

Overview of open to public side events of the 79th World Health Assembly



Online available Event	Geneva Health Forum	Official Side Events	Other Events
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Date and Time (CEST)	Event Title and Content	Organizer	Format and Location	Registration
Sunday 17.05.2026				
11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	<p>Open Briefing – Introduction to the 79th World Health Assembly: Can Global Health Make Progress Amid Rupture?</p> <p>Alongside the 79th World Health Assembly (WHA79), the Graduate Institute Global Health Centre (GHC) and the United Nations Foundation (UNF) will co-host their annual open briefing, this year titled Can Global Health Make Progress Amid Rupture? [...] The 158th WHO Executive Board decision mandating the WHO Secretariat to design a joint process to reconcile and align the various global health reform efforts signals recognition by Member States that coherence is urgently needed. At the same time, global conflict, fiscal constraints, and shifting development priorities are reshaping the landscape for multilateral cooperation.</p> <p>As countries gather at WHA79, they will confront fundamental questions about how to ensure that the evolving ecosystem of actors, instruments, and norms delivers more equitable, effective, and accountable outcomes. Can Member States forge a shared pathway toward a more coherent and resilient system of global health governance, or will entrenched power dynamics and geopolitical upheaval prevent meaningful reform?</p>	Geneva Graduate Institute	Global Health Centre and the United Nations Foundation	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iYKOswAu-ajxxM662ndY5BeQsioDaSIF1uSeNaOLio0/edit
12.00 - 12.45 a.m.	<p>Turning Political Commitments into Measurable Action: Advancing the New Global Targets on NCDs</p>	NCD Alliance, World Heart Federation	Campus Biotech Chemin des Mines 9 1202 Geneva Switzerland	https://ncdalliance.org/stories/events/2026/turning-political-commitments-into-measurable-action-advancing-the-new-global

Monday 18.05.2026				
7.30 - 8.45 a.m.	Epidemics That Didn't Happen	Pandemic Fund, Gates Foundation, 7-1-7 Alliance, Resolve to save lives	InterContinental Geneve, Chemin du Petit-Saconnex, Geneva	Epidemics That Didn't Happen: Breakfast Launch Event at World Health Assembly May 18, 2026
10.30 - 12.00 a.m.	Smart Financing and Integrated Care as Pathways to People-Centered Universal Health Coverage	Joint Learning Network for UHC, PATH, Amref Global Health, Global Network of People living with HIV	Auditorium de la Pastorale – 106 Route de Ferney, Geneva, Switzerland	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNE47M_y2_YJPFLaQV6keApBELLkQwftEmo3m9d9RnsVobDA/viewform
12.00 - 3.00 p.m.	The Future of Health Security and Sustainable Investment	Foreign Policy: Global Health Forum	InterContinental Geneve 7, Chem. du Petit-Saconnex 9, 1209 Geneva, Switzerland	Global Health Forum 2026 – Foreign Policy
12.30 - 2.00 p.m.	From Gaps to Gains: Delivering UHC through Gender-Responsive Health Systems	George Institute for Global Health, Humanity & Inclusion, Imperial College London, NCD Alliance, CSEM for UHC2030, WaterAid, Women in Global Health	Auditorium de la Pastorale – 106 Route de Ferney, Geneva, Switzerland	https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lp-PzRpa5ESmL6IWHHzckxFr8IzUVClFkiFr7_YSw8pUMkxaTzhOMkowsJnJRUpWVDlFV0VYU1ZLSi4u
	This session will convene stakeholders to share the latest evidence, experience and best practices on advancing UHC through gender-responsive health systems. The event will examine the critical role of integrating gender-responsive approaches across all levels and building blocks of the health system, including policy and planning, financing, information systems and service delivery, to ensure equitable and effective health outcomes for all.			
1.00 - 2:20 p.m.	The Belém Health Action Plan (BHAP): From COP30 to CPO31 - Promoting Continuity in Climate and Health Action	Brazil, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates	Room XVI Palais de Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
	The event includes the forward-looking strategy for the Belém Health Action Plan (BHAP), impressions of the health sector's achievements in the past climate COPs and an open dialogue with BHAP endorsers and stakeholders. It will provide a platform for the designated COP31 Presidencies — Australia and Türkiye — to outline planned approaches on climate and health with the engagement of a Pacific Island health representative.			

1.00 - 2:20 p.m.	<p>Advancing local production for equitable access, resilient health systems, and global health security</p>	Indonesia, Netherlands, South Africa, Nigeria, CEPI, Gavi	Salle C WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
1.00 - 2:20 p.m.	<p>Operationalization of the African Medicines Agency to advance regulatory harmonization, convergence and collaboration</p>	AFRO Regional Roundtable African Medicines Agency	EB room WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
1.00 - 2:20 p.m.	<p>Trusted Data in the age of AI for effective health policy making</p>	Switzerland, OECD, Thailand, Rwanda, Estonia	Salle A WHO Headquarters	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Shaping Future Health Systems for Equity and Access in Digital Era - From Vision to Practice</p>	China, Ethiopia, Oman, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, Thailand	Room XVI Palais de Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Partnership in Action for UHC - sustaining the momentum for country-led and self-reliant health financing amid fiscal constraints</p>	Japan, UN Foundation, Ghana, Nigeria, Thailand	Room XI Palais des Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Dengue, Zika, Chikungunya, and other mosquito-borne arboviruses: Strengthening preparedness and response against escalating epidemics</p>	Wellcome Trust Imperial College UK, National Environment Agency, Singapore, Angola, Brazil, Singapore, Temasek Foundation	Salle B WHO Headquarters	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
	<p>Health Ministers and experts will present a forward-looking blueprint for building people centered health systems adapted to the digital age, to accelerate progress toward UHC, explore practical pathways and actionable solutions to implement this vision, leveraging digital and AI technologies as key enablers, showcase successful digital country experiences and launch initiatives for international cooperation.</p>			
	<p>The session will aim to demonstrate impact of country reforms emerging as a result of greater attention to health financing following the adoption of the WHA78 Resolution on strengthening health financing globally (WHA78.12) and the establishment of the UHC Knowledge Hub in December 2025.</p>			
	<p>Efforts are underway to strengthen global capacity for early detection and mitigation of arbovirus transmission worldwide. This panel discussion will provide an overview of the current epidemiology of arboviral diseases and novel strategies that are underway to strengthen early detection, prevention, and control.</p>			

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Women in Global Health Leadership, Equity & Multilateral Action</p> <p>The event focuses on the flagship report on women in global health and examines how women's health is prioritized across global health institutions and exposes gaps between commitments and real implementation. It seeks to find possible solutions to create more equitable leadership in the Global Health arena.</p>	GWL Voices, Women in Global Health, UNU-IIGH, Bayer, PMNCH Spain, Slovenia TBD	Garden Room T, WHO Headquarters	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Africa's Public Health and Primary Health Care, Solidarity and Sovereignty Agenda</p> <p>This event aims to position Africa and other involved countries (as a key global leaders) in international health collaboration and cooperation in solidarity through prioritizing Public Health (PH) and revitalizing Primary Health Care as the foundation for national health ownership, leadership, and governance for strengthening, equitable and sustainable health systems and institutions. This will put Africa's health and well-being needs and demands at the centre of the evolving global health architecture around the following high-level political, policy, and health professional commitment to universal health service delivery by all for all.</p>	African Public Health Foundation, World Federation of Public Health Association & Public Health Association of South African & UK - Faculty of Public Health, AU Subregions- SAC ECSA Health Community and College of Health Sciences and West Africa	Room VIII Palais des Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Multisectoral Action to Achieve the Global Nutrition Targets</p> <p>Building on the extension of the Global Nutrition Targets and addition of Operational Targets at WHA78, the event will showcase how Health Ministries are taking action to realize the Operational Targets, garner buy-in from other Ministries across their governments, address structural constraints, and institutionalize locally led and people-centered services in coordination with food systems and other sectors</p>	WorldVision International, Action contre la Faim Ireland, Scaling Up, Save the Children, El Salvador, Senegal, Madagascar, Bangladesh	Salle C WHO Headquarters	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 9.00 p.m.	Aligning the Global Health Architecture for Equitable Access to Health Commodities	Medicines Patent Pool	Permanent Mission of France in Geneva, Route de Prégny 36, Prégny-Chambésy	https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_C7f3cQ8XRNUgyw7ypDjIFw#/registration

6.30 - 8.00 p.m.	From Promise to Progress: One Year on From the WHA Rare Diseases Resolution	Foreign Policy	Paris Room, InterContinental Genève 7, Chem. du Petit-Saconnex 9, 1209 Geneva, Switzerland	https://foreignpolicy.com/events/fp-wha79/from-promise-to-progress/
6.20 - 7.30 p.m.	Implementing the 2025 Political Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health in an Era of Global Health Reform	NCD Alliance	The Warwick Hotel	https://ncdalliance.org/implementing-the-2025-political-declaration-on-ncds-and-mental-health-in-an-era-of-global-health
Tuesday 19.05.2026				
7.30 - 9.30 a.m.	Launching The Health Fund Hub: Connecting Capital, Expertise, and Health Needs	Infectious Disease Alliance (IDA)	SDG Solutions Space - 15 Avenue de Séche	Launching The Health Fund Hub: Connecting Capital, Expertise, and Health Needs IDA - Infectious Disease Alliance
7.30 - 10.00 a.m.	Unlocking the Value of Women and Health	City Cancer Challenge (C/Can)	Hotel InterContinental Geneva (Ballroom B) 7-9 Chemin du Petit-Saconnex	Unlocking the Value of Women and Health – City Cancer Challenge (C/Can)
8.00 - 11.00 a.m.	Arboviruses: Shaking or Shaping the future of global health	International Society for Neglected Tropical Diseases	Hotel President Wilson 47 Quai Wilson, Geneva	https://www.isntd.org/wha79-arboviruses
9.00 - 12.00 a.m.	Global Hepatitis C Elimination: Experience and the Road Ahead	Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan	Ballroom, Hotel President Wilson, Geneva	WHA79 Side Events: Organized by Taiwan Ministry of Health and Welfare
9.00 - 12.30 a.m.	Rethinking Determinants of Health in Today's Global Context: From Knowledge to Action	Geneva Health Forum	Campus BioTech Geneva	https://worldhealthassembly2026.genevahealthforum.com/rethinking-determinants-of-health-in-todays-global-context-from-knowledge-to-
9.30 - 12.00 a.m.	Migration, displacement and health in a changing world: from the margins to a global health priority	Geneva Health Forum	Campus BioTech Geneva	https://worldhealthassembly2026.genevahealthforum.com/migration-displacement-and-health-in-a-changing-world-from-the-margins-to-a-global-health-priority/#
10.00 - 12.00 a.m.	Promoting Innovation in Antimicrobial Resistance: prevention, diagnosis and treatment	Infectious Disease Alliance (IDA)	TBD	Promoting Innovation in Antimicrobial Resistance: prevention, diagnosis and treatment IDA - Infectious Disease Alliance
11.00 - 11.45 a.m.	Preparedness Reimagined	Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx)	InterContinental Geneve, an IHG Hotel 9 Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 1211 Genève	https://www.eventbrite.ch/e/preparedness-reimagined-tickets-1988552541181?aff=oddtcreator

12.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	<p>Connecting for change: integrating disability equity across global health agendas</p> <p>This side event, held during the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly (WHA79), will bring together civil society, global health actors and the WHO Disability Health Equity Network to strengthen collaboration on disability inclusion in the health sector and explore practical ways to integrate disability equity across global health agendas.</p>	International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), WHO Disability Health Equity Network	Civil Society Networking Space (CSEM) Auditorium de la Pastorale 106 Route de Ferney Geneva & Online	https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2026/05/19/default-calendar/connecting-for-change--integrating-disability-equity-across-global-health-agendas
12.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.	<p>Are we ready for the next pandemic threat?</p> <p>At a time when multilateralism is buckling, and pandemic threats remain ever present, this event brings together senior policymakers and global health leaders to consider the critical question: Are we ready for the next pandemic threat? The world faces a confluence of crises – economic instability, conflicts, climate emergencies, and evolving health security threats. At the same time, geopolitical shifts are reshaping international cooperation, while changing political dynamics and declining funding from long-standing donors have caused profound disruption to the global health and development architecture. This raises uncertainty about whether countries will continue to come together to tackle common threats. Nonetheless, there are reasons for cautious optimism. The amended International Health Regulations, forged from the lessons of COVID-19, are now in force. Momentum for regional self-reliance is growing. The adoption of the Pandemic Agreement in May 2025 – alongside ongoing negotiation on the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing Annex – showed that collective action still commands broad support. But optimism must be earned. Commitments have too often failed to translate into action. Gaps in financing, accountability, and regional manufacturing capacity persist, making us all less safe. Join the RH Helen Clark and other senior leaders as they explore the state of the world’s readiness to face the next pandemic threat.</p>	Geneva Graduate Institute	Auditorium Ivan Pictet A1B, Geneva Graduate Institute, Maison de la paix, Geneva	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffmd_Qxo1HyF2pz1mxSlcRounNqZw_a36CDacVSzwRfK0SCw/vi/ewform?usp=publish-editor

1.00 - 2:20 p.m.	<p>From Outbreak Response to System Readiness: Building the Global and Regional Capabilities to Stop Pandemic Threats in 100 Days</p> <p>The event brings together a diverse, multi-sectoral coalition united behind mobilizing the political and financial commitments required to build a globally coordinated, regionally anchored, and locally driven health security ecosystem.</p>	CEPI, Norway, Ethiopia, Indonesia	Salle A WHO Headquarters	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
1.00 - 2:20 p.m.	<p>Sustaining the Global Health and Care Workforce Agenda in times of financial challenges?</p> <p>This event will discuss strategies and mechanisms whereby countries, development partners and global health stakeholders can collaborate on to support a holistic agenda to strengthen health workforce investment and prioritization in the context of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent global health labour market.</p>	Germany and World Medical Association Ethiopia, France, Indonesia, Philippines	Room VIII Palais des Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
1.30 - 5.00 p.m.	Access to Care in Crisis Settings: Rethinking Cooperation in Practice	Geneva Health Forum	Campus Biotech. Geneva	https://worldhealthassembly2026.genevahealthforum.com/access-to-care-in-crisis-settings-rethinking-cooperation-in-practice/
3.00 - 3.45 p.m.	Resilient Cities on the Frontline	Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx)	InterContinental Geneve, an IHG Hotel 9 Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 1211 Genève	https://www.eventbrite.ch/e/resilient-cities-on-the-frontline-tickets-1988553019612?aff=oddtcreator
6.00 - 9.00 p.m.	Documentary Screening - The Making of a Surgeon: Fighting Africa's Hidden Crisis	Operation Smile	The Geneva Institute, Auditorium Ivan Pictet B	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-making-of-a-surgeon-fighting-africas-hidden-crisis-tickets-1982515374854?aff=oddtcreator#location
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Integrating health security and humanitarian health response in emergencies</p> <p>The event will highlight reforms and the value of integrated approaches in health emergencies, showcase successful models and lessons from recent emergencies, emphasizing scalable interventions and cross sectoral partnerships, and foster dialogue on practical strategies, including sustainable efforts and learning, and opportunities for collaboration at all levels, including strengthening inclusive, community-led systems.</p>	United Kingdom, Australia, Ethiopia, Robert Koch Caribbean Public Health Agency	EB room WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>The Economics of Health For All: Taking Action</p> <p>The event will explore the critical intersection of economic policy and public health. Building on the foundational work of the Council, we will discuss how to move towards proactively "shaping markets". The session will present evidence on how fiscal policies, market regulation, and public investment can be strategically designed to prioritize long-term human and planetary wellbeing.</p>	Public Services International, Medicus Mundi International, UNU IIGH, World Council of Churches, Society for International Development Colombia, Oxfam, Geneva Global Health Hub	Salle C WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>Building the Economic Case for Domestic Investment in Health R&D in Africa</p> <p>A continent-wide macroeconomic assessment of the return on investment of public spending on health R&D has been commissioned. The study models GDP impact, employment creation, private investment crowd-in, long-run productivity and innovation spillovers, trade and competitiveness gains. This side event will formally launch and finalize the findings of this project and introduce the foundations of a Health R&D Investment Blueprint for Africa.</p>	Africa CDC, Team Europe AU-EU Health Partnership, Uganda, Ghana, Sweden, Morocco, Egypt, Belgium, Germany, AfDB	Salle A WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
7.00 - 8.00 p.m.	Ending TB Through Innovation & Equity	Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx)	InterContinental Geneve, an IHG Hotel 9 Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 1211 Genève	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ending-tb-through-innovation-equity-tickets-1988827725264?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true
Wednesday 20.05.2026				
7.30 - 9.00 a.m.	The Clean Air Dividend: Investing in Health for All	NCD Alliance, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)	Geneva InterContinental, Ballroom C. 7, Chem. du Petit-Saconnex 9 1209 Geneva Switzerland	https://ncdalliance.org/stories/event-s/2026/the-clean-air-dividend-investing-in-health-for-all
Multi-day event 20. - 21.05.2026	Devex Impact House @ WHA79	Devex		Devex Impact House @ WHA
9.00 - 11.30 a.m.	Artificial Intelligence for Long-term Care System Strengthening: Leveraging Long-term Care Insurance for Quality and Sustainable Care	MediBridges EurAsia in collaboration with leading international and academic partners	Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva (Campus Biotech) Chemin des Mines 9, 1202	https://medibridgeseurasie.ch/ai-for-better-long-term-care-2-2/

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	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	Institute of Global Health, UNIGE Campus Biotech Chemin des Mines 9, 1202 Geneva (Main theatre room)	LAUNCH EVENT
10.00 - 12.00 a.m.	Global HIV Management: Access to Treatment and Innovation	Infectious Disease Alliance (IDA)	SDG Solutions Space - 15 Avenue de Séche, SDG Solutions Space - 15 Avenue de Sécheron, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland	WHA Side Event on Global HIV Management: Access to Treatment and Innovation IDA - Infectious Disease Alliance
12.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.	From Preparedness to Crisis Response: Ensuring Equitable Access to Medical Countermeasures This side event will explore how equitable access to medical countermeasures (MCMs) can be strengthened across the full emergency cycle - from preparedness to response. Discussions will explore how national, regional and global systems can better align to ensure that life-saving health products reach all populations. Participants will examine how existing and future investments in the MCM ecosystem can be structured and governed to deliver both equity and efficiency. The event takes place at a critical juncture in the evolution of the global health emergency architecture. Pending the entry into force of the Pandemic Agreement, countries have endorsed the WHO interim Medical Countermeasures Network (i-MCM-net) as a pragmatic bridge to advance implementation. The i-MCM-net is intended to support coordination across the global MCM architecture, and align ongoing initiatives. Against this backdrop, this side event will focus on the work required to operationalize the MCM ecosystem, covering the full range of MCMs - from diagnostics and vaccines to therapeutics, personal protective equipment, oxygen, and other priority health products.	Geneva graduate Institute	Auditorium Ivan Pictet, Geneva Graduate Institute, Maison de la paix, Geneva	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQngrCj0Rnsy1dcdhYZfFK5rt_EdyXN4JvYDgS0vRqdl_wnQ/viwwform?usp=publish-editor

1.00 - 2.20 p.m.	<p>Healthcare financing: Bridging Traditional and Innovative financing for UHC</p> <p>With the historic precedence of Islamic financing, the outreach of MDBs and the largely untapped capital held by the private sector, these sources offer potentially sustainable financing that could complement public spending on health systems, as well as contribute to addressing the global healthcare funding gap.</p>	Jordan, Türkiye, Burkina Faso, OIC, Syrian Arab Republic	Room XVI Palais de Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
1.00 - 2.20 p.m.	<p>Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Preserving Essential Services Amid Funding Pressures</p> <p>This event aims to provide a unified political message reaffirming SRHR as integral to the right to health and UHC, a clear analysis of systemic barriers, towards achieving SRHR, strengthened alliances across member states and partners to advance rights-based, well-financed SRHR programmes, and a jointly endorsed package of actionable recommendations and advocacy positions on SRHR.</p>	Guyana, Malawi, Barbados, Germany	Salle XI Palais des Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
2.00 - 3.30 p.m.	<p>What Does Global Health Architecture Reform Have to Do With Universal Health Coverage?</p>	Health Architecture Reimagined Civil Society Organizations Consortium (HEAR CSO)	Auditorium de la Pastorale – 106 Route de Ferney, Geneva, Switzerland	https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCez0gBHeou8FZ0kQ310CqP1M0v70sfJn225gELLqCSJnnvg/viewform
2.00 - 4.30 p.m.	<p>Promoting Human Rights in Digital Health and AI Strategies: National and Global Perspectives</p>	Digital Health & Rights Project	ImpactHub (Rue Fendt 1, 1201 Geneve, Switzerland)	Registration Form: Promoting Human Rights in Digital Health and AI Strategies
2.00 - 6.00 p.m.	<p>Smart Healthcare and Health System Innovation Artificial Intelligence Enabling People-Centred and Integrated Digital Health</p>	MediBridges EurAsia in collaboration with leading international and academic partners	Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva (Campus Biotech) Chemin des Mines 9, 1202	Smart Healthcare and Health System Innovation MediBridges EurAsia

4.00 - 6.00 p.m.	Climate Crisis, peace and the rights to health and to a healthy environment	Medecins sans frontieres, EUPHA, Global climate & health alliance, Global Network for Public Health, Public Health Ethics and Law Network	Médecins Sans Frontières 140, route de Ferney, Geneva	in person: https://forms.office.com/pages/responses.aspx?id=GvPi3TMHTk6EYBQhFTHe1QeVTXeEo0VOrTh2vogQfnRUNFIOVFLSTU0xTzLPQjLQV1VBWkNFM0tYUi4u&route=shorturl online: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/19b82d63-b595-4d5a-baa3-218a4859f2ed@4d9dd1af-83ce-4e9b-b090-b0543ccc2b31
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Advancing Refugee and Migrant Health in countries: Shared experiences, successes, challenges, and the path forward	Spain, Colombia, Uganda, Egypt	Salle B WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
	This event aims to strengthen commitment to advancing refugee and migrant health within GAP 2023–2030 and GPW14, share practical lessons on integrating migrant health into national policies and programmes, raise awareness of emerging priorities: urban migration, digital health, and climate-related mobility, and enhance collaboration and use of WHO tools, evidence, and initiatives to support equitable access and UHC.			
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Rethinking Global Health in a Changing World	WashU School of Public Health	Ballroom C, InterContinental Geneva, Geneva	Rethinking Global Health in a Changing World - 5.20.26
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Rare Diseases: A Catalyst for Global Health Transformation	Rare Diseases International	The Graduate Institute Auditorium Ivan Pictet B (Via Hall Pétale 2)	https://iheid.webex.com/webappng/sites/iheid/meeting/register/bbb4c57d6a9a4e0c90d832a2080adc51?ticket=4832534b000000084d1741d3a32182cdd84e481dcc61a3b952b799e5d2
6.00 - 8.30 p.m.	Climate Change and Respiratory Health	Geneva Health Forum	Campus Biotech. Geneva	https://worldhealthassembly2026.genevahealthforum.com/climate-
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8.30 a.m. - 7.00 p.m.	<p>Geneva Digital Health Day</p> <p>The Geneva Digital Health Day (GDHD) is a global gathering of healthcare professionals, innovators, policymakers, and researchers dedicated to advancing digital health. Held during the World Health Assembly in Geneva, GDHD serves as a platform to explore emerging trends, key challenges, and innovative solutions, fostering collaboration to drive the future of digital health worldwide. Geneva Digital Health Day 2026 brings together global leaders, innovators, and implementers for a dynamic program exploring key trends and challenges in digital health. Alongside expert discussions on AI, implementation science, space technology, and real-world success stories will allow participants to engage deeply with key topics, while speed-dating sessions will provide a fast-paced networking opportunity to exchange ideas and connect with peers. Join us for a day of learning, collaboration, and meaningful conversations.</p>	Geneva Digital Health Hub	Campus Biotech Chemin des Mines 9, 1202	https://formulaire.unige.ch/outils/lemebooking3/index.php/853283
1.00 - 2.20 p.m.	<p>National integration of HIV services: sustaining quality, equity and community leadership in an era of funding transition</p> <p>The event will explore how HIV services can be embedded within PHC while preserving person centered, simplified, and high-quality care. Particular attention will be given to peer educators and community health workers, whose roles remain essential yet often insufficiently formalized within national systems.</p>	International Aids Society, Coalition Plus, NCD Alliance, GNP+ and IPPF	Salle B WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	<p>NextGen x NowGen: Futureproofing Health in the Climate Era</p> <p>This event will discuss integrating intergenerational leadership to build adaptable, inclusive and green global health systems responsive to environmental issues, lessons learned from successful intergenerational leadership models for the future of planetary health, the creation of clearer capacitybuilding opportunities for intergenerational cooperation; and community-based approaches for addressing climate-driven migration and local vulnerabilities.</p>	Slovenia, WHO Youth Council, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), Gain, International Pharmaceutical Students's Federation (IPSF), Bertelsmann Stiftung	Salle A WHO Headquarters & Online	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf

6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	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	Salle C WHO Headquarters	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
6.00 - 7.30 p.m.	Emergency-Ready Primary Health Care: Operationalising Preparedness and Resilience at the Frontline	Kazakhstan, Resolve to Save Lives Ethiopia, Nigeria, Syrian Arab Republic	Salle V, Palais des Nations	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf
Friday 22.05.2026				
1.00 - 2.20 p.m.	Immunizing Across the Life Course: Supporting Healthy Ageing, NCD Management, and System Resilience	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), International Federation on Ageing (IFA), Global Allergy & Airways Patient Platform (GAAPP)	Salle B WHO Headquarters	https://apps.who.int/gb/Side-Events/WHA79/pdf_files/List_of_side_events_WHA79.pdf