

List of side events held during the WHA76 and shared by Member States with Governing Bodies

23 May 2023

Date and time	Location	Title	Organizers and Sponsors
Tuesday 23 May, 13:15-14:30 hrs CET	UNAIDS, 20 Avenue Appia, Geneva Kofi A. Annan room Kindly register here	Synergies and Sensemaking from Pandemics – A Comparative Analysis of the Proposed IHR Amendments and the INB CA+ text The objective of our side event will be to share findings from phase 1 of the work (desk review and preliminary interviews) and elicit feedback from country negotiators and government representatives, before progressing to phase 2 of the exercise (further research and additional interviews), with the objective of launching a publicly available comparative analysis in time for June 2023 INB meetings and towards the Pandemic Preparedness and Response High-Level Meetings.	South Africa With WITS university, OSF, UNAIDS
Tuesday 23 May 2023 14:00-15:30 hrs CET	In-person event Room Apollon, Hotel President Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland Reception from 15:30-16:30 hrs	Empowering local biomanufacturing: How to equip countries for current and future infectious disease outbreaks Equitable access to safe, effective, and affordable vaccines, medicines, and other health products and technologies is a global priority as the world confronts an ongoing pandemic and prepares for future ones. We aim to share experiences and best practices from global biomanufacturing capacity-building efforts in low- and middle-income countries while identifying gaps and opportunities for international cooperation.	Republic of Korea Brazil, Kenya, Rwanda, Sweden, and Thailand Together with The International Vaccine Institute (IVI)
Tuesday 23 May 2023 18:00 – 19:30 hrs CET	In-person event Hotel President Wilson	Building a Legacy for Sport and Health Post Mega-Sporting Events The purpose of the side event is to bring key stakeholders together to discuss their experience in hosting and planning for mega-sporting events, the core components of legacy and garner support and commitment by all stakeholders involved towards a sustained global movement for sport and health including through the development of a WHO resolution at the 76th World Health Assembly (2024). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are they planning mega-sporting events? • What are the lessons learned? 	State of Qatar (partnership with WHO), the USA And France, Ghana Together with IOC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we use these experiences to promote health and ensure safety? 	
<p>Tuesday 23 May 2023 18.00-20.00 hrs CEST</p>	<p>Hybrid event</p> <p>Vieux Bois, Av. de la Paix 12, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Kindly register HERE</p>	<p>Standing in the way of Universal Health Coverage and Global Health Security: the urgent need to address corruption in health</p> <p>The purpose of this event is to showcase the urgent need to address corruption in health and adopt ACTA approaches that align with UHC, primary health care and health security goals, and that are integrated within whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to health with a strong focus on equity to ensure that no one is left behind.</p> <p>It will highlight the need for strong ACTA in health and call for coherent commitments from health and anti-corruption global communities ahead of the UNGA HLM on UHC and PPR; showcase how using a public health approach and effective governance can help address corruption in health; discuss the impact of corruption drivers and vulnerabilities, including during health emergencies, at different health system levels and highlight how they affect system efficiency; discuss lessons learned and identify particular areas in the health system where interventions can be applied and leveraged; and bring in multistakeholder and multisectoral perspectives to showcase ACTA enforcement in the health and other sectors, and discuss how these can be sustained and integrated into broader health systems strengthening efforts.</p>	<p>NORAD and USAID</p> <p>Together with</p> <p>UNODC, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, LSHTM</p>
<p>Tuesday 23 May 2023 18:00-20:00 hrs CET</p>	<p>Scaling up Nutrition Secretariat Villa Le Bocage</p>	<p>The WHO Acceleration Plan to STOP Obesity: from endorsement at WHA75 to execution in frontrunner countries</p> <p>The event aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> launch the start of the enactment and scale-up phase of the WHO Acceleration Plan to Stop Obesity in the 28 frontrunner countries unite in response to the obesity pandemic and launch the start of the WHO Acceleration Plan Engage with and hear the voice of political champions in the fight against obesity showcasing key wins, challenges and priorities in 	<p>Bahrain</p> <p>Together with the Sun Movement</p>

		<p>responding to the obesity epidemic as well as their ambitions for Acceleration Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise political advocacy to support and finance the response to the obesity epidemic in 28 frontrunner countries and beyond 	
<p>Tuesday 23 May, 18:30-20:30 hrs CET</p>	<p>IFRC headquarters, chemin des Crêts 17, Geneva</p> <p>Kindly register here</p>	<p>From commitment to action: How the UN high-level meeting is key to delivering health for all</p> <p>This side event will provide an opportunity to convene Member States and other stakeholders to show how countries championing universal health coverage (UHC) can lead by example in securing successful outcomes at the UN high-level meeting on UHC in September 2023 and the other two high-level meetings on TB and PPR by promoting coherent, integrated and action-oriented pathways in global health.</p>	<p>Georgia, Germany, Japan, Slovak Republic and Thailand</p> <p>with support from UHC2030 and IFRC</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 May – 07:45-09:00 hrs CET</p>	<p>Hotel Royal (Manotel Group), Rue de Lausanne 41-43, Geneva</p>	<p>One Health in practice – Preventing the Next Pandemic Before Communities Suffer</p> <p>The event takes place in person at the margins of the 76th World Health Assembly, with the purpose of providing representatives of permanent missions and visiting delegations with concrete insights and examples of the operationalization of the One Health approach, and highlighting its importance in preventing future pandemics. The side event is co-organised by the Group of Friends of One Health and the global animal welfare organization, FOUR PAWS. During the event we will hear from Member States and representatives of the Quadripartite (WHO, WOA, FAO, UNEP) who are putting the One Health approach into practice.</p>	<p>One Health Group of Friends (Australia, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, EU, Fiji, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Switzerland, UK and US)</p> <p>Together with Four Paws</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 May 2023, 17:00 – 20:30 hrs CET</p>	<p>In-person event (live-streamed)</p> <p>President Wilson Hotel, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Kindly register here</p>	<p>Renewed partnerships for global health</p> <p>The European Union has joined other global and regional partners in putting an increased priority on health through its new EU Global Health Strategy, with three interlinked priorities: deliver better health and well-being of people across the life course; strengthen health systems and advance universal coverage; and prevent and combat health threats, including pandemics, applying a One Health approach. Based on these priorities, in</p>	<p>Sweden and EU</p>

		<p>line with the WHO Triple Billion Targets, this event will explore ways to translate commitments into action and bridge the global, regional and country levels to achieve impact.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To highlight the need for a renewed approach to global health and how recent EU and WHO strategic developments can support such an approach. • To discuss how the three interlinked priorities can serve as a road map for global health efforts at global, regional and country level. • To explore how WHO can facilitate and enable the roll-out and implementation of global health priorities and partnership coordination at global, regional and country level. 	
<p>Wednesday 24 May 2023, 17.30- 19.00 hrs CET</p>	<p>Hybrid event</p> <p>1st floor Conference Room – IOM main building (Route des Morillons 17, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex)</p> <p>Kindly secure a link at: https://migrants-health-mex-por.eventbrite.ch/</p>	<p>Working en bloc for the health of refugees and migrants: are we there yet?</p> <p>This side event aims to reflect on challenges and opportunities to improve collaboration among partners to advance global, regional and national commitments regarding the health of refugees and migrants. It will voice promising practices and experiences, with strong governance models and several lessons learned from the implementation of practices, and collaboration across organizations, governments and other stakeholders. It will build on the discussion upon the extension of the WHO GAP until 2030.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on challenges and opportunities to improve collaboration among partners toward the health of refugees and migrants. • Present recent examples of action taken by States to promote the health of refugees and migrants in a synergetic way. • Galvanize action to advance political multilateral commitments on refugee and migrant health and other relevant policy developments. 	<p>Mexico and Portugal</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 May 2023 17.30 – 19.30</p>	<p>Permanent Mission of Thailand, 5 Rue Gustave-Moynier, 1202 GENEVA</p> <p>Kindly register here</p>	<p>“Trade and health policy coherence: Mission possible?”</p> <p>This side event will revisit the relevant agreements, resolutions and other relevant instruments on international trade and health, examine their contributions to the achievement of policy coherence between trade and</p>	<p>Thailand</p>

	More information on the side event here	health in WHO Member States, and hear experience from selected governments and look into possible recommendations to further advance synergies between those policy areas. It calls for discussion on how global trade and health governing bodies could effectively support Member States towards trade and health policy coherence. The outcome of the side event and any further regional / national deliberations is expected to provide input for potential submission as an agenda item for future WHO Governing Bodies meetings.	
Wednesday 24 May – 17:45- 19:30 hrs CET	Permanent Mission of India - Avenue Appia 21, 1218 Pregny-Chambesey	Together Against Tuberculosis - — <i>innovative responses against an ancient disease</i> The Indo-Pacific region has a high burden of TB. The event brings together information on innovative initiatives, approaches and technology to address TB in the Indo-Pacific region.	Australia, India, Japan, USA in Partnership with STOP TB
Wednesday 24 May – 18:00-20:00 hrs CET	Fairmont Grand Hotel, Quai du Mont-Blanc 19, Geneva	Accelerating impact: Delivering on the World Health Assembly Resolution on Assistive Technology (WHA71.8) through renewed high-level commitment and engagement This side event will provide a platform for Member States and WHO to highlight achievements in implementing WHA71.8 in consideration of the findings and recommendations from the Global Report on Assistive Technology. Pakistan, China, Kenya and others will share progress towards improving access to assistive technology, in the context of other global commitments.	Pakistan, China, Kenya
Wednesday 24 May 2023 18:00 to 21:00 hrs CET	In-person event La Vie Des Champs 15 Chemin de la Vie des Champs CH-1202 Genève Kindly register here .	Integrated Emergency, Critical and Operative Care (ECO) for Universal Health Coverage and Protection from Health Emergencies The side-event will include a high level ministerial panel and a broader discussion on ECO, and the launch of the Acute Care Action Network to support the implementation of the ECO resolution.	Ethiopia and Malaysia together with the American Heart Association and Laerdal Foundation

<p>Wednesday 24 May 2023 18:30 to 20:00 hrs CET</p>	<p>UNAIDS Upon invitation only and for members of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition (GPC)</p>	<p>Global HIV Prevention Coalition High-Level Dialogue on Accelerating HIV Prevention and Preparing for Future Pandemics</p> <p>The purpose of this event gathering Health Ministers of countries members of the GPC, is to raise political attention on the acceleration of HIV prevention to end the HIV pandemic and prepare for future other pandemics. It will comprise of an update on the HIV prevention status and will be followed by a strategic exchange on how best to accelerate HIV prevention to achieve the 2025 HIV prevention targets.</p>	<p>Germany, Kenya, Together with UNAIDS, UNFPA</p>
<p>Thursday 25 May 2023, 12:15 – 13:45 CET</p>	<p>Hybrid event UNAIDS, Kofi Annan room (max 50 persons). INDICO registration for in-person participation <i>Virtual participation by Zoom</i></p>	<p>The Johannesburg process: Building consensus for an equitable and sustainable medical countermeasures platform for the next pandemic meeting</p> <p>The side-event will discuss how to ensure improved coordination of and ensuring access to publicly funded R&D, regional production and global coordination. This meeting intends to explore these topics with relevance to ongoing processes in the WHO, the UN system, G7, G20, global health initiatives, industries and civil society processes.</p> <p>There is a need for a coordinated response among various stakeholders, including governments, international organizations, industry, and civil society that includes the development, production, and distribution of medical countermeasures such as vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics. An end-to-end perspective to medical countermeasures is essential to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That public R&D funding operates in a transparent process for prioritizing research areas and includes mechanisms to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and technologies with the aim of equitable access. • Regional manufacturing to ensure sufficient supply of these products in times of crisis requires investment in local manufacturing capabilities and the establishment of partnerships between governments, industry, and other stakeholders. It will also reduce dependence on a few suppliers and ensure that there is greater access to medical countermeasures in different parts of the world. 	<p>UK and South Africa</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That medical countermeasures are developed, produced, and distributed in an equitable and efficient manner requires coordination among different countries and international organizations to develop a common agenda, avoid duplication of efforts, and ensure that resources are allocated in an effective manner. 	
<p>Thursday 25 May 2023 18:30 to 19:30 hrs CET</p>	<p>In-person event (live-streamed)</p> <p>Auditorium, Domaine de la Pastorale, Route de Ferney 106, Geneva</p> <p>Light buffet</p> <p>Kindly register here to attend in person or online</p>	<p>Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health Systems - Responding to the new WHA Resolution</p> <p>Discussions around rehabilitation in global health are timely, as the first-ever resolution on rehabilitation is on the agenda for adoption at the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly.</p> <p>Estimates indicate that over 2.4 billion people, globally, live with health conditions that would benefit from rehabilitation. This number is growing due to ageing, the increased prevalence of non-communicable and chronic diseases, and injuries. However, more than 50% of people do not have access to the rehabilitation services they need, particularly in low-income countries and in fragile settings. Responding to the growing unmet need by stepping up efforts to deliver quality rehabilitation interventions for everyone in need and everywhere is not optional but a must.</p> <p>While spotlighting the relevance of the WHA Resolution on rehabilitation and how it will impact worldwide policy-making and global health, the interactive panel will discuss advances and challenges in integrating rehabilitation into health systems.</p>	<p>Brazil; Colombia; Croatia; Israel; and Slovakia</p> <p>Together with</p> <p>WHO Collaborating Centre for Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology, the WHO Collaborating Centre for Rehabilitation in Global Health Systems; American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; Humanity & Inclusion; International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics; International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine; International Spinal Cord Society; World Federation of</p>

			Chiropractic; World Federation of Occupational Therapists; and World Physiotherapy.
Friday 26 May 2023 12:30-14:00 hrs CET (updated time)	In-person event Restaurant Vieux-Bois, Av. de la Paix 12, Geneva (within walking distance/next to the Palais des Nations) Light buffet	The Global Health for Peace Initiative – examples from country-level programmes The purpose of the side event is to share country-level experiences, to contribute to the evidence basis for the health and peace approach and, ultimately, to inform the operationalization of the WHO’s Global Health for Peace Initiative. During the side event, we will hear from country-level experiences on how health programmes have had positive consequences on conflict dynamics and/or contributed to peace. Several countries will present their best practices and their experiences in connecting their health programming to i.e. youth and mental health in conflict-affected settings, training of health workforce from conflict-affected communities as well as more broadly addressing the impact of health, conflict and peace on marginalized communities and at risk-groups.	Oman and Switzerland
Friday 26 May 2023 16:00- 17:30 hrs CET	In-person event Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, Avenue de l'Ariana 1, Geneva Kindly register here	Laureate Lecture for the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health The Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health was established to uphold the legacy of the late Dr LEE Jong-wook (the 6th Director-General of the WHO) by KOFIH and WHO in 2008. As its 15 th anniversary, the laureate of 2023, Dr Jorge Francisco Meneses from Guatemala who has been dedicated to public health for over 30 years will share his experiences and work. He has promoted community participation in hospital care and worked on the integrated network of health services in the country. It is hoped that this event will encourage activities of those who work hard for public health around the world and set an example for it.	Republic of Korea Together with Korea Foundation for International Healthcare

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Past events

<p>Saturday 20 May 2023 , 18 :00 – 20 :00 hrs CEST</p>	<p>Intercontinental Hotel, Geneva Lisbonne Room</p> <p>Kindly register here</p>	<p>Addressing Mis- and Dis-information in Global Health: A Conversation for Collective Action across Digital Media</p> <p>This panel event will focus on social and behavior change communication for pandemic preparedness and future infodemic management, particularly in the context of social and digital media platforms. In December 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) assembled delegates from more than 180 countries to discuss the International Treaty for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response. A key consideration in this treaty is the need to strengthen pandemic and public health literacy, by coordinating global communications and addressing emerging ‘infodemics’ – i.e., false and misleading information which could undermine the public health response. Such preparedness also requires a foundation of trust between the public and government health agencies to provide credible information and support when and where it is needed. Effective health communications online can foster trust, provide critical information, and move the needle towards health behaviour change. Yet, there is a capacity gap to craft the right messages to get to the right audiences at the right times, particularly during a crisis.</p>	<p>UK and South Africa</p>
<p>Monday 22 May 2023, 7:30-8:30</p>	<p>Room Foyer A, Fairmont Grand Hotel, Geneva</p> <p>Hybrid event: Zoom. Meeting ID: 995 1313 4004; Passcode: 718826</p>	<p>THE ROAD TOWARDS TRANSFORMATION OF HEALTH: INTEGRATED PRIMARY CARE SERVICES AND THE ROLE OF FAMILY MEDICINE</p> <p>This side-event brings together healthcare leaders to deliberate on effective ways to strengthen the road to reorienting the model of primary care and the role of family medicine in enabling integrated primary care. It will discuss health system reorientation towards Stronger Primary Health Care: through a global perspective, address the key drivers of the Integrated Primary Care through multisectoral collaboration: the role of family medicine, and how to transform Primary Health Care: Lesson Learned from USAID Projects, as well as Lessons Learned of Integrated Primary Care Service and The Role of Family Medicine from Canada, Thailand, Madagascar and Mongolia.</p>	<p>Indonesia</p> <p>Together with</p> <p>WONCA, Besroul Centre</p>

<p>Monday 22 May 2023, 8:00-9:30</p>	<p>Intercontinental Hotel Geneva (Ballroom B)</p> <p>Livestream</p> <p>In-person registration: https://rb.gy/muj8c Virtual registration: https://rb.gy/l8eot</p>	<p>Delivering cancer care for all <i>How cities can drive progress, implement WHO initiatives and reach the most vulnerable</i></p> <p>The objectives of the event are to present the importance of cancer in the public health agenda and map current inequalities, to promote more equitable cancer policies and accelerate the implementation of WHO Cancer initiatives, to discuss the role of the cities in strengthening health systems to organize essential services and reach the most vulnerable, and to highlight the importance of multi-stakeholder cooperation including professional associations and parent/patient organizations.</p>	<p>Argentina, Columbia, Egypt, Georgia, Lebanon, Malaysia, North Macedonia & Slovakia</p> <p>Together with</p> <p>City Cancer Challenge C/Can and in collaboration with the WHO Collaborative Centre of St Jude Children’s Research Hospital and the International Society of Paediatric Oncology SIOP, supported by IFRC</p>
<p>Monday 22 May 2023 12:30-14:00 hrs CET</p>	<p>Hybrid event</p> <p>Salle de la Presse event room (above Jardin des Penthes restaurant), Chemin de l'Impératrice 18, 1292 Pregny-Chambésy, Geneva</p> <p>Light buffet</p> <p>Kindly register at WHAclimateandhealth@fcdo.gov.uk</p>	<p>Climate Change: Health leadership for the greatest threat of our times</p> <p>The purpose of this side-event is to champion leadership, collaboration and ambition on adapting health systems to climate change and transitioning to low-carbon, sustainable health systems, including through the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health and sharing member states experiences.</p> <p>The side event will bring climate to the forefront of the health agenda by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show-casing concrete examples of progress which countries have made since COP26 in adapting health systems to climate change and discuss challenges faced. • stimulating political momentum for increased global leadership on climate and health to accelerate action to develop stronger climate-resilient health systems and improve health security and preparedness. 	<p>United Kingdom, The Netherlands, The UAE, Fiji</p> <p>Together with</p> <p>the World Bank</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> encouraging health ministries to collaborate with climate and finance ministers to deliver effective health systems adapted to climate. promoting the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) for collective action and urging further countries to make commitments. 	
Monday 22 May 2023 17:30-19:30 hrs CET	Restaurant Vieux-Bois, Av. de la Paix 12, Geneva Kindly register at: https://forms.microsoft.com/e/0m4ppnt1Mh	Institutionalizing Social Participation for PHC, UHC and Health Security The event will convene honourable Ministers of Health, the WHO Director General, youth and civil society representatives to discuss the importance of institutionalizing the participation of people, communities and civil society in health decision-making processes, opportunities and challenges they face, and their commitment to champion this agenda.	Thailand, Madagascar, Slovenia, Norway, Together with UHC2030, UHC2030 Civil Society Engagement Mechanism, UHC Partnership
Monday 22 May 2023 18:00-19:30 hrs CET	Baobab Room at the Global Health Campus, Geneva, Switzerland Kindly register here .	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) - an essential component of Universal Health Coverage This event will highlight the importance of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in achieving Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development Goal commitments. We recognize the critical role of SRHR services in providing essential care across the life course, particularly for marginalized populations. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, many essential services, including those delivering SRHR, were reduced or defunded. We believe programming and adequately funding SRHR is a low-cost and effective building block to achieving gender equality and Universal Health Coverage. Please join Member States and Civil Society at this side event to share best practices for policy and funding to ensure that SRHR rights and services are a recognized, protected, and essential part of health systems.	Government of Argentina, Malawi, and Sweden Together with the Alliance for Gender Equality and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) titled Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

<p>Tuesday 23 May 2023 8:00-9:30 hrs CET</p>	<p>Permanent mission of Poland L'Ancienne Route 15, 1218 Grand-Saconnex, Switzerland</p> <p>Kindly register here</p>	<p>ON THE ROAD TO THE SECOND UN HIGH- LEVEL MEETING ON TB Progress and Challenges</p> <p>The objective of the event is to discuss how we can join forces to put a high level spotlight on efforts to end tuberculosis (TB) and fast-track progress against this top infectious killer.</p> <p>2023 is a critical year with opportunities to raise visibility, political commitment and investments for the fight against TB. The second UN High-Level Meeting on TB at the General Assembly in September will bring together Heads of State, and provides the impetus to revitalize political and social commitment to ramp up progress against this preventable and curable disease that still causes suffering to millions. The event will take stock of the progress made, and challenges encountered in reaching the commitments made at the 2018 UN High Level Meeting on TB, and chart the way forward for renewed action and commitment to get the response back-on-track.</p> <p>The main speakers will include Ministers, ambassadors and other high-level government representatives, WHO leadership, Heads of Agencies, TB survivors, civil society and partners.</p>	<p>Poland</p>
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