

79th World Health Assembly

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Day/Time (CEST)	Event Title	Event Host(s)	Format	In-Person Location	Link to Information / Registration
Multi-Day Events					
May 16-17	World Heart Summit	World Heart Federation	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
May 17-23	Geneva Health Week	International Geneva Global Health Platform	Hybrid	Geneva Graduate Institute	More info here .
May 18-20	HIEx @ WHA79	Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx)	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
May 18-20	WHA79 Civil Society Networking Space	UHC2030, CSEM	In-person	Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
May 18-22	Geneva Health Forum at World Health Assembly 2026	Geneva Health Forum	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
May 20-21	Devex Impact House @ WHA	Devex, Others	Hybrid	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
Saturday, May 16					
18:00-20:00	Imagine a World in 2030: An Emergency-Ready, Resilient Health Workforce in Every Country	Ethiopia, Germany, Brazil, the Gates Foundation and the Institute of Philanthropy	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.
Sunday, May 17					
8:00-11:00	Walk the Talk: Health for All Challenge	WHO	In-person	Place des Nations	More info here .
11:30-13:30	Open Briefing – Introduction to the 79th World Health Assembly: Can Global Health Make Progress Amid Rupture?	UN Foundation, Geneva Graduate Institute's Global Health Centre	Hybrid	Geneva Graduate Institute, Auditorium Ivan Pictet	More info here .
12:15-13:00	From Dialogue to Action: Co-Creating the Next Steps for Civil Society in Global Health Promotion How Do We Communicate, Collaborate, and Act Across Sectors?	Alliance for Health Promotion, Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx), World Council of Churches (WCC), NIMS University	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
12:30-14:30	From Progress to Power: How African Institutions Are Redefining the Future of Global Health	Merck	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
15:00-16:30	Reinvigorating Scalable Actions for AMR 2030 Vision	Institute of Philanthropy and The Trinity Challenge	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	Invite only.
15:00-17:00	Ministerial Health Meeting: Reimagining the Multilateral Health System	Governments of UK and South Africa	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.
16:00-19:00	Recognizing Traumatic Brain Injury as a Notifiable and Chronic Condition	International Society of Global Neurosurgery	In-person	Novotel Genève Centre	More info here .
17:30-20:00	Understanding Pandemic Risk to Drive Better Investments	UN Foundation, National Academy of Medicine (NAM), in partnership with the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil and the	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.

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		Communicable Diseases Agency, Singapore			
18:00-19:30	Health Sovereignty, Financing Reform and Protecting What Matters Most: Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health	Government of Somalia, PMNCH, GLN, EWENE, CSA, PATH, Gavi, UNFPA, UNICEF, Save the Children, World Vision International, Seed Global Health, MSI	Hybrid	Red Cross Museum Café Hinivuu	More info here .
18:00-20:00	Advancing Health Equity for Bleeding Disorders	World Federation for Hemophilia (WFH)	In-person	Le restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .
18:00-21:00	A Safer Childhood is in our Hands: An Evening to End Violence Against Children	Together for Girls, Project Everyone	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
18:30-20:30	Digital health wallets for better continuity of care	Alliance for Health Policy, Systems Research at WHO, WHO Department of Data, Digital Health, Analytics & AI with support from Temasek Foundation	In-person	Jardin de Penthes	More info here .
20:00-21:30	Delivering the 100 Days Mission: Progress, Transition, and What Comes Next	IPPS	In-person	The Foundry Restaurant	More info here .
Monday, May 18					
7:00-9:00	Measuring What Matters, Doing What Works: PHC & Community Entry Points to Accelerate Maternal Health	Business Council for International Understanding, in collaboration with GE HealthCare Foundation	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
7:30-9:00	Preventing Malnutrition in the Global South: Large-Scale Interventions to Address Micronutrient Deficiencies	Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria & Sri Lanka	In-person	Mandarin Oriental	More info here .
7:30-9:00	Strengthening Medical Imaging to Deliver on NCD Commitments	Philips and Siemens Healthineers, in collaboration with DITTA (Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association)	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info coming soon.
7:30-9:30	Addressing Obesity to Reduce the Global Burden of Cardiovascular Disease	National Heart Foundation of Australia (NHFA) and World Heart Federation (WHF)	In-person	Restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .
8:00-8:45	"Epidemics That Didn't Happen" Launch Event	Resolve to Save Lives, the 7-1-7 Alliance, the Gates Foundation and the Pandemic Fund	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .

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8:00-9:00	Evidence to action: Preventing lead poisoning to save lives	World Health Organization, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and Resolve to Save Lives	Hybrid	Restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .
8:00-10:30	Locally Led, Globally Scaled. The Next Phase of the Global Breast Cancer Initiative (GBCI)	City Cancer Challenge (C/Can)	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
8:45-11:30	Strategic Leadership for Nurses and Midwives: A Policy Pathway to Stronger Health Systems	Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma and Anaesthesia Care (G4 Alliance), Butterfly Global Health, International Council of Nurses (ICN), Global Surgery Foundation (GSF), Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO), International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA), International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), Laerdal Global Health, MARCH Health Care Initiative, Ohana One International Surgical Aid & Education & Operation Smile	In-person	International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent	More info here .
10:00-12:55	2026 WHA Taiwan Digital Health Forum: AI Governance and Digital Health Innovation	Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan	In-person	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
11:00-12:00	NCDs and mental health: from declaration to delivery	Boehringer Ingelheim in collaboration with NCD Alliance	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
11:00-12:30	What's Next for Pandemic Monitoring?	The Independent Panel, GPMB, IPPS, NAM, UNF	In-person	Upon invite	More info coming soon.
13:30-14:00	The Future of Health Security and the Role of the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence	WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence and the German Federal Ministry of Health	In-person	Geneva Graduate Institute	More info coming soon.
12:00-14:30	Closing the gap in cardiovascular health: Delivering prevention through national plans, primary care, and integrated action	World Heart Federation	In-person	Restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .
12:00-15:00	Global Health Forum 2026: The Future of Health Security and Sustainable Investment	Foreign Policy	Hybrid	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
12:00-15:00	"Keep It Simple – No Mosquitoes, No Dengue"	GX Foundation & Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention	Hybrid	Upon invite	Contact info@gxfoundation.hk .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event : The Belém Health Action Plan (BHAP): From COP30 to COP31 – Promoting Continuity in Climate and Health Action	Brazil, Türkiye & UAE	In-person	Room XVI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .

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13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Continuity, Respect, Equity: Midwifery Models of Care for People-Centered Health Systems to Achieve Universal Health Coverage	International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), Bangladesh, Egypt, Ethiopia, Nepal, & Zambia	Hybrid	Garden Room T WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Operationalization of the African Medicines Agency to advance regulatory harmonization, convergence and collaboration	AFRO Regional Roundtable African Medicines Agency	Hybrid	EB room WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Investing in Healthy Aging – a foundation for population health and well-being	France, Japan, Thailand, HelpAge International & International Federation of Older Persons	In-person	Room XI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Wellbeing, sustainable economies and future generations: Advancing the Economics of Health for AI	Finland, Belgium, Ethiopia, Indonesia, UNRISD & NCD Alliance	In-person	Salle VIII Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Trusted Data in the age of AI for effective health policy making	Switzerland, OECD, Thailand, Rwanda & Estonia	In-person	Salle A WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:30	AMR & Health Security: Why Diplomacy Matters for Cooperation?	Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
14:00-15:00	Early detection of cardiovascular-renal-metabolic conditions: from silent to seen	Boehringer Ingelheim	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
14:00-17:00	Cancer Policy and Innovation: From Early Detection to Equitable Treatment	Health Promotion Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, College of Public Health, National Taiwan University	In-person	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
14:00-17:00	Strengthening Collaboration to Build Operational Pathways for Reconstructive Care in Conflict Settings	2nd Chance	n-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
14:330-16:00	Decent Work for UHC: Investing in a Resilient Workforce in Challenging Contexts	Cordaid, Frontline Health Workers Coalition (FHWC), Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma and Anaesthesia Care (G4 Alliance)	Hybrid	Civil Society Networking Space, Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
15:30-16:30	Every breath counts: making the right diagnosis at the right time	Boehringer Ingelheim	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
16:00-18:30	Achieving equitable access to infectious diseases diagnostics: Learnings and pathways forward	Access to Medicine Foundation	Hybrid	Upon invite	Invite only.
16:30-18:00	Launch of the UHC2030 narrative on digital transformation of health systems for universal health coverage	UHC2030, OECD, CSEM, DTH-Lab and Transform Health	Hybrid	Civil Society Networking Space, Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .

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16:30-18:00	Strengthening Global Pandemic Preparedness: Collaborative Approaches for Rapid and Resilient Responses	The Communicable Diseases Agency Singapore (CDA), Robert Koch Institute (RKI), and World Health Organization (WHO)	In-person	Pavillon Gallatin	More info here .
16:30-18:30	Partner Social at WHA79	rani, RANA, Global Health Council & Frontline Health Workers Coalition	In-person	La Romana	More info here .
16:30-19:00	Strengthening Global Pandemic Preparedness: Collaborative Approaches for Rapid and Resilient Responses	Communicable Disease Agency – Singapore, Robert Koch Institute & WHO	In-person	Pavillon Gallatin	More info here .
16:30-19:30	Geneva Clarion Call: Rethinking Power, Financing and Global Health Delivery	Accra Reset	Hybrid	Global Health Campus	Invite only.
17:00	CASCI - Arab Swiss Health Dialogue	Sultanate of Oman - Ministry of Health of Health , Geneva Health Forum, League of Arab States, Union of Arab Chambers & Permanent Mission of Oman	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
17:00-21:00	Lung Health Forum From Resolution to Action: Government Leadership on Lung Health	Devex and AstraZeneca	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
17:30	Google for Health Reception	Google	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.
17:30-19:30	Building the mental wealth of young people utilising lay counsellor supports and an ecosystem approach	Headspace Denmark and Orygen	In-person	Hotel Royal	More info here .
18:00-19:30	From Promise to Progress: One Year on From the Rare Diseases Resolution	Foreign Policy, in partnership with the Egyptian Ministry of Health and the Chinese National Health Commission, sponsored by AstraZeneca	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
18:00-19:30	A World on the Edge: Priorities for a Pandemic-Resilient Future	Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, Institute of Philanthropy & PMAC Strategic Institute	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Shaping Future Health Systems for Equity and Access in Digital Era—From Vision to Practice	China Ethiopia, Oman, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania & Thailand	In-person	Room XVI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Partnership in action for UHC- sustaining the momentum for country-led and self-reliant health financing amid fiscal constraints	Japan, Nigeria, UN Foundation, UHC2030, co-sponsored by Cambodia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Philippines, Thailand	In-person	Room XI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Operationalizing WHA76.2 through the Acute Care Action	Ethiopia, World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists,	Hybrid	EB room, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .

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	Network: From Global Strategy to Country Impact	Nepal, Medical Women's International Association, International College of Surgeons, International Nursing Council, International Federation of Medical Student Associations, Georgia, Rwanda, Sudan			
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event : Dengue, Zika, chikungunya, and other mosquito-borne arboviruses: Strengthening preparedness and response against escalating epidemics	Wellcome Trust Imperial College UK, National Environment Agency, Singapore Angola, Brazil, Singapore & Temasek Foundation	Hybrid	Salle B, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event : Women in Global Health Leadership, Equity & Multilateral Action	GWL Voices, Women in Global Health UNU-IIGH, Bayer, PMNCH, Spain, Slovenia & TBC	Hybrid	Garden Room T, WHO Headquarters	More info on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event : Global Pursuit of Suicide Prevention	Nepal, South Africa, Henry Ford Health, Portugal & Thailand	In-person	Salle A, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event : Africa's Public Health and Primary Health Care, Solidarity and Sovereignty Agenda	Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Belgium, Nepal, South Africa, African Public Health Foundation, World Federation of Public Health Association, Public Health Association of South Africa, UK-Faculty of Public Health, AU Subregions - SADC & ECSA, Health Community and College of Health Sciences and West Africa	In-person	Room VIII Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event : 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	Hybrid	Salle C, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-20:00	Threads of Care: A ministerial side event on family caregiving	The Government of Indonesia, Noora Health & The Agency Fund	In-person	Jardin de Penthes	More info here .
18:00-20:00	From Vision to Action: Five Years of the WHO Global Diabetes Compact	The WHO Global Diabetes Compact; Co-hosted by Helmsley Charitable Trust, Resolve to Save Lives and World Diabetes Foundation	In-person	La Vie des Champs	More info here .
18:00-20:30	Financing the Future: Investing in Health Workforces for Economic Resilience and UHC	World Medical Association	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .

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18:00-21:00	What's Next for Philanthropy: Investing in Local Leaders for Impact	Global Surgery Foundation	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
18:30-19:30	Implementing the 2025 Political Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health in an Era of Global Health Reform	NCD Alliance	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info coming soon.
18:30-20:30	Cybersecurity and AI for Resilient Health Systems: Preparedness, Response, and Simulation-Based Learning	The Republic of Poland in cooperation with the Republic of Colombia and the State of Kuwait	In-person	Permanent Mission of Poland to the UN in Geneva	More info here .
18:30-21:00	Advancing Men's Health and Social Connection at the World Health Assembly	Movember Foundation, Government of Canada, Government of Sweden, OECD, WHO Commission on Social Connection & WHO Youth Council	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
19:00-21:00	The Untapped Potential: The Role of Private Capital in Ending Infectious Disease	Foreign Policy, in partnership with StopTB and RBM Partnership to End Malaria	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
Tuesday, May 19					
7:00-9:00	From Resolution to Results: Advancing Medical Imaging Capacity for Equitable Care	Business Council for International Understanding, GE HealthCare	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
7:45-9:30	Ministerial Breakfast: The Midwifery Accelerator: Optimizing the Health Workforce for Maternal and Newborn Survival	UNFPA	In-person	Vieux Bois Restaurant	More info here .
7:45-10:00	Zero-Dose Children - Zero Excuses! Immunizing the Most Vulnerable in an Era of Turbulence	Save the Children & Sudan	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
8:00-9:00	Time to Deliver Solidarity Stand	WaterAid	In-person	Palais des Nations	More info here .
8:00-9:35	Ambition meets reality: Can governments deliver on obesity policy?	Economist Impact, sponsored by Eli Lilly	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
8:00-10:00	Promoting Global Action on Childhood-Onset Heart Disease to Advance Child Health and Survival	Business Council for International Understanding, Children's HeartLink, the Ministry of Health and Social Services of the Republic of Namibia, and Siemens Healthineers	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
8:00-10:30	The Future of Global Health Financing	The Kingdom of the Netherlands and The Republic of Indonesia	In-person	Nations Business Center	RSVP to GEV-PA@minbuza.nl

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8:00-10:30	Arboviruses: Shaking or shaping the future of global health?	International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases (ISNTD)	Hybrid	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
8:30-10:30	Cities for Health: How local leadership, data, and policy are driving the future of care	Foreign Policy, in partnership with McKinsey Health Institute, MSD, and Novartis	Hybrid	Hotel Royal	More info here .
8:30-10:30	Frontline First: Investing In and Designing AI for Real-World Care	Ministry of Health, Mozambique & Jhpiego with Viamo	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
8:30-10:30	One vision, one future: Shaping the next chapter of health financing in Africa	AUC, Ghana, Nigeria, Spain, Senegal and Ethiopia (sponsored and organized by the Global Fund, WHO, UNAIDS, AUC)	In-person	Mandarin Oriental Hotel	More info coming soon.
9:00-10:30	What can AI do in Biology? A Briefing for the Health Community	Simon Institute for Longterm Governance & UK Mission to the UN in Geneva	In-person	Geneva Centre for Security Policy	More info here .
9:00-12:00	Global Hepatitis C Elimination: Experience and the Road Ahead	Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan	In-person	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
9:00-12:30	Rethinking Determinants of Health in Today's Global Context: From Knowledge to Action	Geneva Health Forum	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
9:30	Migration, displacement and health in a changing world: from the margins to a global health priority	The Global Health Network, 4EU+ Alliance, Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, Centre for Global Health Systems and Policy, University College London, Virchow Foundation and Lancet Migration	In-person	Campus Biotech	Invite only.
9:30-10:30	Readiness, reach, results: strengthening health systems in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) for NCD care	Boehringer Ingelheim	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
9:30-11:00	The Social Participation Village: Where every voice shapes health governance	Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC2030 (CSEM), Global Health Council, Save the Children, & The George Institute	Hybrid	Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
9:30-12:00	Global Health System Redesign Lab: From Proliferation to Purposeful Progress of AI	Health Parliament	Hybrid	John Knox International Centre	In person registration here . Zoom registration here .

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10:00-12:00	Building people-centered cancer systems: advancing rights, equity and support across the care pathway	UICC and the McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer	In-person	UICC office, 31-33 Avenue Giuseppe-Motta	More info here .
10:00-12:30	Second GCM Participants Gathering	WHO – Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs	Hybrid	WHO Headquarters	More info here .
11:00-12:30	Funding Opportunity: Expanding Eye Care Through Government Health Systems	Livelihood Impact Fund	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
12:00-13:00	Connecting for Change: Integrating Disability Equity Across Global Health Agendas	International Disability and Development Consortium, Special Olympics & WHO Disability Health Equity Network	Hybrid	Civil Society Networking Space, Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
12:00-14:00	Are we ready for the next pandemic threat?	The Independent Panel and the Geneva Graduate Institute Global Health Centre	In-person	Geneva Graduate Institute	More info here .
12:00-14:30	Women and Cardiovascular Disease: Closing the Research, Awareness, and Care Gap	World Heart Federation	In-person	Vieux Bois Restaurant	More info here .
12:10-13:30	Data Empowerment for Collective Good: Smart Healthcare Implementation and Public Health System Upgrading	International Cooperation and Development Fund, SICA/SE-COMISCA & Tdh	In-person	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
12:30-13:30	The obesity–liver connection: shaping the future of metabolic care	Boehringer Ingelheim	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
12:30-14:00	Advancing Complex care in digital era, opportunities for Small States	Malta, Seychelles and Maldives	In-person	Hotel Royal	More info here .
12:30-14:30	Saving Lives Under Fire: Ukraine's Integrated Battlefield-to-Recovery Medical Evacuation Model	Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Poland, Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia	In-person	Permanent Mission of Poland to the UN in Geneva	More info here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: From Outbreak Response to System Readiness: Building the Global and Regional Capabilities to Stop Pandemic Threats in 100 Days	CEPI, Norway, Ethiopia & Indonesia	Hybrid	Salle A, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Healthy Longevity as a Whole-of-Society Life-Course Investment Strategy: Integrating Determinants, Prevention, Primary Care and Sustainable Financing	Qatar, Rwanda, Finland, Canada, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Netherlands & Switzerland	In-person	Salle XVI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Cervical cancer elimination: Strengthening health systems and accountability toward the 2030 targets	South Africa, Nepal, Belgium & Ghana	In-person	Salle XI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Sustaining the Global Health and Care Workforce Agenda in times of financial challenges?	Germany, World Medical Association, Ethiopia & Philippines	In-person	Room VIII Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .

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13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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	Hybrid	Salle C, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: The Value of Vision: The Roadmap to the Global Summit for Eye Health	IAPB, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Christian Blindness Mission, Sight Savers Malaysia & UK	In-person	Garden Room T, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: CSO Dialogue 3: Domestic Leadership in Health Financing	Save the Children UK, Medicus Mundi, South Africa, UK & Canada	Hybrid	Salle B, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-15:00	Built Together, Fit for All: Pathways and Priorities for Global Health Architecture Reform	HEAR CSO	Hybrid	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
13:30-16:00	Catalyzing Global Collaboration to Strengthen Clinical Trials Systems	International Vaccine Institute and Pasteur Network	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
13:30-17:00	Access to Care in Crisis Settings: Rethinking Cooperation in Practice	Geneva Health Forum	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
13:30-17:30	Strengthening UHC in a Transforming World: “AI for UHC” and “UHC at a Crossroad”	STUF united fund, Global Health Council, IMIA (International Medical Informatics Association), TruMerit (CGFNS), Generation Patient & TYPA	In-person	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
14:00-15:00	In conversation: where lived experience meets policy	Boehringer Ingelheim, in collaboration with NCD Alliance	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
16:00-18:00	Youth Voices for Universal Health Coverage: A Networking and Learning Session	Transform Health, Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM for UHC2030)	In-person	Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
17:00-19:00	Harnessing AI and Technology to Advance Nutritional Care for Children with NCDs	International Initiative for Pediatrics and Nutrition (IIPAN) and Columbia University Irving Medical Center, Cuddles Foundation, Permanent Mission of Greece	In-person	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
17:00-20:00	One Health for All to Improve Global Public Health	World Federation of Public Health Associations and Chinese Preventive Medicine Association	In-person	Hotel Mandarin Oriental	More info here .
18:00-19:30	Sustaining Life-Saving Services for Mothers and Children in Fragile Settings	International Federation of Red Cross, Red Crescent Societies & the United Nations Foundation	In-person	IFRC Office	More info here .
18:00-19:30	Strengthening Investment In Health Security Through The Universal Health And Preparedness Review (UHPR)	Armenia, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Luxembourg, Sri Lanka, the Sultanate of Oman, and the International Organisation of La	In-person	CAGI – International Geneva Welcome Centre	More info here .

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		Francophonie (OIF), and with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO)			
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Radiation and Health: Shaping tomorrow's framework for protection, preparedness, and response	Iraq, Egypt, Armenia, Chile, Kuwait, 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)	In-person	Salle B, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Integrating health security and humanitarian health response in emergencies	United Kingdom Australia, Ethiopia, Robert Koch Caribbean Public Health Agency	Hybrid	EB room, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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	Hybrid	Salle C, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Building the Economic Case for Domestic Investment in Health R&D in Africa	Africa CDC, Team Europe AUEU Health Partnership Uganda, Ghana, Rwanda, Morocco, Egypt, Belgium, Germany & AfDB	Hybrid	Salle A, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Preventing violence against children: from global evidence to integrated health system action. With new data on child sexual exploitation and abuse	Childlight Global Child Safety Institute, Child Protection Network Philippines, Iceland, Costa Rica & International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (ISPCAN)	Hybrid	Garden Room T, WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-20:00	Reframing Global Health Partnerships in a Changing Reality: Necessary Policy Responses to leverage Public-Private Partnerships	Business Council for International Understanding, Pfizer	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
18:00-20:00	Preventing childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes: advancing leadership for sustainable impact	International Diabetes Federation, World Diabetes Foundation & World Obesity	Hybrid	Red Cross Museum	More info here for in-person and here for virtual participation.
18:00-20:30	Health is Wealth: Why Investing in Health Professionals Pays Off	World Health Professions Alliance (WHPA)	In-person	Salle Mont Blanc, Warwick Hotel	More info here .

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18:00-20:30	Powering-up action on climate and health: From politics to implementation	Pathfinder Initiative and Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health (PECCH)	Hybrid	Auditorium Jacques-Freymond,	More info here .
18:00-20:30	Powering-up action on climate and health: From politics to implementation	Pathfinder Initiative and Pan-European Commission on Climate and Health (PECCH)	Hybrid	Auditorium Jacques-Freymond	More info here .
18:00-20:30	WHA High-Level Dialogue on Healthy Indoor Air	Air Club	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
18:00-21:00	Documentary Screening: The Making of a Surgeon: Fighting Africa's Hidden Crisis	Operation Smile	In-person	Geneva Graduate Institute	More info here .
18:00-21:00	The Carter Center Presents: Reception and Documentary Screening of "THE PRESIDENT AND THE DRAGON"	The Carter Center	In-person	Emmanuel Church	More info here .
18:30-20:30	Oral Health at Work: A Roadmap for Prevention, Productivity and Workforce Well-being	FDI World Dental Federation	In-person	Hotel Royal	More info here .
18:00-21:00	Always innovating: How the next generation of medicines and vaccines can deliver a healthier, stronger future	IFPMA	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
19:00	First Anniversary of the Global Coalition: A Year of Progress	Global Coalition for Local and Regional Production, Innovation and Equitable Access; Co-host: Ministry of Health of Brazil	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.
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7:30-9:00	The Clean Air Dividend: Investing in Health for All	NCD Alliance (NCDA) and Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
7:30-9:30	Sustaining the Momentum: Cross-Border Collaboration to Achieve Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Elimination	African Union Commission (AUC), WHO-hosted Global Onchocerciasis Network for Elimination (GONE), in collaboration with the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), DNDi, the END Fund, the Task Force for Global Health's Health Campaign Effectiveness Coalition, & the RBM Partnership to End Malaria	In-person	Restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .
7:30-9:30	Sir Mo Farah Talks Mental Health at WHA - Building Resilient Futures - unlocking the power of sport and physical activity for youth mental health	The World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry & The Commonwealth Secretariat	In-person	Commonwealth Small States Office	More info here .
7:30-9:30	From Chaos to Care: Rebuilding the Global Health Architecture	Center for Indonesia's Strategic Development Initiatives (CISDI),	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .

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		Primary Healthcare Impact Lab, Universitas Harkat Negeri, Tamaris Hydro, and the Program in Global Primary Health Care based at Harvard Medical School Office for Research Initiatives & Global Programs, and at the Brigham & Women's Hospital Division of Global Health Equity			
7:30-9:30	Building Resilient Futures: Unlocking the Power of Sport and Physical Activity for Youth Mental Health in the Commonwealth	The Commonwealth & World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry	In-person	Commonwealth Small States Office	More info here .
7:30-10:20	Investing for Climate and Planetary Health: Strategies & Tools	Africa CDC, Center for Global Health Diplomacy JLI & Peking University	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
7:45-9:15	Japan's Experience in Promoting Lifelong Health - Kenshin: Proactive prevention through comprehensive screening and health checkups	Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association and Japan Mission	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.
7:45-9:45	Protecting Mental Health of Children and Youth in the Digital World	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Poland with support of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cyprus, the Australian Government, Orygen Institute and UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health	In-person	Permanent Mission of Poland to the UN in Geneva UN in Geneva	More info here .
8:00-9:00	The Lifesaving Potential of Death Data	Vital Strategies	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
8:00-9:15	Regional production in action: Aligning access and affordability to advance health equity	Wemos / WHO PAM	In-person	More info coming soon.	More info coming soon.
8:00-9:30	Five years of the Global Breast Cancer Initiative: Championing progress, accelerating action	Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)	In-person	UICC office, 31-33 Avenue Giuseppe-Motta	More info here .
8:00-9:30	Prepared Across Borders: Building Resilient Health and Community Systems in a World on the Move	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) and International Organization for Migration (IOM)	In-person	IFRC HQ	More info here .
8:00-9:30	Kidney Health for All: Delivering Comprehensive Care from Prevention to Treatment	Devex, in partnership with International Society of Nephrology	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
8:00-10:00	Shaping the future of brain health: What it means for economic growth	Economist Impact, supported by Sanofi	In-person	Hôtel Royal	More info here .
8:30-10:30	Bridging the AMR Divide: Equity, Access and Community led solutions	ReAct Africa & World Council of Churches	Hybrid	World Council of Churches, Kyoto Building	More info here .

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9:00-11:30	AI-Empowered Long-Term Care System Development Advancing High-Quality and Sustainable Care through Long-Term Care Insurance	Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Geneva Health Forum, Medi-Bridges EurAsia Switzerland	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
9:00-13:00	Health in a World of Crises and Impunity: The Report of the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health-Lancet Commission on Health, Conflict, and Forced Displacement	Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies, Faculty of Medicine, UNIGE	Hybrid	Campus Biotech	More info here .
9:30-11:00	Accelerating Reduction of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Mortality	Devex in partnership with MSD for Mothers, and in collaboration with WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, Child Survival Action, or CSA, and Every Woman Every Newborn Everywhere	In-person	Upon invitation	Invite only.
10:00-11:15 & 16:00-17:15	Maternal and Child Health: Building the Capacity to Care	Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)	Virtual	Virtual	More info here .
10:00-11:30	Driving Mental Health into UHC: From Political Leadership to System Implementation	UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health and Global Mental Health Action Network	Hybrid	Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
10:00-11:30	The Global Healthcare Leaders' Collective	Health Parliament	In-person	Palais des Nations	More info here .
11:00-11:30	Beyond the Medicine: Building Family-Centered Cancer Care	Devex, in partnership with Amgen	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
12:00-13:30	Online Safety: Artificial Intelligence, Social Media and Suicide Prevention	IASP, Orygen, Safe Online & Crisis Text Line	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
12:00-13:30	Indigenous Medicine in Global Health: Rights, Safeguards, and Future Pathways	DOCIP, WHO, IDHA, GITMA, World Federation of Public Health Associations, and Tunsberg medisinske skole.	Hybrid	Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
12:00-14:00	Country-Led, Globally Supported: The ALIGN-T1D Model	ALIGN-T1D	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
12:20-14:00	The Life-Course Investment: Advancing Women's Health in Business	UNFPA and Kearney	In-person	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
12:20-13:30	Civil Society Shaping the WHO Civil Society Engagement Strategy: Opportunities for Meaningful Participation in Global Health Governance	International Alliance of Patients' Organizations & International Cerebral Palsy Society on behalf of the WHO Civil Society Commission	Hybrid	Civil Society Networking Space, Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
12:30-14:00	Gambling and Public Health: regulation, prevention, treatment, and health system responses	Government of Brazil	In-person	Mandarin Oriental Hotel	Invite only.

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12:30-14:30	From Resolution to Implementation: Shaping the Future of Global Stroke Care	Business Council for International Understanding, Global Stroke Action Coalition and the Ministry of Health and Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event : WHA Global Parliamentary Forum	IPU & WHO	In-person	Salle A, WHO HQ	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event : Exploring integrated and equitable approaches to obesity prevention and management within health systems	Dominican Republic, Cochrane Collaboration, Asociación Latinoamericana de Diabetes, El Salvador, Panama, World Diabetes Foundation, Mexico, World Obesity Federation & Chile	In-person	Salle VIII Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event : From Global Commitments to Integrated Lung Health Action: Advancing Early Diagnosis of Lung Cancer and Access to Inhaled Medicines for COPD and Asthma	Ministry of Health of Malaysia, Republic of Kenya, Forum of International Respiratory Societies, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Union for International Cancer Control	In-person	WHO HQ	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event : 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	In-person	Salle B WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event : Healthcare financing: Bridging Traditional and Innovative financing for UHC	Jordan, Türkiye, Burkina Faso, OIC & Syrian Arab Republic	In-person	Room XVI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event : Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Preserving Essential Services Amid Funding Pressures	Guyana, Malawi, Barbados & Germany	In-person	Salle XI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:30-15:00	Unlocking Women's Health and Economic Potential	Foreign Policy, in partnership with Bayer	In-person	Restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .
13:30-15:45	Health Sovereignty & Shifting Power	Devex	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
14:00-15:30	What does Global Health Architecture Reform Have to Do With Universal Health Care?	HEAR CSO	Hybrid	Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
14:00-18:00	Smart Healthcare and Health System Innovation Artificial Intelligence Enabling People-Centered and Integrated Digital Health	Fudan University, University of Geneva, Geneva Health Forum & Medi-Bridges EurAsie	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
14:00-18:00	Navigating Global Shifts: Strengthening Medical Resilience: Bridging Healthcare Preparedness and Cross-Border Disaster Emergency Response	Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan/Hôpitaux universitaires de Genève (HUG)	In-person	HUG Innovation Center	More info here .

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14:30-16:30	Mental Health in Humanitarian Programs	ALIMA & Terre des hommes	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
15:45-17:30	The New Global Health Financing Playbook	Devex	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
16:00-17:00	Living healthier, living better: rehabilitation and assistive technology in UHC	ATscale, Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology, Humanity & Inclusion, International Cerebral Palsy Society, World Rehabilitation Alliance	Hybrid	Auditorium de la Pastorale	More info here .
16:00-18:00	Improving Health Care Worker Wellbeing - Addressing system and human factors through science informed approaches	University of Utah in partnership with International SOS	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
17:00-19:00	Enabling Digital Health Systems for Health Equity: A Youth Call to Action	Transform Health	In-person	Giga Connectivity Center	More info here .
17:00-21:00	From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health	World Health Summit	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info coming soon.
17:15-18:45	Delivering the Road Map for Chronic Respiratory Disease Care	Devex, in partnership with Sanofi and Regeneration	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
18:00-19:00	The Future of Public Health, Perspectives from Around the World	Boston University School of Public Health	Hybrid	Hotel President Wilson	More info here .
18:00-19:15	Climate change, health and cities – From global commitments to local impact	Global Cities Hub	Hybrid	Villa Rigot	More info here .
18:00-19:30	Call to Action for Advancing Biomanufacturing Self-Reliance: From Policy to Practice in Local Manufacturing	Republic of the Philippines & International Vaccine Institute	In-person	Salle XI, Palais des Nations	More info here .
18:00-19:30	“Does Your Health System Struggle with Lung Health Screening?” -Join Us to Explore Practical Solutions-	India, Japan, the Philippines, Zambia & Stop TB Partnership	Hybrid	Villa le Bocage, Palais des Nations	More info here .
18:00-19:30	Rethinking Global Health in a Changing World	Washington University	Hybrid	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
18:00-20:00	Climate Change and Respiratory Health	Geneva Health Forum & Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Campus Biotech	More info here .
18:00-21:00	Rare Diseases: A Catalyst for Global Health Transformation	Rare Diseases International	In-person	Geneva Graduate Institute	More info here .
18:30-20:00	Health Workers Under Fire: War, Conflict, and Health Delivery	The MENA Initiative & IHEID	Hybrid	Auditorium A2, Maison de la Paix	More info here .
18:30-20:00	A Sustainable and Ethical Future for Health Worker Mobility	The World Bank, OECD, IOM & Global Health Partnerships	Hybrid	Graduate Institute (IHEID)	More info here .
18:30-20:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: Advancing Refugee and Migrant Health in countries: Shared experiences, successes, challenges, and the path forward	Spain Colombia, Uganda & Egypt	Hybrid	Salle B WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:30-20:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: Honoring the Legacy of Dr LEE Jong-wook: 20 Years Advancing Global Health Equity	Republic of Korea, KOFI China Sri Lanka, Lao PDR, Ethiopia, Tanzania, WHO	Hybrid	EB Room WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .

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18:30-20:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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), World Obesity Federation (WOF) World Diabetes Foundation (WDF), Novo Nordisk Foundation & Maternity Foundation	In-person	Room VIII Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:30-20:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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	Hybrid	Garden Room T WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:30-20:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: Health financing	EMRO Regional Roundtable, with Future Health - A Global Initiative by Abu Dhabi	Hybrid	Upon invitation	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:30-20:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: Artificial Intelligence in Health: Laws, Ethical Oversight, Research, and Equity	India, Nepal, Switzerland & Sri Lanka	In-person	Room XVI, Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:30-20:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: Strengthening Equitable Access to Medical Imaging through Teleradiology and Digital Health	Egypt, DITTA, Chile, Georgia, Palestine, Tunisia & GMTA	In-person	Salle C WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:30-20:30	Ministerial Reception Event: Power in Partnership: Unlocking Sustainable Financing for Sexual and Reproductive Health	UNFPA	In-person	Vieux Bois Restaurant	More info here .
18:30-20:30	The Value Collection: Stories shaped by flexible, people-centered primary health care	Roche, the Program in Global Primary Health Care at Harvard Medical School, International Alliance of Patient Organizations (IAPO) & UNAIDS	In-person	Museum of the Red Cross	More info here .
19:00-21:00	WHA79 Official Side Event: Advancing Maternal Health Through AI-Enabled Medical Devices and Software	Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) & Philips	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.
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All day	Health Diplomacy House	Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Rothschild Buildings	More info here .
All day	Geneva Digital Health Day	Geneva Digital Health Hub	Hybrid	Campus Biotech	More info here .
7:30-9:00	From Rights to Reality: Strengthening health outcomes and systems through safe abortion care in West and Central Africa	Rutgers, SheDecides, MSI Reproductive Choices, IPPF, Benin, The Netherlands	In-person	Upon invite	Invite only.
7:30-9:00	Accelerating Malaria Elimination Through Innovation	Malaria No More	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
7:30-9:00	From Donor Dependence to Country-Led Resilience: Financing and Innovation for Sustainable Health Systems in Africa	African Institute for Development Policy, AUDA-NEPAD & Ministry of Health Uganda	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
8:00-9:00	Global Health Architecture and Governance: Reflection in an Era of Predictable Uncertainty (Health Diplomacy House - Opening)	Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
8:00-9:30	The Business Case for Health: Why Global Health Investment Should be a Life Sciences Imperative	Devex, in partnership with Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) and CARE	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
8:30-10:30	Equity As Leverage in the Pathogen Access Benefit Sharing System	Geneva Health Files	In-person	Spaces Nations	More info here .
9:00-10:00	Traditional Medicine at the Nexus of Climate, Biodiversity, and Land Restoration (Rio Conventions) (Health Diplomacy House)	Govardhan: Biodiversity & TM	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
9:00-10:30	From Vision to Action: A Holistic Approach to Metabolic Health and NCD Prevention and Care	European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) Healthy Livers Healthy Lives	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
9:15-11:00	Rethinking Elimination: Integration and Innovation for Sustainable Diseases Elimination	Devex, in partnership with GLIDE	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
9:30-11:00	What's at Stake and What Comes Next for Global Health Reform (Health Diplomacy House)	Stockholm School of Economics (Center for Resilient Health) & Partnership for International Politics and Diplomacy for Health & Karolinska Institute	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
10:00-11:00	Climate Change and Respiratory Health - Fireside Chat - (Health Diplomacy House)	Geneva Health Forum and Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
10:00-12:00	UICC – AMGEN WHA79 side event: AI serving better patient outcomes	UICC / AMGEN	In-person	Union for International Cancer Control	More info here .
11:15-12:35	Financing Health Through Diplomacy: Unlocking Debt-for-Health Swaps (Health Diplomacy House)	JLI Center for Global Health Diplomacy	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
11:15-13:30	Innovation Under Constraint	Devex	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .

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12:00-14:00	Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic Policy Forum: Addressing the Disproportionate Impact of CKM Conditions on Women's Wellness	Global Alliance for Patient Access (GAfPA), Mended Hearts Europe (MHE), Global Patient Alliance for Kidney Health (GLOPAKH), Partnership to Advance Cardiovascular Health (PACH), International Atherosclerosis Society (IAS), Partnership for Women's Wellness (PWW)	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
12:30-13:20	Plastics & Health: What We're Not Talking About	Health Diplomacy Alliance & Geneva Environmental Network	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
12:30-14:30	The future of the WHO EML and access to novel medical technologies	Knowledge Ecology International (KEI)	In-person	Red Cross Museum	More info coming soon.
13:00-14:00	Predicting and Promoting Well-Being Societies: How Policy Benchmarking and Simulation Models Can Accelerate NCD Prevention	Movendi International	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
13:00-14:00	Closing the Gap: Governance and Financing for an Effective Global Response to Antibiotic Resistance (Health Diplomacy House)	ReAct	In-person	Rothschild Building	Invite only.
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Advancing Human Rights and Public Health through the ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate and Health	UNU and Medicus Mundi International Vanuatu, Barbados, Philippines, TimorLeste, Mozambique & Fiji TBC	In-person	Room XI, Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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	In-person	Room XVI Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Beyond Survival: Integrating Rehabilitation for Health, Longevity, and Equity	Handicap International Federation Benin, Japan, Cameroon, Scotland	In-person	Salle D WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Global burden of autoimmune disease: policy measures for UHC	Russian Federation China, Brazil, Egypt, Türkiye & South Africa	Hybrid	Salle A WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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	Hybrid	Salle B WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .

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13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Delivering maternal and newborn services for hard-to reach communities, in low resource, complex settings: Lessons from South Sudan and Kenya	South Sudan, Kenya UNFPA & Doctors with Africa	In-person	Salle C WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Leading the Charge Toward Guinea-worm Eradication: Health Ministers Take Stock of Achievements in 2025 and the Vision for 2026 and Beyond	Carter Center, Chad, Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Mali, South, Sudan & Sudan	In-person	Room V, Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:30	The AMR-Health Security Equation: Why Diplomacy Matters for Cooperation?	Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Warwick Hotel	More info here .
13:30-14:20	Women at the Heart of Health Diplomacy. Heal, Lead, Seal	Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
13:30-14:30	The International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Climate Change: Implications for Global Health Governance (Health Diplomacy House)	Health Diplomacy Youth Network & World's Youth for Climate Justice	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
13:30-15:30	The Changing Global Health Architecture	Devex	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
14:00-15:30	The Role of Journalism in Global Health Diplomacy	Geneva Health Files	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
14:30-15:20	Valuing Health in Climate Action: Making the Climate-Health Nexus Work for Decision Makers	OHE (Office of Health Economics)	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
15:00-16:30	Roundtable on the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion	Health Diplomacy Youth Network & World's Youth for Climate Justice	In-person	Rothschild Building	By invitation only.
15:30-16:50	Changing Paradigms of Global Health Governance and Health Security Architecture: Reflections from South and Southeast Asia (Health Diplomacy House)	Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) & The Asian Collective for Health Systems (TACHS)	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
15:30-17:30	Technology, AI & the Future of Delivery	Devex	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .
15:40-17:00	Advancing a Common Care Framework for Ethical Health Worker Mobility	Africa-Europe Foundation	In-person	Rothschild Building	By Invitation only.
16:00-17:15	Advancing Menopause as a Public Health, Workplace and Policy Priority	Women Political Leaders in partnership with Bayer	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
17:00-18:30	Check the Box - AMR (Health Diplomacy House-Closing)	Health Diplomacy Alliance	In-person	Rothschild Building	More info here .
18:00-19:15	Climate Change, Health and Cities: from Global Commitments to Local Impact	Global Cities Hub	In-person	Villa Rigot	More info here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Bridging Health and Peace: Accelerating the Global Health and Peace Initiative (GHPI) in Turbulent Times	World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and WONCA (World Organization of Family Doctors) Brazil, Spain & Slovenia	Hybrid	EB room WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .

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18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: From Resolution to Action: Implementing the WHA Resolution on Skin Diseases	Côte d'Ivoire International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS), Anesvad Foundation, International Federation of Antileprosy Associations & Togo GlobalSkin	Hybrid	Salle B WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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	Hybrid	Salle A WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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	In-person	Salle C WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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), International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA), Georgia & Egypt	In-person	Salle XI – Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
18:00-20:00	Together for Better Liver Health - The Hidden NCDs: SLD as the next Global Public Health Priority	Global Liver Institute and Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population	In-person	Pavillion Gallatin	More info here .
19:00-20:30	Climate Change and Health: Looking Ahead to COP31	Peru, The Kingdom of the Netherlands, Vanuatu, France and the Global Climate and Health Alliance	In-person	Restaurante Perle du Lac	RSVP to: valiaga@onuperuginebra.ch .
Friday, May 22					
7:30-10:00	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Services in Gender-just Health Systems	Kaleidoscope along with Stakeholders from Asia and Africa	In-person	Restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .
8:00-9:30	Promoting Peace and Health: Public Health's Role	Switzerland, Oman, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) and World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA)	In-person	Restaurant Vieux Bois	More info here .

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13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Securing the Future: Creating a Sustainable and Equitable Ecosystem for Antimicrobial Innovation	International Pharmaceutical Students Federation Alliance for Health Promotion, Japan Japan Institute for Health Security Howard Dalton Centre, University of Warwick	In-person	Salle A WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Immunizing Across the Life-Course: Supporting Healthy Ageing, NCD Management, and System Resilience	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), the International Federation on Ageing (IFA), & the Global Allergy & Airways Patient Platform (GAAPP)	In-person	Salle B WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: Delivering on Brain Health: Implementing IGAP and the Political Declaration on NCDs	Multiple Sclerosis International Federation, International Bureau of Epilepsy & Alzheimer's Disease International Italy	In-person	Salle C WHO Headquarters	More info here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: The Lancet MedZero: Carbon Analytics for Health Care - From Measurement to Implementation at Scale	Lancet, Philippines, University of Singapore, Thailand, UK & MSF	In-person	Room V, Palais des Nations	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:00-14:20	WHA79 Official Side Event: 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 & Health Community of Practice	Hybrid	Garden Room T WHO Headquarters	More on WHA79 official side events here .
13:30-18:00	Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health 2026	Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH)	In-person	Campus Biotch	More info here .
14:30-16:30	Strengthening the resilience of diagnostic capacity in fragile settings	Mérieux Foundation	In-person	Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)	More info here .
16:30-18:00	Policy Roundtable on Multiple Micronutrient Supplements for Maternal Nutrition	Junaid Family Foundation	In-person	Intercontinental Hotel	More info here .
16:30-18:30	Digitalizing Primary Health Care for Universal Health Coverage: Country Insights on Implementing WHO SMART Guidelines for Sexual and Reproductive Health	Cameroon, Ethiopia, Philippines, Pakistan, Asia eHealth Information Network (AeHN), IHM Southern Africa, Bruyère Health Research Institute, and WHO	In-person	Maison Ariana	More info here .
17:30-19:30	WHA79 Official Side Event: Future-focused health systems: country pathways to 2050	Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research & WHO	In-person	Upon invite	More info here .

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