



WHA79 Official Side Events



Side Event title	Organizers and co-sponsors	Summary of event	Services requested	Scheduling and focal point
Monday 18 May 2026 13:00-14:20				
1. The Belém Health Action Plan (BHAP): From COP30 to COP31 – Promoting Continuity in Climate and Health Action	Brazil Türkiye United Arab Emirates	The event includes the forward-looking strategy for the Belém Health Action Plan (BHAP), impressions of the health sector’s achievements in the past climate COPs and an open dialogue with BHAP endorsers and stakeholders. It will provide a platform for the designated COP31 Presidencies — Australia and Türkiye — to outline planned approaches on climate and health with the engagement of a Pacific Island health representative.		Monday 13:00 Room XVI Palais des Nations aai@saude.gov.br Open to WHA delegates upon registration via https://forms.office.com/r/w2MTETHW47
2. Advancing Local Production for Equitable Access, Resilient Health Systems, and Global Health Security	Indonesia, DCVMN Netherlands, South Africa Nigeria, Brazil, CEPI, RVMC, Gavi	The event focuses on local production of vaccines in Indonesia. Key objectives include the announcement of the Host Country Agreement between the Government of Indonesia and WHO for 4th WLPF 2027, and fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration on geographic diversification and voluntary technology transfer.	Webstreaming	Monday 13 :00 Salle C WHO Headquarters tian.nugraheni@gmail.com
3. Continuity, Respect, Equity: Midwifery Models of Care for People-Centred Health Systems to Achieve Universal Health Coverage	International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Bangladesh, Egypt, Ethiopia, Luxembourg, Nepal, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Zambia	Drawing on WHO evidence that universal midwifery coverage could avert up to 67% of maternal deaths, 64% of newborn deaths, and 65% of stillbirths, the event will link cost-effective midwifery investments to improved service coverage, financial protection, and system resilience,	Webstreaming, hybrid, photographer Interpretation into French	Monday 13:00 Garden Room T WHO Headquarters a.af.ugglas@internationalmidwives.org



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		including in fragile and humanitarian settings.		
4. Operationalization of the African Medicines Agency to advance regulatory harmonization, convergence and collaboration	AFRO Regional Roundtable African Medicines Agency	The events aims to bring more Ama Treaty ratifications by MS, increase international cooperation in promoting regulatory convergence and harmonization, advance reliance on regulatory decisions, intensify efforts against substandard and falsified products, reaffirm WHO commitment in supporting global regulatory harmonization	Webstreaming Photographer Interpretation French Portuguese English	Monday 13:00 EB room WHO Headquarters ismailmohamed@who.int
5. From Resolution to Results: A Replicable Model for Drowning Prevention Implementation	Saudi Arabia Bahrain, Kuwait, Thailand, Algeria	Drowning remains a leading cause of preventable mortality among children and young people globally, despite the adoption of World Health Assembly resolution WHA76.18 (2023), which call for accelerated and coordinated action. The session will highlight strengthened governance, enhanced surveillance, and cross-sector collaboration as central drivers of progress. By showcasing a structured and scalable national model, the event offers Member States practical insights to accelerate drowning prevention and strengthen injury prevention systems in alignment with global mandates and Sustainable Development Goal 3.	Photographer Interpretation French English Arabic	Monday 13:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters dqabdulbaqi@pha.gov.sa
6. Investing in Healthy Ageing – a foundation for population health and well-being	France Japan, Thailand, Republic of Korea, HelpAge International	This event aims to identify practical country examples of investing in integrated care, long-term care and age-friendly environments, understand how WHO norms and standards can	Photographer Interpretation French English	Monday 13:00 Room XI Palais des Nations roxane.berjaoui@sante.gouv.fr



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	and International Federation on Ageing	accelerate implementation and scale, recognize the economic, health and social returns of investing in healthy ageing, strengthen cross-country learning and multisectoral collaboration, and reinforce commitments for the second half of the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing.		
7. Wellbeing, sustainable economies and future generations: Advancing the Economics of Health for All	Finland Belgium, Ethiopia, Indonesia, UNRISD, NCD Alliance	What does a society that has achieved Economy of Health for All look like, and what policy choices made it possible? The session will produce actionable recommendations for integrating health into fiscal and economic policymaking at national and global levels. Focus on trust, mental health and longevity, gender equality and social investment frameworks.		Monday 13:00 Salle VIII Palais des Nations Pasi.Mustonen@gov.fi
8. Trusted Data in the age of AI for effective health policy making	Switzerland Estonia, Ghana, Luxembourg, Oman, Poland, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, OECD	This event explores how strengthened national data systems and greater AI-Readiness can make health information more visible, accessible, and usable. Because official data and statistics remain the most trusted sources, ensuring that they are accessible and interoperable - also by AI tools - is essential to prevent the spread of mis- and disinformation and to reinforce evidence-informed decision-making.		Monday 13:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters rhenaforrer@bag.admin.ch
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9. Shaping Future Health Systems for Equity and Access	China Ethiopia, Oman, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania,	Health Ministers and experts will present a forward-looking blueprint for building people-centered health	Photographer Interpretation 6 languages	Monday 18:00 Room XVI Palais des Nations



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<p>in Digital Era— From Vision to Practice</p>	<p>Thailand, Peru and Brazil</p>	<p>systems adapted to the digital age, to accelerate progress toward UHC, explore practical pathways and actionable solutions to implement this vision, leveraging digital and AI technologies as key enablers, showcase successful digital country experiences and launch initiatives for international cooperation.</p>		<p>duanbowei2022@foxmail.com</p>
<p>10. Partnership in action for UHC— sustaining the momentum for country-led and self-reliant health financing amid fiscal constraints</p>	<p>Japan, Nigeria, UN Foundation, UHC2030 Cambodia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Philippines and Thailand</p>	<p>The session will aim to demonstrate impact of country reforms emerging as a result of greater attention to health financing following the adoption of the WHA78 Resolution on strengthening health financing globally (WHA78.12) and the establishment of the UHC Knowledge Hub in December 2025.</p>		<p>Monday 18:00 Room XI Palais des Nations mross@unfoundation.org nishimura-tarou.ts0@mhlw.go.jp</p>
<p>11. Operationalizing WHA76.2 through the Acute Care Action Network: From Global Strategy to Country Impact</p>	<p>Ethiopia, World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists Nepal, Medical Women's International Association, International College of Surgeons, International Nursing Council, International Federation of Medical Student Associations, Georgia, Rwanda, Sudan</p>	<p>This side event will engage a diverse range of speakers and panelists to examine how WHA76.2 and the Global Strategy and Global Action Plan can be translated into national action—through country leadership, scalable implementation models, and catalytic financing—moving from resolution to measurable impact at scale. It also aims to catalyse discussions for innovative financing to support the adaptation and implementation of the Global Strategy and upcoming Global Action Plan.</p>	<p>Hybrid</p>	<p>Monday 18:00 EB room WHO Headquarters alegnta.gebreyesus@gmail.com</p>



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<p>12. Dengue, Zika, chikungunya, and other mosquito-borne arboviruses: Strengthening preparedness and response against escalating epidemics</p>	<p>Wellcome Trust Imperial College UK, National Environment Agency, Singapore</p> <p>Angola, Brazil, Singapore, Temasek Foundation</p>	<p>Efforts are underway to strengthen global capacity for early detection and mitigation of arbovirus transmission worldwide. This panel discussion will provide an overview of the current epidemiology of arboviral diseases and novel strategies that are underway to strengthen early detection, prevention, and control.</p>	<p>Hybrid</p>	<p>Monday 18:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters</p> <p>elackritzmd@gmail.com</p>
<p>13. Her Turn: Women's Leadership and Diplomacy for Gender-Responsive Global Health</p>	<p>GWL Voices, Women in Global Health UNU-IIGH, Bayer, PMNCH Spain</p>	<p>The event focuses on the flagship report on women in global health and examines how women's health is prioritized across global health institutions and exposes gaps between commitments and real implementation. It seeks to find possible solutions to create more equitable leadership in the Global Health arena.</p>	<p>Hybrid, Photographer</p>	<p>Monday 18:00 Garden Room T, WHO Headquarters</p> <p>juli@gwlvoices.org</p>
<p>14. Global Pursuit of Suicide Prevention: Turning Evidence into Action</p>	<p>Nepal South Africa, Henry Ford Health Portugal, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Republic of Korea and University of Edinburgh</p>	<p>This side event will introduce Zero Suicide International, an evidence-based, system-wide approach aligned with LIVE LIFE, and will highlight practical, cost-effective national strategies—including those focused on means restriction. A particular focus will be given to pesticide self-poisoning, which accounts for roughly 20% of global suicides and disproportionately affects rural agricultural communities.</p>	<p>Photographer, hybrid, webstreaming</p>	<p>Monday 18:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters</p> <p>nepalunog@gmail.com</p>
<p>15. Africa's Public Health and Primary Health Care, Solidarity and Sovereignty Agenda</p>	<p>Zimbabwe, Eswatini Belgium, Nepal, South Africa, African Public</p>	<p>This event aims to position Africa and other involved countries (as a key global leaders) in international health collaboration and cooperation in</p>	<p>Photographer Interpretation French English Spanish</p>	<p>Monday 18:00 Room VIII Palais des Nations</p>



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	Health Foundation, World Federation of Public Health Association & Public Health Association of South African & UK- Faculty of Public Health, AU Sub-regions -SADC ECSA Health Community and College of Health Sciences and West Africa	solidarity through prioritizing Public Health (PH) and revitalizing Primary Health Care as the foundation for national health ownership, leadership, and governance for strengthening, equitable and sustainable health systems and institutions. This will put Africa's health and well-being needs and demands at the centre of the evolving global health architecture around the following high-level political, policy, and health professional commitment to universal health service delivery by all for all.		fse@missionofeswatini.ch kmazenenga@gmail.com
16. Multisectoral Action to Achieve the Global Nutrition Targets	WorldVision International, Action contre la Faim Ireland, Scaling Up, Save the Children, El Salvador, Senegal, Madagascar, Bangladesh	Building on the extension of the Global Nutrition Targets and addition of Operational Targets at WHA78, the event will showcase how Health Ministries are taking action to realize the Operational Targets, garner buy-in from other Ministries across their governments, address structural constraints, and institutionalize locally-led and people-centered services in coordination with food systems and other sectors	Hybrid Interpretation French English	Monday 18:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters elizabeth_margolis@wvi.org
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	Strategic Roundtable		Interpretation Webstreaming on WHA website	Tuesday 13:00 EB Room, WHO Headquarters
17. From Outbreak Response to System Readiness: Building the Global and Regional	CEPI, Norway Ethiopia, Indonesia	The event brings together a diverse, multi-sectoral coalition united behind mobilizing the political and financial commitments required to build a	Webstreaming Photographer Interpretation French, Spanish	Tuesday 13:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters austin.liu@cepi.net



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Capabilities to Stop Pandemic Threats in 100 Days		globally coordinated, regionally anchored, and locally driven health security ecosystem.		
18. Healthy Longevity as a Life-Course Investment Strategy: Integrating Prevention, Primary Care, Productivity and Digital Innovation	<p>Qatar</p> <p>Finland, Japan, International Federation on Ageing (IFA)</p> <p>World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA)</p> <p>World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA), Thailand, World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH)</p>	<p>Population ageing and rising NCD prevalence represent a significant and growing global burden. Despite substantial policy activity, responses often remain fragmented across sectors and disease silos. There is a critical need for integrated life-course frameworks that address determinants of health, strengthen prevention ecosystems, support primary healthcare as an enabler, and align governance and financing structures. This side event responds to that unmet need by advancing healthy longevity as a cross-government investment model.</p>		<p>Tuesday 13:00</p> <p>Salle XVI Palais des Nations</p> <p>ihr@MOPH.GOV.QA</p>
19. Cervical cancer elimination: Strengthening health systems and accountability toward the 2030 targets.	<p>South Africa</p> <p>Nepal, Belgium, Ghana</p>	<p>This event aims to reinforce political commitment to achieving the 90–70–90 targets by 2030 as a critical milestone toward cervical cancer elimination, highlight scalable, country-led integrated implementation approaches within primary health care and related service platforms, advance system-level enablers —that support continuity of care and reduce loss to follow-up, strengthen accountability mechanisms and transparent reporting toward the 2030 targets, and promote</p>	<p>Photographer</p> <p>Interpretation French</p> <p>English Spanish</p>	<p>Tuesday 13:00</p> <p>Salle XI Palais des Nations</p> <p>lebogang.lebese@health.gov.za</p>



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		collaboration among MS and partners to accelerate progress.		
20. Sustaining the Global Health and Care Workforce Agenda in times of financial challenges?	Germany and World Medical Association Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Philippines	This event will discuss strategies and mechanisms whereby countries, development partners and global health stakeholders can collaborate on to support a holistic agenda to strengthen health workforce investment and prioritization in the context of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent global health labour market.		Tuesday 13:00 Room VIII Palais des Nations wi-5-io@genf.auswaertiges-amt.de
21. Adequate and sustained financing for NCDs and Mental Health: approaches to closing the implementation gap	NCD Alliance, Barbados United for Global Mental Health, Philippines, UNDP, the Healthy Caribbean Coalition, Brazil	The event will highlight how governments and other stakeholders can coordinate and mobilize resources to translate global commitments into actionable strategies for tangible health impact. The session is timely ahead of the third Global NCD and Mental Health Financing Dialogue in Manila (September 2026) and will help align NCD and mental health financing strategies with GPW14 objectives and broader discussions on global health architecture.	Hybrid Interpretation English French Spanish	Tuesday 13:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters mkremin@ncdalliance.org https://ncdalliance.org/stories/events/2026/adequate-and-sustained-financing-for-ncds-and-mental-health-approaches-to
22. The Value of Vision: The Roadmap to the Global Summit for Eye Health	IAPB The Fred Hollows Foundation, Christian Blind Mission and Sightsavers, Malaysia, and UK	The event will catalyze political momentum at the World Health Assembly, facilitate Member States in signalling national commitments on eye health, and advance the translation of WHO tools and collective initiatives into commitments at the Global Summit for Eye Health.	Photographer Hybrid	Tuesday 13:00 Garden room T WHO Headquarters jshrestha@iapb.org



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<p>23. Domestic Leadership in Health Financing: A Dialogue (CSO Dialogue 3)</p>	<p>Save the Children Medicus Mundi, South Africa, World Vision International, WHO CSO Commission</p>	<p>The event will present CSO recommendations developed through the previous dialogues, consulting over 200 organizations, and discuss how WHO and Member States can sustain momentum toward prioritizing health in national budgets ahead of the UHC HLM in 2027, alongside improving the efficiency, equity and impact of health spending.</p>	<p>Hybrid</p>	<p>Tuesday 13:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters renee.dejong@savethechildren.org</p>
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<p>24. Radiation and Health: Shaping tomorrow's framework for protection, preparedness, and response</p>	<p>Iraq Egypt, Armenia, Chile, Palestine, Thailand, Tunisia (WHO Member State) International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) International Commission on Occupational Health (ICOH)</p>	<p>The event will examine how the draft WHA resolution "Radiation and health: strengthening global protection, preparedness and response," recommended by EB158(9), can translate into strengthened national systems. It will discuss priority actions in radiation risk assessment, occupational and patient protection, emergency preparedness, surveillance and public communication.</p>	<p>Hybrid</p>	<p>Tuesday 18:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters Muntadher.abd@mofa.gov.iq</p>
<p>25. Integrating health security and humanitarian health response in emergencies</p>	<p>United Kingdom Australia, Ethiopia, Robert Koch</p>	<p>The event will highlight reforms and the value of integrated approaches in health emergencies, showcase successful models and lessons from recent</p>	<p>Hybrid Interpretation into French and Arabic</p>	<p>Tuesday 18:00 EB room WHO Headquarters Lucy.Palmer@dhsc.gov.uk</p>



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	Caribbean Public Health Agency	emergencies, emphasizing scalable interventions and cross sectoral partnerships, and foster dialogue on practical strategies, including sustainable efforts and learning, and opportunities for collaboration at all levels, including strengthening inclusive, community-led systems.		
26. The Economics of Health For All: Taking Action	Public Services International, Medicus Mundi International, UNU IIGH, World Council of Churches, Society for International Development Colombia, Oxfam, Geneva Global Health Hub	The event will explore the critical intersection of economic policy and public health. Building on the foundational work of the Council, we will discuss how to move towards proactively "shaping markets". The session will present evidence on how fiscal policies, market regulation, and public investment can be strategically designed to prioritize long-term human and planetary well-being.	Hybrid	Tuesday 18:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters baba.aye@world-psi.org
27. Building the Economic Case for Domestic Investment in Health R&D in Africa	Africa CDC, Team Europe Belgium, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Kenya, Sweden, Zambia	A continent-wide macroeconomic assessment of the return on investment of public spending on health R&D has been commissioned. The study models GDP impact, employment creation, private investment crowd-in, long-run productivity and innovation spillovers, trade and competitiveness gains. This side event will formally launch and finalize the findings of this project and introduce the foundations of a Health R&D Investment Blueprint for Africa.	Webstreaming, hybrid and photographer Interpretation Arabic French English Portuguese	Tuesday 18:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters sofia.imad@enabel.be



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<p>28. Preventing violence against children: from global evidence to integrated health system action. With new data on child sexual exploitation and abuse</p>	<p>Childlight Global Child Safety Institute, Child Protection Network Philippines, Iceland, Costa Rica, International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (ISPCAN)</p>	<p>The event will bring together new global evidence and leading government practice to strengthen prevention, early identification and integrated health system responses. It will showcase national leadership on violence reduction, including government approaches to strengthening early identification and trauma-informed care, alongside experience from the Philippines in embedding prevention and early intervention within health systems. It will also contribute momentum toward the WHO Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children (Philippines, November 2026).</p>	<p>Webstreaming</p>	<p>Tuesday 18:00 Garden Room T WHO Headquarters Jason.Allardyce@ed.ac.uk</p>
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	<p>Strategic Roundtable</p>		<p>Interpretation Webstreaming on WHA website</p>	<p>Wednesday 13:00 EB Room, WHO Headquarters</p>
<p>29. WHA Global Parliamentary Forum From Commitment to Action: Advancing Parliamentary Leadership for the WHO Pandemic Agreement Implementation and Sustainable Financing for Health</p>	<p>IPU and WHO</p>	<p>This event is an annual platform for parliamentary engagement in the World Health Assembly (WHA). It promotes dialogue, shared learning, and alignment between global health commitments and national action.</p>	<p>Interpretation French English</p>	<p>Wednesday 13:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters ab@ipu.org scolaroe@who.int</p>
<p>30. Exploring integrated and equitable approaches to obesity prevention and</p>	<p>Dominican Republic</p>	<p>Obesity is a central driver of NCDs globally. Rapid advances in digital health, precision nutrition, and</p>	<p>Interpretation English Spanish</p>	<p>Wednesday 13:00 Salle VIII Palais des Nations</p>



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management within health systems	Cochrane Collaboration, Asociación Latinoamericana de Diabetes, El Salvador, Panama, World Diabetes Foundation, Mexico, World Obesity Federation and Chile	pharmacological treatments are transforming the therapeutic landscape. This side event aims to examine the impact of new technologies, dietary strategies, and emerging medications on NCD outcomes and the sustainability of health systems.		andelys.rosa@ministeriodesalud.gob.do
31. From Global Commitments to Integrated Lung Health Action: Advancing early diagnosis of lung cancer and access to inhaled medicines for COPD and asthma	Malaysia, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) Kenya, Philippines, Brazil	The event will focus on how integrated lung health approaches embedded within UHC and PHC can accelerate progress across lung cancer, COPD, and asthma. It will highlight two critical and complementary priorities: improving access to early diagnosis for lung cancer and ensuring equitable access to essential inhaled medicines for COPD and asthma.	Webstreaming Photographer	Wednesday 13:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters joynes@uicc.org
32. Accelerating Trusted Digital Health Transformation: Strengthening Data Governance, Interoperability, and Responsible AI for Universal Health Coverage	Oman China, Egypt, Kuwait, Palestine, Tunisia, Qatar Transform Health, World Medical Association	The event will provide a platform to exchange experiences and explore practical approaches to strengthening governance for digital health and artificial intelligence. The discussion will highlight implementation experiences, including the use of internationally recognized interoperability standards to support secure and trusted cross-border data exchange and advance continued cooperation under WHO-led processes.		Wednesday 13:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters who@omanmission.ch



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<p>33. Healthcare financing: Bridging Traditional and Innovative financing for UHC</p>	<p>Jordan Türkiye, Burkina Faso, OIC, Syrian Arab Republic</p>	<p>With the historic precedence of Islamic financing, the outreach of MDBs and the largely untapped capital held by the private sector, these sources offer potentially sustainable financing that could complement public spending on health systems, as well as contribute to addressing the global healthcare funding gap.</p>		<p>Wednesday 13 :00 Garden Room T, WHO Headquarters iprd@MOH.GOV.JO</p>
<p>34. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Preserving Essential Services Amid Funding Pressures</p>	<p>Guyana Malawi, Barbados, Germany</p>	<p>This event aims to provide a unified political message reaffirming SRHR as integral to the right to health and UHC, a clear analysis of systemic barriers, towards achieving SRHR, strengthened alliances across member states and partners to advance rights-based, well-financed SRHR programmes, and a jointly endorsed package of actionable recommendations and advocacy positions on SRHR,.</p>	<p>Interpretation French English</p>	<p>Wednesday 13:00 Salle XI Palais des Nations pmog.gv@gmail.com</p>
<p>Wednesday 20 May 2026 18:00-19:30</p>				
<p>35. Honoring the Legacy of Dr LEE Jong-wook: 20 Years Advancing Global Health Equity</p>	<p>Republic of Korea, KOFIH China, Sri Lanka, Lao PDR, Ethiopia, Tanzania, WHO</p>	<p>This event will convene global health leaders, policymakers, and practitioners to explore future directions for resilient and equitable health systems. It will reaffirm a shared commitment to multilateralism, solidarity, and advancing health equity worldwide—carrying forward Dr LEE Jong-wook’s vision for the next generation.</p>	<p>Webstreaming Photographer Interpretation English French Korean</p>	<p>Wednesday 18:30 - 20:00 EB Room WHO Headquarters gloria1203@kofih.org</p>
<p>36. Call to Action for Advancing Biomanufacturing Self-Reliance: From Policy to Practice in Local Manufacturing</p>	<p>Philippines, IVI Kenya, Brazil, Republic of Korea</p>	<p>Discussions will focus on how coordinated cross-regional cooperation, innovative financing approaches, and strategic partnerships can accelerate</p>	<p>Photographer Interpretation French English Spanish</p>	<p>Wednesday 18:00 Salle XI Palais des Nations jeffrey.valdez@dfa.gov.ph</p>



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		the development of robust vaccine capabilities. The session aims to highlight actionable pathways that strengthen national and regional self-reliance while advancing global public health security and equitable access to vaccines.		
37. Advancing Refugee and Migrant Health in countries: Shared experiences, successes, challenges, and the path forward	Spain Colombia, Egypt, Nepal	This event aims to strengthen commitment to advancing refugee and migrant health within GAP 2023–2030 and GPW14, share practical lessons on integrating migrant health into national policies and programmes, raise awareness of emerging priorities: urban migration, digital health, and climate-related mobility, and enhance collaboration and use of WHO tools, evidence, and initiatives to support equitable access and UHC.	Hybrid Interpretation English Spanish	Wednesday 18:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters sgrin@sanidad.gob.es
38. Elevating Hepatitis Elimination on the Global Political Agenda: From World Health Assembly to UN General Assembly	Cameroon Brazil, Uganda, Pakistan, Malaysia, The Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination African Union Commission	The event aims to raise political visibility, mobilize resources, and build momentum toward a proposed WHA Resolution on hepatitis (2027) and future UN High-Level Meeting on viral hepatitis forging renewed commitment to ending this preventable disease that kills 1.3 million people annually.	Webstreaming Interpretation French English	Wednesday 18:00 Garden Room T WHO Headquarters nali-consultant@taskforce.org
39. Gestational Diabetes and beyond: Strengthening Primary Care for Integrated Reno-Metabolic Health Across the Life Course	Kenya, Guatemala Tanzania, UNFPA, International Diabetes Federation, International Society of Nephrology (ISN),	The event integrates the prevention, early detection, and management of diabetes, and kidney, diseases within primary health care (PHC). By moving away from fragmented vertical programmes, this partnership approach addresses shared risk factors and	Photographer	Wednesday 18:00 Room VIII Palais des Nations beatriz.vanezjimenez@idf.org



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	World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), Novo Nordisk Foundation	multimorbidity to reduce costly hospitalizations and improve clinical outcomes.		
40. Health financing	EMRO Regional Roundtable	The event is a ministerial roundtable focusing on blended Finance & Partnerships leveraging private sector expertise and public-private solutions to fund health outcomes, as well as a number of regional flagship initiatives.	Hybrid, photographer	Wednesday 18:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters Upon invitation emrgogovbod@who.int
41. Artificial Intelligence in Health: Laws, Ethical Oversight, Research, and Equity	India Ethiopia, France, Nepal, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Thailand	The side event aims to examine existing and emerging legal and regulatory frameworks governing AI in health across MS and their implications for patient safety, data rights, and accountability, and discuss principles and practical mechanisms for ethical oversight of AI in health, including algorithmic transparency, bias mitigation, and responsible innovation.	Photographer	Wednesday 18:00 Room XVI, Palais des Nations soih-mohfw@nic.in ifssa.pmigeneva@mea.gov.in
42. Strengthening Equitable Access to Medical Imaging through Teleradiology and Digital Health	Egypt, DITTA Chile, Georgia, Palestine, Tunisia, GMTA	Through country perspectives and expert insights, the event will highlight considerations for integrating teleradiology into national health and digital strategies, including workforce development, interoperability, regulatory frameworks, and the responsible use of AI in imaging workflows. It aims to support MS in operationalizing the resolution to deliver equitable, sustainable, and high-quality diagnostic services.	Photographer	Wednesday 18:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters arhani@hotmail.com
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	Strategic Roundtable		Interpretation	Thursday 13:00



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43. Advancing Human Rights and Public Health through the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion on Climate Change	Vanuatu, United Nations University, Medicus Mundi International, Geneva Global Health Hub The Netherlands, The Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Mozambique, Fiji and Marshall Islands	The event serves to scale up ICJ Advisory Opinion engagements, establish a platform for raising awareness and strengthening capacity, policy dialogue and synergies among Member States, development partners, public health practitioners, legal experts, civil society, and academia. This synergy is key to the Advisory Opinion implementation as part of an authoritative legal framework to sustain relevant, urgent climate action.	Photographer	Thursday 13:00 Room XI, Palais des Nations vandepas@unu.edu
44. Large-Scale Food Fortification and Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation: Progress and Promise to Address Malnutrition	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition and Helen Keller Intl UNICEF, World Food Programme, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sierra Leone	This event will convene Ministers of Health, technical experts, and global partners to catalyze political commitment to scaling two critical interventions to address micronutrient deficiencies: large-scale food fortification (LSFF) and multiple micronutrient supplementation (MMS). Together, these interventions provide a complementary approach spanning health services and food systems to improve maternal and child health and nutrition outcomes.	Photographer Interpretation French, English, Spanish	Thursday 13:00 Room XVI Palais des Nations sperrier@gainhealth.org jvanyur@hki.org
45. Beyond Survival: Integrating Rehabilitation for Health, Longevity, and Equity	Handicap International Federation Benin, Japan, Cameroon, Scotland	The event will explore practical pathways to strengthen governance, financing, and accountability for rehabilitation. It will also consider how UHC monitoring may evolve to better capture access to rehabilitation and functioning outcomes, ensuring health		Thursday 13:00 Salle D WHO Headquarters V.Pomatto@hi.org



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		systems measure not only mortality and morbidity, but lived health, autonomy, and participation across the life course.		
46. Global burden of autoimmune disease: policy measures for UHC	Russian Federation China, Brazil, Egypt, Türkiye and South Africa	Policy approaches to ensuring equitable and sustainable access to quality diagnosis and innovative treatment within the framework of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Particular attention will be given to disability prevention, underscoring the importance of early detection, timely initiation of appropriate therapy, multidisciplinary and integrated models of care, and the strengthening of rehabilitation services	Hybrid Interpretation Chinese English Russian	Thursday 13:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters ovsonin@yandex.ru
47. National integration of HIV services: sustaining quality, equity and community leadership in an era of funding transition	International Aids Society Coalition Plus, NCD Alliance, GNP+ and IPPF Spain and Ecuador	The event will explore how HIV services can be embedded within PHC while preserving person-centered, simplified, and high-quality care. Particular attention will be given to peer educators and community health workers, whose roles remain essential yet often insufficiently formalized within national systems.	Hybrid Interpretation Spanish English	Thursday 13:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters nelli.barriere@iasociety.org
48. Delivering maternal and newborn services for hard-to-reach communities, in low resource, complex settings: Lessons from South Sudan and Kenya	South Sudan and Kenya UNFPA, Doctors with Africa	The event brings critical attention to how we can ensure desired results, in very complex, and under-resourced environments. The ongoing global conflicts such as in Ukraine and Gaza show stable contexts can quickly become complex. The lessons shared are of value to all countries, sharing lessons on how to ensure equity in health service outcomes.	Photographer, hybrid, webstreaming Interpretation French English Portuguese	Thursday 13:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters ori.moiga@gmail.com aguarkhamis8@gmail.com



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<p>49. Leading the Charge Toward Guinea-worm Eradication: Health Ministers Take Stock of Achievements in 2025 and the Vision for 2026 and Beyond</p>	<p>Carter Center and Chad Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Mali, South Sudan, Sudan</p>	<p>The side event responds to WHA Resolution 78.14 in 2025, which called for accelerated intervention, sustained political will and financial commitment to eradicate Guinea worm. It also responds to earlier WHA commitments to control, eliminate and eradicate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), particularly decision 73(33) in 2000, which endorsed the NTD road map 2021-2030; this set 2030 as the new target date for global Guinea-worm eradication. The global burden of disease caused by NTDs will be reviewed as an agenda item at WHA 79.</p>	<p>Interpretation English-French Photographer</p>	<p>Thursday 13:00 Room V, Palais des Nations valerie.mendes@cartercenter.org</p>
<p>Thursday 21 May 2026 18:00-19:30</p>				
<p>51. Bridging Health and Peace: Accelerating the Global Health and Peace Initiative (GHPI) in Turbulent Times</p>	<p>World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and WONCA (World Organization of Family Doctors) Brazil, Spain, Slovenia</p>	<p>With a view to accelerating the GHPI roadmap, WHA77.9, the session will explore how to make WHO programming conflict-sensitive and protect health resources in fragile settings.</p>	<p>Interpretation Portuguese English</p>	<p>Thursday 18:00 EB room WHO Headquarters mpastier@gmail.com</p>
<p>52. From Resolution to Action: Implementing the WHA Resolution on Skin Diseases</p>	<p>Côte d'Ivoire International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), Anesvad Foundation, International Federation of Antileprosy Associations, Togo GlobalSkin</p>	<p>The event focuses on implementation of Resolution WHA78.15, adopted at WHA78, supporting the translation of normative commitments into action. By convening Member States, technical partners, civil society, and patient organizations, it fosters coordinated, cross-regional dialogue on health system strengthening, equity, and integrated approaches to common skin</p>	<p>Hybrid Photographer Interpretation French English</p>	<p>Thursday 18:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters hchuku@ilds.org</p>



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		diseases and skin-related neglected tropical diseases		
53. NextGen x NowGen: Futureproofing Health in the Climate Era	Slovenia, WHO Youth Council International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), Gain, International Pharmaceutical Students's Federation (IPSF) Bertelsmann Stiftung	This event will discuss integrating intergenerational leadership to build adaptable, inclusive and green global health systems responsive to environmental issues, lessons learned from successful intergenerational leadership models for the future of planetary health, the creation of clearer capacity building opportunities for intergenerational cooperation; and community-based approaches for addressing climate-driven migration and local vulnerabilities.	Webstreaming	Thursday 18:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters Katja.Cic@nijz.si
54. Feeding the world while curbing antimicrobial resistance – challenges and opportunities for collaborative One Health action	Four Paws, Ontario Veterinary College, AMR Partnership Platform Brazil, Nigeria, Sweden	The event focuses on how antimicrobial resistance is driven across human, animal, and environmental systems. Emphasizes coordination, policy challenges, and prevention. Looks at real-world implementation barriers and cross-sector trade-offs.		Thursday 18:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters jsweese@uoguelph.ca
55. Emergency-Ready Primary Health Care: Operationalising Preparedness and Resilience at the Frontline	Kazakhstan, Resolve to Save Lives Ethiopia, Nigeria, Syrian Arab Republic	This side event will introduce the Emergency-Ready Primary Health Care (ERPHC) Framework and Operational Guide, developed by the World Health Organization and Resolve to Save Lives. The ERPHC framework responds by promoting an integrated, all-hazards approach linking surveillance, infection prevention, and clinical care within routine PHC delivery, strengthening	Photographer	Thursday 18:00 Salle V, Palais des Nations a.lebedeva@kazakhstan-geneva.ch smearns@resolvetosavelives.org



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		system resilience and continuity of essential services.		
56. Protecting 26 Million Women and 20 Million Children from Sepsis: A Global Health Imperative	Medical Women's International Association (MWIA), Women in Global Health (WGH), World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists (WFSA), and International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA), Georgia and Egypt	The event will highlight the urgent need to strengthen Sepsis prevention, early detection, and quality care as integral components of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), maternal, newborn and child health services, antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and pandemic and emergency responses, in line with WHO's GPW14 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).		Thursday 18:00 Salle XI – Palais des Nations mariam.jashi@global-sepsis-alliance.org
57. From Awareness to Action: Advancing Global Best Practices in Organ Donation and Transplantation	United Arab Emirates Spain, India	This side event directly advances the implementation of the WHA77 resolution on increasing the availability, ethical access, and oversight of organ transplantation. It creates a high-level dialogue on the current status of transplantation worldwide, shares proven country experiences that successfully translate policy into practice, and highlights scalable models from diverse and complex health systems to inform a pragmatic, evidence-based global strategy.	Hybrid, webstreaming	Thursday 18:00 Garden Room T WHO Headquarters Maysoun.Almatrooshi@mohap.gov.ae Hamda.Almarzooqi@mohap.gov.ae
Friday 22 May 2026 13:00-14:20				
58. Securing the Future: Creating a Sustainable and Equitable	International Pharmaceutical Students Federation	The event will examine how health system integrated models under public-private-philanthropic partnerships can strengthen the overall R&D		Friday 13:00 Salle A WHO Headquarters publichealth@ipsf.org



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<p>Ecosystem for Antimicrobial Innovation</p>	<p>Alliance for Health Promotion, Japan Japan Institute for Health Security Howard Dalton Centre, University of Warwick</p>	<p>ecosystem—supporting sustainable discovery capacity, improving coordination, and ensuring innovation responds to real public health needs while remaining accessible and globally relevant. It aims to inform policy discussions on building an antimicrobial innovation ecosystem that protects lives today and secures the future for generations to come.</p>		
<p>59. Immunizing Across the Life-Course: Supporting Healthy Ageing, NCD Management, and System Resilience</p>	<p>the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), the International Federation on Ageing (IFA), and the Global Allergy & Airways Patient Platform (GAAPP)</p>	<p>The event will explore how life-course immunization can strengthen PHC-led models designed to meet the needs of ageing populations and people living with NCDs. The discussion will highlight how life-course immunization can support healthier ageing, stable NCD management, and improved system efficiency at a time of tightening fiscal space and rising service demand.</p>	<p>Hybrid, photographer</p>	<p>Friday 13:00 Salle B WHO Headquarters s.Laghnimi-Hahn@ifpma.org</p>
<p>60. Delivering on Brain Health: Implementing IGAP and the Political Declaration on NCDs—OneNeurology Partnership perspective</p>	<p>Multiple Sclerosis International Federation, International Bureau of Epilepsy, Alzheimer’s Disease International Italy</p>	<p>Neurological conditions are the leading cause of ill health and disability worldwide, yet they remain under-prioritised within national NCD strategies and health system planning. This event will examine how Member States and partners can translate these global commitments into concrete national implementation. Drawing on findings from the WHO Global Status Report on Neurology (2025), the discussion will highlight gaps in workforce, financing, essential</p>	<p>Hybrid</p>	<p>Friday 13:00 Salle C WHO Headquarters Abdelfatah@msif.org</p>



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		medicines, rehabilitation, and integration into Universal Health Coverage frameworks.		
61. The Lancet MedZero: Carbon Analytics for Health Care - From Measurement to Implementation at Scale	Lancet, Philippines, University of Singapore, Thailand, UK, MSF	<p>Reliable carbon data are missing for nearly all medical products, limiting countries' ability to implement low-carbon health systems.</p> <p>Lancet MedZero provides the first open global platform with comparable product footprints, directly supporting WHA79's climate-health implementation agenda.</p>		<p>Friday 13:00 Room V Palais des Nations</p> <p>jsohal@nus.edu.sg</p>
62. Contaminated Commercial Formula – the need for a global response to protect child health	Ibfan, ILCA, Panama Burundi, Ecuador, Van Tulleken Foundation, Latin American and Caribbean Nutrition and Health Community of Practice	Recent formula recalls highlight systemic failures in production, surveillance, and crisis response, further weakening public trust. Urgent, independent, and transparent oversight of manufacturing facilities is essential to protect children's health.		<p>Friday 13:00 Garden Room T WHO Headquarters</p> <p>prundall@babymilkaction.org</p>