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Programme

GHF 2026 Biennial Conference
Rethinking Cooperation for Health

10–12 November 2026

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POSTER EXHIBITION

Discover the research and field projects presented by participants. Posters are shown throughout the conference on the screens in the hall next to the Auditorium and in the coffee break area. Come and meet the authors during the coffee breaks and lunches. The **GHF Poster Award** will be presented at the Closing Ceremony on Thursday 12 November.

Tuesday 10 November

Building New Models of Cooperation, and the Role of Geneva in the International Community

07:30–08:30 — *Registration and welcome coffee*

08:30–09:00 · AUDITORIUM

Opening ceremony

MODERATION **Sophia Achab**, University of Geneva

SPEAKERS **Tatiana Valovaya**, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) · **Audrey Leuba**, University of Geneva · **Sarah Epprecht Noetzli**, Médecins Sans Frontières Switzerland

09:00–10:30 · AUDITORIUM

Rethinking or Resetting: The Path to Global Health Governance Reform – The State of Play

MODERATION **Katherine Urbáez**, Health Diplomacy Alliance

SPEAKERS **H.E. Francisca Elizabeth Méndez Escobar**, Permanent Mission of Mexico · **Dr Bruce Aylward**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Dr Ruth Lawson OBE**, UK Mission to the UN and WTO, Geneva · **Serina Ng**, Joint Task Force on Global Health Architecture (GHA) Reform · **Guilherme Cintra**, IFPMA · **Janet Ginnard**, Unitaid · **Dr Marta Tufet Bayona**, Gavi · **Sophia Achab**, University of Geneva

09:00–10:30 · B1-06

Chemical Pollution: From the Field to Global Action to Protect Health

MODERATION **Diana Rizzolio**, Geneva Environment Network

SPEAKERS **Dorothy Amaleck Ngajilo**, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) · **Maria Paola Lia**, Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP) · **Lilian Corra**, International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE) · **David Azoulay**, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)

10:30–11:00 — *Coffee break* · **Poster exhibition**

11:00–12:30 · AUDITORIUM

When States Step Back: Reimagining International Solidarity

MODERATION **Alessandra Tisi**, Medicus Mundi International (MMI)

SPEAKERS **Serge Breysse**, Solthis · **Lauren Paremoer**, People's Health Movement · **Baba Aye**, Public Services International (PSI) · **Ogochukwu Udenigwe**, Global Young Academy

11:00–13:00 · B1-06

Strengthening Synergies with Health Product Development Partners in Geneva

MODERATION **Magali Bischof**, BioAlps · **Jessica Perez**, Geneva Health Forum and Health Product Lab

SPEAKERS **Delphine Bachmann**, State of Geneva · **Alexandre Epalle**, Cantonal Office for Economy and Innovation (OCEI), State of Geneva · **Emmanuel de Watteville**, Geneva Foundation for Technological Innovation (Fongit) · **Viviana Muñoz Téllez**, South Centre · **Patricia Crousaz Pantet**, Cantonal Office for Economy and Innovation (OCEI), State of Geneva

12:30–14:00 — *Lunch* · **Poster exhibition**

13:30–14:30 and 15:00–17:30 · AUDITORIUM

Strengthening Evidence-Informed and Participatory Policy-Making for Better Health PARTS 1 AND 2

MASTERS OF CEREMONY **Tunga Namjilsuren**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Nada Osseiran**, World Health Organization (WHO)

SPEAKERS **Razia Pendse**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Erika Placella**, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) · **Antoine Geissbuhler**, University of Geneva · **Wahid Majrooh**, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) · **Anne-Claire Amprou**, France · **Alanna Galati**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Elisa Scolaro**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Aku Kwamie**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Amirhossein Takian**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Caroline Perrin**, Geneva Digital Health Hub · **Awa Babington-Ashaye**, Geneva Digital Health Hub · **Nathalie Roebbel**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Philippe Chamaret**, Eco-Citizen Institute for Knowledge on Pollution (Institut Écocitoyen) · **Sophie Gumy**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Monika Kosinska**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Bernard Rachet**, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine · **Supriyaa Bezbaruah**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Louise Agersnap**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Jörn Erbguth**, Geneva Macro Labs · **Marianne Schörling**, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA) · **Emmanuelle Tuerlings**, World Health Organization (WHO), Science Division

14:00–16:00 · B1-06

Universities as Partners in International Cooperation: Building Fairer Partnerships

MODERATION **Bruno Lab**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

SPEAKERS **Ebru Canan-Sokullu**, UNITAR · **Elena Delgiorgio**, 4EU+ Alliance · **Michaela Dorcikova**, UNITAR

ROUND TABLES **Catherine Dixon**, University of Geneva · **Florence Adnet Cavaillé**, Independent · **Stephanie Mvodo**, University of Buea · **Manon Ollagnon**, Hôpital du Valais, Sion · **Fabrizio Tediosi**, University of Milan · **Nicole Niederberger**, Médecins du Monde Switzerland

14:30–15:00	*Coffee break* · **Poster exhibition** *(Auditorium)*
16:00	*Coffee break (Room B1-06)*
16:00–17:30 B1-06	**Access to Health as a Human Right: From Geneva's Human Rights Mechanisms to Realisation on the Ground** **MODERATION** **Francesco Branca**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva **SPEAKERS** **Dr Mariângela Batista Galvão Simão**, OHCHR – Special Procedures · **Prof. Joo-Young Lee**, Seoul National University · **Alessandro Cassini**, Canton of Geneva · **Minerva Rivas**, HES Geneva School of Health Sciences (HEdS Genève) · **Alicia Ely Yamin**, Harvard University · **Sergei Soares**, International Labour Organization (ILO) · **H.E. Mr Marcos Gómez Martínez**, Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva · **Felix Kirchmeier**, Geneva Human Rights Platform
17:30–18:30	*Cocktail organised by WHO*

Wednesday 11 November

Mobilizing Governance, Society and Markets for Health; Addressing Environmental and Structural Determinants of Health

09:00–10:30 and 11:00–12:30 · AUDITORIUM

Economics of Health for All: A Contribution from the Field PARTS 1 AND 2

MODERATION **Bruno Meessen**, World Health Organization (WHO)

SPEAKERS **Raymond Hutubessy**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Thomas Bastien**, Association pour la santé publique du Québec (ASPQ) · **Luc Lebon**, Unisanté, University of Lausanne · **Outi Kuivasniemi**, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health · **Rosie Tasker**, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) · **Alessandro Cassini**, Canton of Geneva

ROUND TABLES **Nadya Wells**, Global Health Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID) · **Tida Saidy**, Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID) · **Liz Arnanz**, NCD Alliance · **Alison Cox**, NCD Alliance · **Joëlle Khoury Auert**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Salvador Camacho**, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH) · **Elsa Gaillard**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva · **Sara Botero Mesa**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva

09:00–10:30 · B1-06

Mental Health as a Shared Responsibility: From Evidence to Collective Action

MODERATION **Isabelle d'Orta**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

SPEAKERS **Ariel Eytan**, Independent expert · **Jean Bosco Niyonzima**, Ubuntu Center for Peace (Rwanda) · **Antonella Davanzo Baros**, Fundación MIDAP (Chile) · **Carlotta Ludovica Passerini**, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) · **Lourdes Carrasco Colom**, Terre des hommes

10:30–11:00 — *Coffee break* · **Poster exhibition**

11:00–13:00 · B1-06

Health and Migration in the New Global Health Architecture: Recognizing Migration as a Determinant of Health

MODERATION **Khaled Ismail**, Charles University

SPEAKERS **Santino Severoni**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Poonam Dhavan**, International Organization for Migration (IOM) · **Mario Fontan**, Ministry of Health, Spain · **Julia Brandenberger**, Inselspital, University Hospital Bern · **Yves Jackson**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) · **Dorien Braam**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Annalee Coakley**, University of Calgary · **Daniel Mic**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Jessica Fragnière**, ActLab

12:30–14:00 — *Lunch* · **Poster exhibition**

14:00–15:30 · AUDITORIUM

Accelerating Systemic Nutrition Integration: From WHA 2025 to the Post-2030 Agenda

MODERATION **Francesco Branca**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva

SPEAKERS **Joanne Raisin**, SUN Movement Secretariat · **Luz de Regil**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Fernando Cabezas**, Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva · **Catia Pedro**, GAIN · **Terry Theuri**, UNHCR · **Barbara Rehbinder**, SUN Civil Society Network Secretariat · **Mathews Mhruru**, National Food and Nutrition Commission, Zambia · **Dr Gellila Mengistu**, Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva · **Vincent Conus**, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

14:00–15:30 · B1-06

Primary Health Centers: Key Players in Health Promotion

MODERATION **Yves Jackson**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

SPEAKERS **Valérie D'Acremont**, University of Lausanne (Unisanté) · **Thibaut Janier**, Le Jardin – Centre de santé communautaire et planétaire (France) · **Nadia Sita Yameogo**, Enfants du Monde (Burkina Faso)

15:30–16:00 — *Coffee break* · **Poster exhibition**

16:00–17:30 · AUDITORIUM

Cities Matter in One Health: From Lyon to Geneva

MODERATION **Anh Thu Duong**, Geneva Cities Hub

SPEAKERS **Rafael Ruiz de Castañeda**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva · **Taraneh Shojaei**, World Health Organization (WHO), One Health Initiative · **Grégory Doucet**, City of Lyon · **Christina Kitsos**, City of Geneva · **Miguel Chollet**, University of Geneva · **Fithriyyah Iskandar**, Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP (CYMG) · **Henri Monceau**, International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF)

16:00–17:30 B1-06

Vital Data Initiative: Food Security, Nutrition & Related Health Information Ecosystem: What Needs to Be Protected, Prioritized or Reformed?

MODERATION **Roos Verstraeten**, European Commission Joint Research Centre

SPEAKERS **Richard Kumapley**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Martin N. Njoroge**, IMPACT Initiatives · **Judith Emilia Leite Mussacula Faria**, Government of Mozambique · **Abdihakim Ainte**, Government of Somalia · **Dr Sãozinha Paula Agostinho**, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mozambique in Geneva · **Katie Rickard**, IMPACT Initiatives · **Simon Winter**, Rockefeller Foundation Catalytic Capital · **Alessandra Roversi**, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

17:30–18:30 *Cocktail*

18:00–19:30

GHF Academy PRIVATE EVENT · BY INVITATION

MODERATION **Sara Botero Mesa**, Geneva Health Forum · **Elena Delgiorgio**, 4EU+ Alliance

SPEAKERS **Cecilia Capello**, Centro Studi Management Sanitario (CESIM) · **Valérie D'Acremont**, University of Lausanne · **Yasmine El Addouli**, KIT · **Alessandra Falchi**, University of Corsica Pascal Paoli · **Motasem Hamdan**, Faculty of Public Health, Al-Quds University · **Khaled Ismail**, Charles University · **Ping Lei**, Fudan University, School of Public Health · **Stephanie Mvodo**, University of Buea · **Bernard Rachet**, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine · **Fabrizio Tediosi**, University of Milan · **Isotta Triulzi**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva

18:30–20:00 B1-06

Leveraging Human Rights for a Healthy Environment: Dialogues around Pülö: Bloodstream of the Kirike SATELLITE EVENT

MODERATION **Stéphanie Dagron**, University of Geneva

SPEAKERS **Nicolas Ray**, University of Geneva · **Christina Ifubaraboye**, Imbuu (Nigeria) · **Rajat Khosla**, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (hosted by WHO) · **Laurence Boisson de Chazournes**, Geneva Graduate Institute · **Maria Paola Lia**, Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)

Thursday 12 November

Rethinking Cooperation in Practice: Protection, Preparedness & What Works; Sustaining and Rebuilding Health Services in Crisis

09:00–10:30 and 11:00–12:30
AUDITORIUM

Who Keeps It Running? Continuity of Care in Crisis Settings PARTS 1 AND 2

MODERATION **Elise Baudot Queguiner**, ICVA

SPEAKERS **Avril Patterson**, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) · **Eric J. Nelson, MD, PhD**, University of Florida · **Maryna Braga**, Act for Health, Swiss-Ukrainian Project · **Kevin P.Q. Phelan, MSc**, ALIMA · **Reem Miqdadi**, Al-Quds University, Faculty of Public Health · **Han'a Al-Rabadi**, Al-Quds University & World Vision Jerusalem–West Bank · **Rik Peeperkorn**, World Health Organization (WHO) · **Erika Placella**, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

ROUND TABLES **Chantal Autotte Bouchard**, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) · **Carlotta Ludovica Passerini**, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) · **Maisoon Elbukhari Ibrahim**, Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Studies · **Matt Cleary**, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) · **Marcia Vargas Padilla**, Independent · **Martin N. Njoroge**, IMPACT Initiatives

10:30–11:00 — *Coffee break* · **Poster exhibition**

11:00–13:00
B1-06

From Dialogue to Operational Pathways for Reconstructive Surgery and Rehabilitation in Gaza

MODERATION **Pierre Quinodoz**, 2nd Chance

SPEAKERS **Eric Comte**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva · **Motasem Hamdan**, Faculty of Public Health, Al-Quds University · **Maha O. A. Rafee**, Gaza · **Mahmoud Abuward**, Gaza · **Maurits Bogaards**, Gaza Complicated Gallstone Disease project · **Sara Botero Mesa**, Geneva Health Forum · **Isotta Triulzi**, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva; Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna

12:30–14:00 — *Lunch* · **Poster exhibition**

14:00–15:30
AUDITORIUM

Protecting Health Care from Attacks: From Frontline Experience to Action

MODERATION **Dr Dalia Samhouri**, World Health Organization (WHO)

SPEAKERS **Catherine Savoy**, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) · **Duncan McLean**, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) · **Hortense Devalière**, Médecins du Monde (MdM) · **Pradeep Wagle**, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) · **Hector Sharp**, Legal Action Worldwide (LAW) · **Robert Mardini**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

14:00–15:30
B1-06

Epidemics in Conflict Settings: From Increased Risks to Effective Response

MODERATION **Jonathan Polonsky**, Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Studies, University of Geneva; Epicentre, MSF

SPEAKERS **Jean Nicolas Armstrong Dangelser**, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) · **Chantal Autotte Bouchard**, Première Urgence Internationale (PUI) · **Rodrigue Alitanou**, ALIMA · **Jérôme Pfaffman**, UNICEF · **Flavio Salio**, World Health Organization (WHO)

15:30–16:00 — *Coffee break* · **Poster exhibition**

16:00–18:00
AUDITORIUM

Closing Ceremony

MASTERS OF CEREMONY **Sophia Achab**, University of Geneva · **Prof. Alexandra Calmy**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG), University of Geneva

SPEAKERS **Guy Maurer-Cecchini**, Foundation Anne Maurer-Cecchini · **Prof. François Chappuis**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) · **Prof. Emmanuel Bottieau**, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp · **Flore Sinturel**, Fondation privée des HUG · **Beatriz Coutinho Dias de Oliveira**, University of São Paulo, Bauru Medical School · **Shiva Rezaeifar**, University of Liège, Faculty of Law, Political Science and Criminology · **Jamil Zaghir**, University of Geneva, School of Life Sciences · **Robert Mardini**, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) · **Amb. Julien Thöni**, Permanent Mission of Switzerland

18:00–19:00 — *Closing cocktail*

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