aspects relating to the main title.

GB

Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom

The talks were directed towards medical students for the most part. This made some of the talks irrelevant to my personal situation as I am a BSc Global Health student. Nonetheless, the content was stimulating.

SP

Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, United Kingdom

Individual Comments

The conference covered a very relevant and important topic.

AD

Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine, London, United Kingdom

It was a very interesting conference.

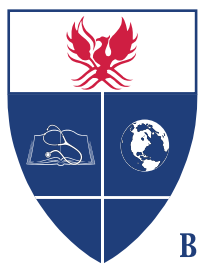
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UCL Medical School, London, United Kingdom

It was really interesting, and the content was relevant; I enjoyed all of it!

NT

UCL Medical School, London, United Kingdom



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