

## **CARO Climate Action and Sustainability Working Group**

### **Mandate:**

The Climate Action and Sustainability Working Group's mission is to engage in the development of low carbon, low waste, climate resilient oncologic services. Members recognize that climate change is adversely impacting human health and that planetary health is intrinsically linked with the development of cancers and the delivery of cancer care. The group will work collaboratively with local, national and international groups to expand and incorporate themes related to sustainable healthcare in line with CARO's missions.

### **Objectives:**

1. Support the education of faculty and learners in planetary health science, encourage the evaluation of the ecologic impact and carbon footprint of health service delivery
2. Engage and educate patients with cancer, and the public, on the health related impacts of climate change as well as the carbon footprint of cancer care
3. Facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration to develop and implement interventions that reduce carbon emissions and waste without compromising quality of patient care
4. Collaborate with government, funding agencies, and non-governmental organisations to advance environmentally sustainable healthcare
5. Promote environmental justice principles to decrease health disparities and strategize methods to improve patient accessibility to radiotherapy and virtual care