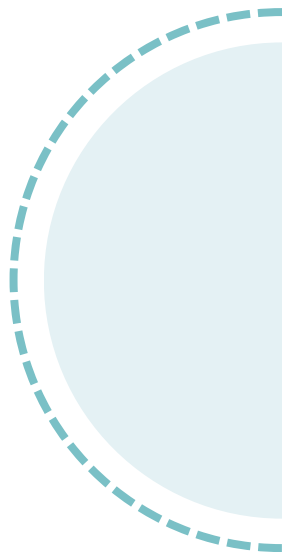
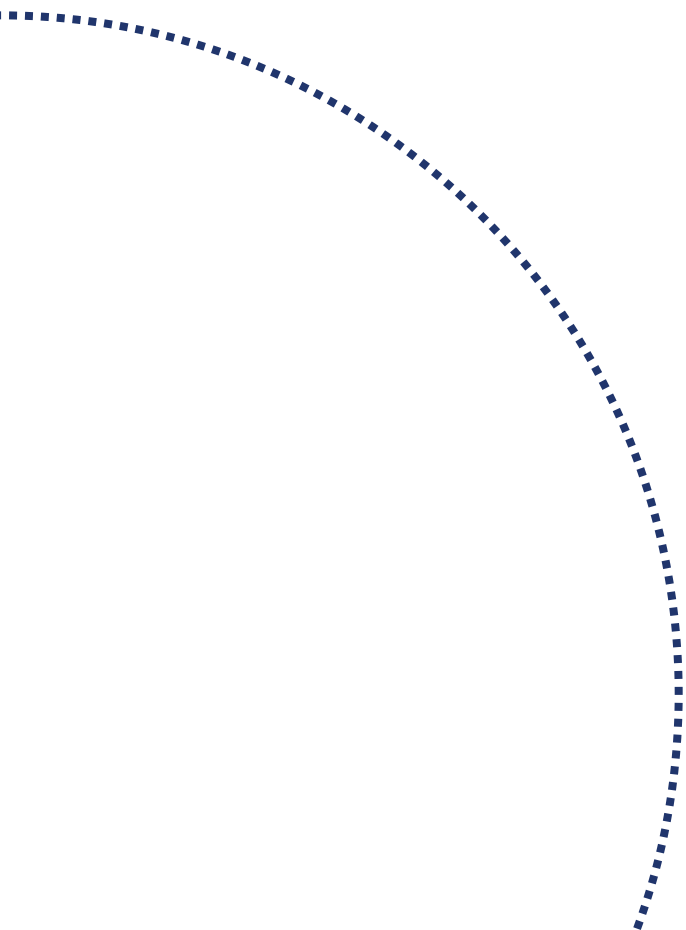




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Dear Participants of the Global Health Talk 2025,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Berlin and the Ministry of Health's Conference Centre for this year's Global Health Talk!

The Global Health Talk brings together members of the Global Health Hub Germany, especially those engaged in our thematic Hub Communities, alongside political decision makers and participants from academia, civil society and other stakeholder groups to discuss pressing issues in global health.

This year, we would like to reflect on the shifting power dynamics in Global Health: shrinking finances and a changing global health architecture, triggered in part by recent political decisions in the United States, stand alongside geopolitical muscle flexing and ever increasing contexts of fragility. These developments, in turn, raise important questions for Germany's political positioning on global health in the future.

The annual theme of our Hub Communities – Global Health in Conflict Settings – could hardly be more timely. We will conclude this year's work on this important topic with a policy brief by our communities and a simulation exercise exploring how we can translate crisis experience into action for resilient health systems. With the upcoming UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health, we are also pleased to address this important area in a dedicated panel discussion.

And last but not least, we are excited to host a Pre-Launch of the Lancet One Health Commission Report. The increasing interconnectedness of human, animal, and ecological health requires integrated approaches to address global health challenges. With the ongoing thread of emerging pandemics, the One Health approach has gained renewed importance. This preview event gives participants of the Global Health Talk the opportunity to explore the potential and challenges of the multisectoral One Health approach and to reflect together on how One Health can be linked to current global health issues.

In our matchmaking session you will have the opportunity to meet our communities and a range of inspiring organizations. Many of our members are working with partners at home and abroad on collaborative solutions to global and local challenges and we want to encourage a dialogue about your experience and best practices.

We are very grateful to the Federal Ministry of Health for funding the Global Health Talk, and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development for supporting the travel of several participants and contributing to the Pre-Launch of the Lancet One Health Commission Report.

We hope that you find our programme insightful and inspiring – and we look forward to engaging, thought-provoking conversations during the day.

All the best,
Corinna Heineke





Location

Konferenzzentrum Mauerstraße
Mauerstraße 27
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Transport

- The conference center is located between underground station Mohrenstraße (line U2) and S-Bahn (suburban train) station/underground station Brandenburger Tor (lines U5, S1, S2 S25 and S26).
- The bus lines 100, 200 and 300 stop in the direct vicinity of the conference center.

Registration

- The building will be accessed through the main entrance. At the entrance, you will need to have your **ID card or passport** ready for identification.
- After the security check downstairs, you will receive your **badge** for the conference on the first floor, on the right-hand side.

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Official Opening of the Global Health Talk and Keynote Speech Dr Georg Kippels

Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Health

Dr. Georg Kippels is a German lawyer and politician. Born in 1959 in Bedburg, he studied law in Cologne and worked as a lawyer in a family firm. His political career began in 1994 as a member of a city council for the Christian Democratic Party (CDU).

He has been elected for the fourth time as a directly elected member of the German Bundestag for the Rhein-Erft District in North Rhine-Westphalia.

From 2013 to 2025, he served on the Committee on Health and the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development in the German Bundestag. In 2018, he also joined the newly established Sub-Committee on Global Health as speaker and chair of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group. For the last election period, he was elected chair of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group of the Committee on Health.

He now serves as Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Health.

His political focus lies in improving quality of life through strong healthcare, research and education, economic growth and structural change.



Official Opening of the Global Health Talk Corinna Heineke

Managing Director of the Global Health Hub Germany and Head of a GIZ project supporting the German Federal Ministry of Health on German global health policy

Corinna Heineke has led the Secretariat of the Global Health Hub Germany since August 2023. Before joining the Hub she worked with GIZ in Berlin and Cambodia for ten years on diverse health-related issues such as access to medicines, local pharmaceutical production, regulatory strengthening, universal health coverage, and Cambodia's COVID19-response.

Holding degrees in Political Science and Global Political Economy she has also worked in a number of non-governmental organisations, including on health, indigenous health, and access to medicines.



Moderator

Leonie Kienzle

Hub Management Team of the Global Health Hub Germany

Leonie Kienzle has been part of the Hub Management Team at the Global Health Hub Germany since June 2024. She has worked for several years with GIZ in the health sector, the last few years living and working in Ghana to support local vaccine production and health systems strengthening. Before that, she gained experience in training, facilitation, and organizational development. With a background in Health and Organizational Psychology, she has a particular interest in non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and global mental health, further enriched by training in global health and health economics.



Moderator

Katrin Lea Würfel

Head of Community Management, Global Health Hub Germany

Katrin Würfel is Head of Community Management at the Global Health Hub Germany, where she connects diverse stakeholders across disciplines and regions to foster dialogue and collaboration for equitable global health solutions. She brings several years of experience in international cooperation, having worked with organizations such as the GIZ, WHO, and HEPS Uganda.

Her professional focus lies in international health policy and stakeholder management. At the GIZ, she advised the German Federal Ministry of Health on international processes including the G7 Health Track during Germany's presidency. She also supported community-based health governance programs in Tanzania and midwifery care projects at WHO headquarters in Geneva.

Katrin holds a Master of Science in Public Health from Charité Berlin and a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Neuroscience, and Cognition. Her approach is shaped by a deep belief in empathy, local ownership, and co-creation.

When she's not designing co-creative formats like the Global Health Talks or simulation exercises, she cultivates vegetables with her family in a small-scale market garden in northern Germany – her personal way of staying grounded and connected to systems change at the local level.

A New Era in Global Health: Shifting Powers, Shared Futures

Speaker

Angela Bähr

Chief Executive Programme Officer of DSW; VENRO – Board Member

Angela Bähr, born in Wolfenbüttel in 1964, began her career in development policy in Nicaragua in 1989. As a social scientist with a master's degree in public health, she has been working for more than 20 years on the cross-cutting issues of human rights, gender equality and sexual and reproductive health in Germany and abroad. She has extensive institutional experience in the field of German development cooperation, including as an employee of the former GIZ. Here she advised German Development Cooperation on sectoral projects to combat HIV/AIDS.

Angela Bähr has a broad experience in working with partners in Latin America and East Africa.

Since summer 2016, Angela Bähr has been Director of International Projects and Programs, and since 2021 Deputy Managing Director at the German Foundation for World Population (DSW).

Since January 1, 2025, she has been assigned as DSW's Chief Programme Officer taking over the responsibility of DSW in East Africa. Since 2021, Angela Bähr has served as a member of the extended Board of VENRO, where she is responsible for impact orientation and health.



Speaker

Dr Catharina Böhme

Senior Advisor, WHO

Dr. Boehme is a global health executive with over 20 years of experience at the intersection of strategy, policy, and innovation. She has expanded access to life-saving technologies, shaped international health policy, and mobilized billions in funding for global health priorities. She currently serves as Senior Advisor to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). As WHO's Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Governance, Dr. Boehme led corporate communications, partnerships, resource mobilization, and the work of the governing boards that set global health direction. She built multi-stakeholder platforms with the private sector, civil society, parliaments, and youth, and launched innovative public-private initiatives such as a health impact investment platform. Previously, as Chef de Cabinet to the WHO Director-General during the COVID-19 crisis, she supported leadership decision-making, advised on critical policy issues, and coordinated strategic planning and program delivery across all WHO regions and country offices. She played a key role in driving organizational reform and embedding gender and equity into WHO's work. Before joining WHO, Dr. Boehme was CEO of FIND, where she transformed the organization into a global diagnostics leader operating in over 40 countries. Under her leadership, FIND delivered innovations to over 100 million people and co-led the ACT-Accelerator for COVID-19 testing. Her early clinical and research work in Tanzania, South Africa, and Ghana grounds her commitment to inclusive, sustainable solutions that address health systems challenges.





A New Era in Global Health: Shifting Powers, Shared Futures

Speaker

H. E. Dr Jean Kaseya

Director General of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)

Dr. Jean Kaseya was appointed Director-General of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa-CDC) in February 2023 during the African Union Summit. A Congolese medical doctor with over 25 years of experience in public health, Dr. Kaseya has worked both nationally and internationally, holding key positions in organizations such as UNICEF, Gavi, CHAI, and the WHO. As Director-General, his primary focus is on strengthening health security across Africa through his "New Deal" for Africa CDC. This includes building sustainable financing, improving governance, and enhancing health systems to ensure a more agile response to health crises. Under his leadership, Africa-CDC took proactive steps during the mpox outbreak, declaring it a Public Health Emergency of Continental Concern and facilitating vaccine development and donations. Dr. Kaseya's work has been central to mobilizing resources for pandemic preparedness and building resilient health systems in low-resource settings. His leadership focuses on fostering collaboration, enhancing regional health security, and ensuring sustainable investment in healthcare infrastructure.



Speaker

Sascha van Beek

Member of the German Bundestag, Member of the Committee on Health

Born on June 16, 1983 in Geldern; Roman Catholic; married; two children.

After training as an event technology specialist, gained professional experience as a sound technician. Subsequently trained as a health and nursing professional and completed a part-time degree in disaster management in the healthcare sector. Graduated in 2013 with a Master of Science in Disaster Healthcare. From 2018 to 2023, Regional Head of Medical Controlling for a Catholic hospital group on the Niederrhein. From 2023 until joining the Bundestag, contact person for local authorities and cooperations at a project developer for wind turbines. Voluntary involvement in the Red Cross Youth and continued to this day in the German Red Cross Deputy head of the DRK Alpen e.V. local association and vice president of the DRK-Kreisverband Niederrhein e.V.. Long-standing commitment to professional politics in the German Professional Association for Nursing Professions and former Vice President of the European Nursing Students' Association. Member of the CDU and CDA since 2006. Participated in the CDA talent factory in 2010. Chairman of the CDU-Alpen municipal association and member of the Alpen municipal council. Since 2020 Chairman of the Building, Planning and Environment Committee. Elected Deputy Chairman of the CDU in Wesel district in 2021.

Photo: Tobias Koch



A New Era in Global Health: Shifting Powers, Shared Futures

Speaker

Paul Zubeil

*Deputy Director-General for European and International Health Policy,
Federal Ministry of Health*

Paul Zubeil is Deputy Director-General for European and International Health Politics at the German Federal Ministry of Health, where he leads Germany's engagement in both EU health politics and multilateral health cooperation. He advances strategic efforts to strengthen multilateral health governance, reinforce pandemic preparedness, and support the transformation of the global health architecture. With over two decades of experience in international public service, including senior roles at the United Nations, he has worked across regions to support resilient health systems, improve access to essential services, and respond to cross-border health threats. As Germany's representative in the High-Level Panel (HLP) of UNAIDS, he contributes to forward-looking discussions on the institutional future of the Joint Programme and the evolving dynamics of multilateral cooperation. His work is grounded in the conviction that UN reform and inclusive leadership, both globally and regionally, are essential to a resilient, equitable, and more effective international health system.

Debate – A New Era in Global Health: Shifting Powers, Shared Futures

Moderator

Dr Branwen Hennig

Global Health Policy Lab @Virchow Foundation & @Charité Center for Global Health



Branwen Hennig is Executive Director of the Global Health Policy Lab (GHPL), based at the Virchow Foundation and the Charité Center for Global Health, Berlin, Germany. She holds a guest scientist position at the latter and serves on the Board of Trustees of MalariaNoMore UK. The GHPL is a growing international collaborative which aims to become the leading AI-enabled platform designed to provide comprehensive tools for accessing, comparing, and generating evidence-informed health policies. This is underpinned by a co-development approach bringing together cross-sectoral stakeholders and global health, policy and technology experts from across the globe.

Branwen's experience builds on developing and delivering strategic priorities in global health as funder, consultant and researcher. Prior to taking on the leadership of the GHPL, Branwen consulted for TDR at the World Health Organization (WHO) on implementation research in low-resource settings. As the Interim Head of International Operations at Wellcome in London, UK, she oversaw Wellcome's Africa & Asia Programmes. In her earlier academic career, she led epidemiological research at the Medical Research Council Unit The Gambia / London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and beyond.

Group Hosts

Dr Alina Brandes

Senior Policy Adviser, Global Health Policy Division, Federal Ministry of Health (BMG), Germany



Alina Brandes is a Senior Policy Adviser in the Division for Global Health Policy at the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) of Germany. She currently focuses on WHO and the UN System. Previously she worked in the Ministry's Department of Digitalisation, with a focus on health data access. Prior to her position at the BMG, Alina worked as a real world data specialist at a pharmaceutical company and as a researcher at the Helmholtz Centre Munich. She has a background in public health.

Debate – A New Era in Global Health: Shifting Powers, Shared Futures

Group Hosts

Alicia Longthorne

Senior Policy Adviser, Global Health Policy Division, Federal Ministry of Health (BMG), Germany

Alicia Longthorne is a Senior Policy Officer in the Division for Global Health Policy at the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) of Germany. Her current work focus is on WHO and the Pandemic Fund, where she serves as the German Alternate Board Member. She previously worked on G7/G20 processes. Prior to moving to BMG, Alicia was a research assistant at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and a consultant at the German Agency for Development Cooperation (GIZ) in the health sector. She has a background in public policy.



Group Hosts

Deepali Sood

Global Coordinator - Women X Collective, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Deepali Sood is UNFPA's WomenX Collective Global Coordinator. In this role she oversees the WomenX Collective's activities, focusing on building a robust pipeline of impactful solutions, resource mobilization, blended and innovative financing, fostering collaboration between public and private entities to achieve impact on women and girl's health. With over 25 years of experience in partnerships, resource mobilization, advocacy, and communications, Deepali brings extensive expertise to this transformative initiative.

Before joining WomenX, Deepali led Resource Mobilization and Partnerships at UNICEF's Innovative Finance for Children (IF4C) unit. She also spearheaded private-sector partnerships at UNICEF's Gulf Area Office and served as the Head of UNICEF's Dubai Office.

Prior to UNICEF, she served as Director of Resource Development for Habitat for Humanity in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Deepali's passion for gender equality and women's rights was evident in her roles as Director of the "Because I Am a Girl" campaign at Plan International, Head of Plan's EU Liaison Office, and earlier positions with UNHCR and Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation.

Deepali holds a Master's degree from Hamburg University, Germany, and a Bachelor's degree from Jawahar Lal Nehru University, India. Fluent in German, French, English, Hindi, and Punjabi, she is a Belgian citizen and a mother of two daughters.





Simulation Exercise – Global Health in Conflict Settings: Translating Crisis Experiences into Action

Moderator

Dr Fahmy Hanna, MD

Technical Focal Point for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, WHO

Dr Fahmy Hanna is a medical doctor and psychiatrist with nearly two decades of global experience in mental health service delivery, emergency response, and systems development. His work spans across WHO, national ministries, NGOs, and donor institutions, with a focus on scaling up mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in humanitarian and public health emergencies. He worked full time in several conflict-affected countries including Syria and Libya. Since 2014, he has been based at the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva, where he serves as a senior technical officer supporting field operations and policy development in crises on-site in more than 30 humanitarian emergencies such as Ukraine, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Bangladesh. Dr Hanna has led WHO's work on interagency MHPSS coordination as Co-Chair of the IASC Reference Group since 2017, playing a key role in developing global guidance, training tools, and establishing and running surge mechanisms. He is also the director of WHO's "Build Better Before" global field-based full scale MHPSS simulation initiative—an immersive preparedness exercise that has trained over 300 humanitarian and development professionals across six regions. Dr Hanna contributed to WHO's technical response to COVID-19, Ebola, Mpox, and Zika. His work reflects a deep commitment to equity, innovation, and mental health integration in global health security.



Speaker

Dr Hanna Kaade

Health Advisor (Consultant), German Red Cross

Hanna Kaade is a Syrian-German medical doctor based in Berlin, specialized in general surgery and emergency medicine. He also serves as a guest researcher at Brandenburg Medical University. After completing the first part of his surgical residency in Aleppo, Syria, he relocated to Germany in 2016.

With over a decade of volunteer experience with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent and professional work with the World Health Organization in Syria, Dr. Kaade has developed a strong passion for humanitarian health and its impact on fragile health systems.

In addition to his clinical work in hospitals, he works with the German Red Cross as an international delegate and health advisor, focusing on clinical and public health, as well as emergency response. As the focal point for Health Care in Danger, he advocates for the protection of health services in conflict zones. He also supports the World Health Organization's Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) Initiative as a mentor, helping build sustainable emergency care capacity in complex settings.



Speaker

Dr Franziska Laporte Uribe

Ph.D. in Health Sciences (UC, NZ), Deutsches Zentrum für Neurodegenerative Erkrankungen e.V. (DZNE)

Dr. Franziska Laporte Uribe is a passionate researcher specializing in dementia care, bringing over 20 years of international experience to her work. After completing her PhD in New Zealand, she spent more than 13 years at the DZNE as a senior scientist, focusing on translating innovative approaches into practice through transdisciplinary and participatory research with a global perspective. Currently, she works in the area of dementia and disaster management, collaborating with researchers and individuals with lived experience from Germany, Chile, and New Zealand. She also actively contributes to the WHO's global dementia dialogue on implementing the Blueprint for Dementia Research (2022).

As a member of Interdem, a European initiative on societal perspectives of dementia, and an active participant in the Global Health Hub Germany since 2020, she promotes international dialogue between science, politics, and society to improve the lives of people with dementia worldwide. Born in East Berlin, she was the first in her family to pursue higher education and a scientific career. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, she emphasizes the importance of considering dementia in global crises like climate change and humanitarian disasters, striving to ensure no one is left behind on an international scale.



Speaker

Thorsten Schroer

My name is Thorsten Schroer, I am a trained paramedic and humanitarian deminer. I am with CADUS since April 2022, first as paramedic, later as Team Lead and then Head of Mission in Ukraine and Gaza before taking over the position of Operation Program Manager at HQ beginning of this year.

Before my time with CADUS I both worked and volunteered with multiple organisations in Sudan, Haiti, Western Sahara and other countries.



Simulation Exercise – Global Health in Conflict Settings: Translating Crisis Experiences into Action

Statement from the Floor

Larissa Hecht

Larissa Hecht is a medical student and research assistant at the Global Digital Last Mile Health Lab at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, where she has been working since December 2024. She also serves as Project Liaison for *mirayTB*, an initiative by Doctors for Madagascar. Previously, she spent three years as a Stakeholder Manager at the World Health Summit (2020–2024), gaining valuable global health experience. Her research focuses on digital health innovations in low-resource settings, particularly in tuberculosis diagnostics and global health equity.

Affiliations:

- Project Liaison, *mirayTB*, Doctors for Madagascar
- Research Assistant, Global Digital Last Mile Health Lab at the Charité Centre for Global Health, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany



Shaping the Future of NCDs: Integrating Mental Health into Global Strategies for 2025 and Beyond

Moderator

Dr Sarbani Chakraborty

Technical Advisor, Health Financing, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC); Senior Researcher, Technical University of Munich

Sarbani Chakraborty is a global health researcher and policy entrepreneur with extensive expertise in health policy and financing. She holds an MPH and Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Sarbani worked 17 years with the World Bank, focusing on health sector reforms in various parts of the world. Subsequently, she worked in the private sector, including roles at Merck KGaA and Roche. Since 2021, Sarbani has collaborated with several organizations in Geneva, such as the Global Fund, WHO, and the NCD Alliance. Currently, she divides her time between the UICC and the Center for Global Health at the Technical University of Munich. At TUM, her research emphasis lies in policy advocacy, particularly on the role of brain health in shaping transformative economic and social policies.



Speaker

PD Dr Caroline Cohrdes

Senior Researcher and Deputy Head of the Mental Health Research Unit, Department of Epidemiology and Health Monitoring at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI)

Caroline Cohrdes has been working at the RKI since 2017, leading the planning, development, and implementation of various projects on population-based mental health in Germany. She is also a member of international expert groups on mental health and well-being such as at the OECD. Her research focuses on public mental health, well-being, and health-related quality of life across the lifespan and during life transitions. She is particularly interested in individual, social, and societal risk and protective factors, transdiagnostic mechanisms, resilience to challenging life events, and health promotion and prevention within societal contexts. She is also interested in measurement development and driving forward innovative methodologies in public mental health. With a background in health and developmental psychology, Caroline Cohrdes previously worked at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and completed her habilitation (Venia legendi) in Psychology at Freie Universität Berlin in 2023.

Shaping the Future of NCDs: Integrating Mental Health into Global Strategies for 2025 and Beyond

Speaker

Gabriela Nasser

Vice President, Instituto Melhores Dias; PhD Candidate, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg



Gabriela Pen Nasser is a public health specialist with over 20 years of experience implementing large-scale health promotion and disease prevention programs in Brazil. Her work focuses on noncommunicable diseases, nutrition, alcohol prevention, and community development, in collaboration with local governments, international foundations, and the private sector. She holds an MSc in Global Urban Health from the University of Freiburg, where she is currently pursuing a PhD at the Medical Faculty. She also contributes as convener of the NCDs Advanced Module in the MSc Global Urban Health program.

Speaker

Vanessa Pott

Head of Global Patient Engagement, Boehringer Ingelheim



Vanessa Pott is the Head of Global Patient Engagement at Boehringer Ingelheim. Her team aims to strengthen collaboration and partnerships with the patient community, systematically integrate patient and caregiver insights into the development of new drugs and foster a patient-centric culture within the company. Until recently, she was also the global patient engagement lead for Mental Health, Retinal Health & Emerging Areas. Before moving to Boehringer 2021, Vanessa specialized in patient insights and advocacy at Merck. Prior to working in pharma, she helped to build out Edelman's global specialty practice for Health Systems, Health Policy and Patient Engagement. As the caregiver to a brother with a rare chromosomal condition and multiple complex medical needs, Vanessa is truly passionate about creating tangible impact for patients and their families, reducing health inequalities and advancing science.



Multiple Perspectives on One Health Engagements: A Pre-Launch of the Lancet One Health Commission Report

Moderator

Dr Catherine Smallwood

WHO representative

Dr Catherine (Katie) Smallwood currently leads public health intelligence partnerships at the WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence. Originally trained in medicinal chemistry, Catherine completed her doctoral research on chemical weapons at the Harvard Sussex Program in 2009. Since 2010, Catherine has held diverse roles at the World Health Organization at Global, Regional and country levels, primarily focused on emergency preparedness and response. From 2019-2024, as WHO/Europe's senior emergency officer, Catherine oversaw WHO's response operations across Europe and central Asia, leading responses for COVID-19 (2020-2024), mpox (2022), and the earthquakes in Türkiye and northwest Syria (2023). Catherine has also led or overseen WHO responses in humanitarian and conflict-affected settings, including in Syria, occupied Palestinian territories, and Ukraine.



Speaker

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Dr. Fairouz Larfaoui is an Animal Health Officer at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy. She serves as the FAO focal point for the Global Quadripartite Secretariat on One Health. With over 20 years of experience at FAO she has been working on Animal Health across various areas and progressively engaging with governments, partners, and regional networks to advance the One Health approach. Her work focuses on improving prevention, preparedness, detection, and response to emerging zoonotic diseases. Fairouz has played a key role in coordinating and developing the Quadripartite One Health Joint Plan of Action and its implementation guide. She is strongly committed to fostering intersectoral collaboration and building partnerships to drive the effective implementation of One Health.

Speaker

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Dr. Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk is Deputy Director General at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). She leads the directorate "Global Health, Resilience, Equality of Opportunity". Over the last 25 years she has served in various leading management functions in the public and private sector. As Head of Political Staff she led the Ministry's divisions responsible for strategic planning and policy analysis, communications and relations to parliament and cabinet. As Director for Environment, Energy and Infrastructure she was involved in the Habitat III process. As Director Sherpa-Post-2015-Agenda she led the staff supporting former President Prof. Dr. Horst Köhler developing a SDG Agenda proposal to GS Ban Ki-Moon and the UN. Before joining BMZ she has worked in the private sector. Recently she has supported a world marked leaders management in the steel industry sector by planning, financing and negotiating large infrastructure projects in mega cities.



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The Hub Community on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR-community)

comprises 61 members and is currently co-coordinated by Dr. Aurélia Souares (Heidelberg Institute of Global Health, Heidelberg University Hospital, Group leader) and Ali Yildiz (Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Germany GmbH, Manager Health Care).

Community members come from a variety of professional backgrounds, including academia, private sector, non-governmental organizations and international organizations working in the field of antibiotic resistance. From PhD students and technicians to medical doctors, PhDs and CEO, working in the fields of human, animal health and environment. This ensures both diversity and a high level of expertise in the themes of interest to our community.

The AMR-Community focuses on antibiotic resistance as a “silent pandemic” responsible for claiming millions of deaths every year. The AMR-Community offers a platform for exchanging ideas and discussing proposed solutions for policy makers.

The objectives of the community are:

- to keep AMR high on the agenda of the entire Bundesregierung,
- motivate different stakeholders from civil society to contribute and exchange of up-to-date knowledge,
- have a voice in the field of AMR policy recommendation for a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to AMR,
- enhance a direct contact and discussions with decision-makers,
- activities with other Hub-Communities when overlapping with AMR.

The **Climate Change & Health Community** embarked on a fresh start in January 2025. Since then, regular meetings have been held every 4–6 weeks, focusing on a wide range of topics related to climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable health systems.

Community managers are facilitating technical inputs through concise presentations, followed by open discussions and knowledge exchange. Past sessions have featured speakers from organizations such as GIZ and the German Climate Change and Health Alliance (KLUG e.V.).

Both community managers and members warmly welcome new participants and look forward to active engagement in shaping the future of this community.

Community Managers:

- Dr Klaus Geiselhart - University of Erlangen-Nuernberg
- Donald Sandmann - Healthy Planet - Healthy People
- Jennyfer Wolf - World Health Organization

The **Hub Community on Global Women's Health** is dedicated to promoting and sharing knowledge and experiences to improve health outcomes for women worldwide.

In the previous years, a subgroup approach focused on topics such as feminist policy, which translated into successful milestones like a webinar titled "Feminist Approaches to Global Health Policy: Perspectives, Pathways, and Germany's Role." and a policy brief, exploring how feminist perspectives can shape global health policies and foster more inclusive and equitable health systems. At the last Global Health Talk, the community presented a poster on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Crises, highlighting the importance of safeguarding women's health and rights in humanitarian contexts.

In 2025/2026, the community looks forward to co-developing the concept, activities, and outputs related to the Annual Theme of AI in Health, by addressing critical issues at the intersection of AI and women's health in diagnostics, prediction and detection for disease modalities and bias mitigation in women-specific health datasets.

Community Managers:

- Marrium Habib - Center for Global Health, Technical University of Munich
- Ertila Druga – Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bremen
- Boluwatife Ogunjumelo - Medical Doctor & Advocate for Women and Children's Health

The interprofessional **Hub Community on Global Child Health** is committed to improving the quality of preventive and curative pediatric care in countries with limited resources.

The community actively contributes to the Global Health Hub Germany's Community annual theme 2024/2025, *Global Health in Conflict Settings*, by addressing the unique challenges faced by children in these environments. As part of this commitment, the community presents a poster on health care access for displaced and conflict-affected children at the Global Health Talk.

Additionally, the community is organizing a webinar for early 2025 to discuss empirical and analytical insights into children's health in diverse conflict contexts.

Community Managers:

- Patricia Kramarz - Save the Children
- Dr. Michael Galatsch - Zurich University of Applied Sciences
- Marie Charlotte Pohl - The G4 Alliance

The **Hub Community on Global Health & Migration** serves as a catalyst for change, promoting research, evidence-based policy design, and advocacy for the health and well-being of refugees and migrants. The ongoing humanitarian crises caused by various conflicts worldwide underscore the need for a coordinated, streamlined approach to refugee and migrant health within and beyond Europe. In 2024/2025, the community hosts the Global Health Hub Community Annual Theme, Global Health in Conflict Settings, focusing on the health challenges faced by displaced populations in conflict zones. As part of this initiative, a Policy Brief will be presented and discussed at the Global Health Talk 2025. Furthermore, the community will host a webinar in early 2026 to explore findings from the Policy Brief.

Community Managers:

- Dr Sonu M. M. Bhaskar - NSW Brain Clot Bank, Department of Neurology, Liverpool Hospital and South Western Sydney Local Health District
- Dr Henna Riemenschneider MPH, MA – Department of General Practice, University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus, Technical University Dresden
- Zahra Karimian, PharmD MPH – Heidelberg Institute of Global Health, Heidelberg University Hospital

The Hub Community on Epidemic Preparedness and Response (EPR) is dedicated to strengthening preparedness and response for infectious disease outbreaks/epidemics through multidisciplinary contributions to the development and implementation of feasible, user-friendly and potentially cost-effectiveness public health applications.

A validated machine learning-based tool, namely, EWARS-csd (Early Warning and Response System for climate sensitive diseases) is the prime approach proposed for guiding the prediction-and-response of climate sensitive disease outbreaks such as malaria, dengue fever, cholera, meningitis and others. EPR closely interacts with two WHO departments in Geneva and a range of cross-continent countries, providing regular training and feed-back sessions.

A universal fact sheet and a policy brief of EWARS-csd was co-produced with support from the GHG, and more recently district-specific weekly bulletins with information from the EWARS dashboards were developed and tested, to operationalize technical and statistical information for routine use for skilled and unskilled users.

The EPR community offers novel opportunities to enhance local capacity and decision making and provides know-how for implementation strategies including experience sharing from multiple settings and contexts.

Community Managers:

- Prof. Dr. Axel Kroeger - Albert-Ludwig-University Freiburg, Centre for Medicine and Society
- Tatiana Rivera - Albert Ludwig-University Freiburg, Centre for Medicine and Society

The Hub Community on Global Digital Health Empowerment is a forward-thinking community dedicated to staying at the forefront of global digital health trends. Our goal is to foster knowledge exchange across countries, learning from their diverse approaches to digital health while serving as an example of innovation and progress in this rapidly evolving field.

We are committed to the belief that digital health can revolutionize access to healthcare, breaking down barriers and reaching those in need. By harnessing the power of technology, we aim to improve outcomes not only for patients but also for healthcare professionals, providing them with tools to make more informed decisions and deliver better care.

This community values the transformative potential of digital health in addressing global healthcare challenges. By sharing insights and solutions, we contribute to creating systems that are both efficient and inclusive, driving meaningful change in the lives of individuals and the global health landscape.

Community Managers:

- Karl-Josef Bohrer - Siemens Healthineers GmbH
- Caroline Baltzer - Charité
- Dr. Tessa Lennemann - GIZ
- Tarik Bolat - Novo Nordisk

The interdisciplinary and intersectoral **Hub Community on snakebite envenoming** unites German expertise on snakebite envenoming and invites all interested parties to form partnerships and cooperate on projects.

Snakebite envenoming is classified by the WHO as a neglected tropical disease, affecting more than 5.4 million people each year, mainly in (sub)tropical and rural areas around the world. In terms of numbers, snakebite results in more than 100,000 deaths and over half a million amputations and other permanent disabilities per year. It impacts not only the individual victim, but entire families and their communities through lifelong mutilations, economic and mental health consequences. Although snakebite envenoming can be diagnosed and treated quickly and cost-effectively, most people worldwide have no access to this life- and limb-saving treatment. This is why the interdisciplinary and intersectoral Hub Community on snakebite envenoming has been established. It consists of members from several leading German and international partner institutions as well as from civil society who are active in the field of snakebite and venom research. These include, beside many others, the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine, the Fraunhofer Society and universities across the country.

Through this network, we aim to raise awareness of snakebites and their consequences, which are tragically part of everyday life in many regions of the world. Furthermore, we want to provide medical and scientific answers to questions that have remained unanswered until now.

Community Managers:

- Maik Damm - Institute for Chemistry, TU Berlin
- Dr Ulrich Kuch - Department of Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
- Martin Biener - Snake-Bite e.V.

The **Hub Community on Global Mental Health**

No Health Without Mental Health.

The Hub Community on Global Mental Health focuses on strengthening the equality and complementarity of biomedical and psychosocial concepts in care, prevention, research, teaching, resource allocation and policy.

For the first time since the foundation of the Global Health Hub Germany in 2019, the members voted on an overarching and crosscutting topic for 2022: Mental Health and wellbeing. By choosing this topic, community members aimed for a deeper understanding of the relevance of mental health for the work of various Communities of Practices and to start a conversation on the cross-cutting topic of mental health and health system strengthening.

Since then, the Hub Community on Global Mental Health has hosted a series of webinars and published three policy papers: on global mental health in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (2022), on global mental health as a cross-cutting issue (2023), and on global mental health at the nexus with climate change (2024).

The Hub Community aims for a sustainable and positive impact on global mental health (systems) across disciplines and diverse stakeholder groups. We warmly invite current and future members to actively contribute towards these transformative processes.

Community Manager:

- Prof. Dr Michael Wirsching - Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg, Centre for Medicine and Society
- Dr Jinan Abi Jumaa - Charité University Hospital Berlin
- Dr Solveig Kemna - Charité Berlin
- Dr. Franziska Laporte Uribe - Deutsche Zentrum für Neurodegenerative Erkrankungen e.V (Lead for Subgroup on Mental Health & Climate Change)

The Hub Community on Global Urban Health focuses on the urban determinants of health, including spatial, social and economic disparities. Our vision is that urban spaces can be transformed into health-promoting, sustainable spaces that not only support the health of urban populations, but also contribute to climate change mitigation. In our first Policy Brief (2023), we highlighted the need for intersectoral collaboration for health in urban planning and urban development, i.e. calling for “Health In All Policies” at the urban level. Structural prevention is key in the urban context, as only if the urban environment is conducive to healthy behavior can a city become health-promoting, “make the healthy choice the easy choice”. In our Community, we recognize the small-scale inequities that persist in all urban areas. While some neighborhoods are already providing many urban benefits others are still suffering from urban disadvantage. For this reason, our community is working towards “City Diagnosis”, as each individual city must first understand what areas are lacking and what opportunities exist. Only then can effective interventions be developed and implemented. Following our extensive Seminar Series, the community is now working on a guidance document on how to implement City Diagnosis.

Community Managers:

- Dr Timo Falkenberg - University of Bonn, GeoHealth Centre
- Dr Dennis Schmiede - University of Essen

Community on Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity

With new infectious disease outbreaks on the horizon, a layered and holistic approach to pandemic prevention and preparedness is urgently needed. To guard against both natural and man-made pandemics, the German government must strengthen public health systems and increase investments in biosafety and biosecurity. The Community on Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity wants to raise awareness for these topics, foster synergies by connecting actors from the Global Health and Biosecurity communities, and develop policy suggestions for relevant stakeholders in Germany. By integrating these elements, the Community seeks to drive sustainable change for effective pandemic prevention.

For example, the Community has focussed on the role of indoor air quality in the transmission of airborne diseases. In a policy brief, they outline key recommendations for improving indoor air quality in Germany [Link: <https://www.globalhealthhub.de/en/news/detail/breathe-better-and-prevent-pandemics-by-enhancing-indoor-air-quality>]. The Community also presented them to the Commission on Indoor Air Quality of the Federal Environment Protection Agency (Umweltbundesamt – UBA).

Community Managers:

- Dr. Emil Iftekhar - Robert-Koch-Institut / WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence
- Janika Schmitt - Institute for Progress

The Hub Community on **Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)** brings together a diverse group of stakeholders working to advance action on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and mental health. With participants from academia, civil society, private sector and multilateral institutions, the Community serves as a collaborative space for dialogue, agenda-setting, and collective advocacy. The NCD HC focuses on interdisciplinary dialogue and policy engagement with health policy makers. In 2025, the community has taken a more focused policy approach, contributing a collective response to the Zero Draft of the Political Declaration for the upcoming UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs and Mental Health. It is also developing a Policy Brief that highlights key priorities such as prevention, sustainable financing, universal health coverage, and equity. The group regularly convenes to exchange knowledge and align efforts on topics such as sustainable financing, universal health coverage, and prevention and control strategies.

You can join the NCD community any time.

Community Managers:

- Gabriela Nasser
- Ali Yildiz
- Sarbani Chakraborty



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