



Geneva Health Forum



2024 GHF Conference May 27-29 Health, a Common Good!



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About the Geneva Health Forum

Established in 2006 by the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG) and the University of Geneva (UNIGE), the **Geneva Health Forum (GHF)** is a Swiss not-for-profit initiative that brings together a diverse range of stakeholders to discuss and address global health challenges. It serves as a neutral platform for dialogue and collaboration among policymakers, representatives from academia, civil society, and the private sector.

Its core mission is to facilitate a constructive dialogue among these global health actors, which, in turn, contributes to the improvement of health policies and access to care worldwide.

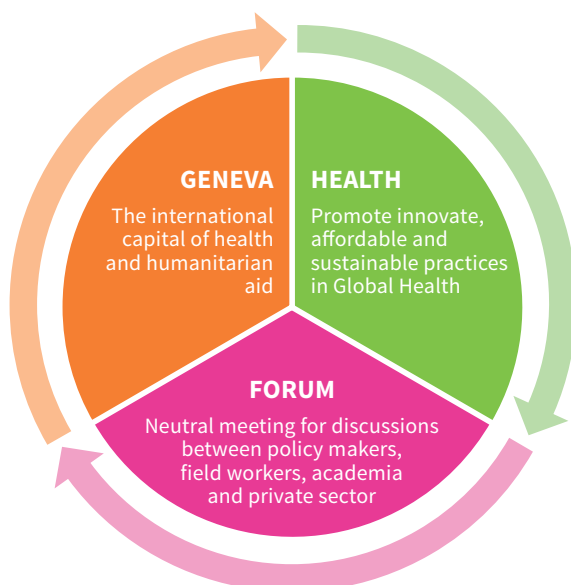
Four thematic areas

- 1 Environmental health, planetary health, and One Health
- 2 Digital health
- 3 Health as a common good – access to care, notably in regions with limited resources
- 4 Global health in fragile contexts (such as humanitarian, development and peacebuilding settings)



Three main objectives

- 1 Giving increased visibility to innovative actors in the field of global health.
- 2 Facilitating networking, the exchange of experiences, and collaboration within the Geneva Health Hub and beyond.
- 3 Promoting the development of cross-cutting solutions and facilitating the launch of new initiatives.



Geneva, the international capital for global health

Geneva is recognized today as the international capital of health. Not only does it provide the seat of the World Health Organization (WHO), but the city and canton host more than 300 governmental and non-governmental organizations active in the public health sector.

Each year in May, **the World Health Assembly (WHA)** brings together the health ministers of the 194 member states to discuss and make decisions on various aspects of global health policy, including setting priorities, adopting resolutions, and approving budgets. The WHA addresses a wide range of global health issues, including infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, health systems strengthening, emergency response, and access to healthcare.



The Geneva Health Forum, A fundamental gathering for global health

With strong collaborations established alongside key pillars of the International Community in Geneva, the Geneva Health Forum supports the vision of

**“a world where health is a human right and
access to health a reality for every human being”**

The GHF conference takes place alongside the World Health Assembly (May 27–29, 2024). As the WHA convenes a political audience, the annual **GHF Conference** brings together the perspectives of scientists and field actors on the main challenges and opportunities for global health. The conference provides a neutral space for participants to exchange ideas, showcase research findings, discuss best practices, and engage in policy debates. It also aims to promote innovative approaches and solutions that improve health and access to health care globally, with a particular focus on low- and middle-income countries.



Geneva Health Forum 2022

The Geneva Health Forum 2022 was organized in collaboration with the most prominent international organizations present in Geneva.

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

2'000 Participants

217 Contributions from 48 countries

111 Posters presented

102 Innovations showcased
at the Global Health Lab



66 Sessions

5 Awards

4 Interactive meetings ("Hackatons")

4 Photo Exhibitions

1 Citizen Festival



The 2024 Conference

offers a comprehensive and dynamic platform featuring

Programme Symposium: A scientific event co-organized by GHF in collaboration with the Conference's program committee. These symposia, held in the Main Auditorium, are designed around the central theme of the day and make up the Official Program.

Satellite symposium: Independent educational event planned and implemented by an external organization. It provides a platform for experts to present and discuss research, advancements, or clinical cases, complementing the main congress's content and offering a deeper dive into a particular subject.

Current challenges: A scientific event co-organized by the GHF in collaboration with the conference program committee. These sessions address specific issues that are discussed in the World Health Assembly agenda.

Presentations: These sessions present field experiences (Project or Research) selected following a call for abstracts that will take place from October to December 2023.

Posters: Scientific posters present a wider range of projects and research. The posters are selected following a call for abstracts that will

take place from October to December 2023. The posters will be presented in electronic format both on site and online to increase their impact.

Jet d'Or: The Jets d'Or are awarded to personalities from academic and scientific circles to reward contributions made to research.

Closing ceremony: the closing ceremony is a special event that celebrates the key moments of the conference, including the highly anticipated Award Ceremony.

Science Speed Talks: The Science Speed Talks organized by the "Swiss School of Public Health +" allows PhD students to present their research subject in an attractive way to the GHF audience in just 3 minutes. The public votes to elect the best presentation.

Art Exhibition: As an integral part of the conference experience, the Great Hall of Campus Biotech will host an inspiring Art Exhibition. This exhibition will feature powerful interpretations of our conference themes, crafted by globally acclaimed artists.

Geneva Health Forum Audience

The Geneva Health Forum brings together a multisectoral and global audience including high level representatives from the following sectors:

- Premier Academic Institutions
- International Organizations and Public-Private Partnerships
- Permanent Missions to the UN
- Field Actors
- Public Institutions
- Hospitals
- Associations, Foundations and NGOs
- Leading multinational companies
- Innovative startups
- Global Health Media



Why partner with the GHF Conference?

- 1** Elevate your **presence in International Geneva**: Strengthen your influence and visibility on the global stage.
- 2** Organize **Engaging Activities** within GHF: Design and host tailored events, workshops, or sessions to showcase your organization's expertise.
- 3** **Explore solutions** and collectively develop concrete recommendations to address the most pressing issues shaping global health.
- 4** Advance your most challenging and **innovative projects**.
- 5** **Stay Informed** about the latest global health news, trends, and emerging issues.
- 6** Forge **meaningful connections** with a diverse community of researchers, institutions and field actors from around the world, opening doors to new opportunities and collaborations.



GHF 2024 Driving Theme

Health, a common good!

Universal healthcare coverage is a top priority for the World Health Organization (WHO). The global rise in health disparities highlights the limitations of relying solely on market mechanisms for healthcare access. To address this, WHO promotes the concept of “common goods for health,” which includes collective financing for population-based interventions, whether by governments or donors. Expanding beyond healthcare, viewing health as a common good urges us to consider not only healthcare access but also community engagement and the broader social and environmental determinants of health.



With this perspective in mind, the GHF Conference will explore **three crucial domains**:

1 **Health and the Environment – Time for Solutions:**

The COVID-19 pandemic and climate change have highlighted the interconnection between health and the environment. Environmental degradation directly contributes to diseases and fatalities, while climate change poses agricultural and humanitarian challenges. Human interference with ecosystems leads to epidemics and antibiotic resistance, disproportionately affecting impoverished regions and contributing to environmental degradation. The healthcare system itself plays a role in environmental degradation. The GHF aims to amplify the voices of those working on solutions to these challenges.

The World Health Assembly plans to evaluate the WHO Global Action Plan on promoting the health of refugees and migrants.

3 **Towards the Elimination of Malaria:**

Progress in developing a malaria vaccine has sparked hope in combating this deadly disease, which claims over 600,000 lives annually. Eliminating malaria requires various approaches, including improved access to treatment, preventive measures for pregnant women and children, innovative mosquito net technologies, and the use of novel strategies like the bacterium *Delftia tsuruhatensis*. The GHF will provide a platform for those implementing these strategies.

2 **Migration – Health and Equity:**

Achieving universal health coverage necessitates providing care for the 281 million international migrants. Migrants, often vulnerable, face obstacles like legal status issues, language barriers, financial constraints, and inadequate healthcare policies. Their high morbidity and mortality rates constitute a global health crisis.

In summary, health as a common good underscores the importance of collective action and holistic approaches to address healthcare disparities, migrant health, malaria eradication, and the intricate relationship between health and the environment. The Geneva Health Forum serves as a platform to foster dialogue and action in these critical areas.

Conference 2024 Format

MONDAY, 27 MAY

	Health and Environment	Satellite Symposia	Current Challenges
9:00-10:30	Symposium 1-1		Challenge 1-1
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	Satellite Symposia 1-1	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Symposium 1-2		Challenge 1-2
12:30-14:00	Lunch break		Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Symposium 1-3		Challenge 1-3
15:30-16:30	Coffee break	Satellite Symposia 1-2	Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Presentation 1		Challenge 1-4
17:30-18:00	Break		
18:00-20:00	Public event 1		

Conference 2024 Format

TUESDAY, 28 MAY			
	Migration, Health and Equity	Satellite Symposia	Current Challenges
9:00-10:30	Symposium 2-1		Challenge 2-1
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	Satellite Symposia 2-1	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Symposium 2-2		Challenge 2-2
12:30-14:00	Lunch break		Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Symposium 2-3	Satellite Symposia 2-2	Challenge 2-3
15:30-16:30	Coffee break		Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Presentation 2		Challenge 2-4
17:30-18:00	Break		
18:00-20:00	Public event 2		

Conference 2024 Format

WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY

	Toward elimination of malaria	Satellite Symposia	Current Challenges <i>Digital Health</i>
9:00-10:30	Symposium 3-1		Challenge 3-1
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	Satellite Symposia 3-1	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Symposium 3-2		Challenge 2-2
12:30-14:00	Lunch break		Lunch break
14:00-15:30	Symposium 3-3	Satellite Symposia 3-2	Challenge 3-3
15:30-16:30	Coffee break		Coffee break
16:00-17:30	Presentation 3		Challenge 3-4
17:30-18:00	Break		
18:00-20:00	Closing Ceremony		



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KEY DATES

October 1, 2023:
Abstract Submission opens

January 15, 2024:
Abstract Submission closes

February 15, 2024:
Final Programme

March 1, 2024:
Registration opens

May 27–29, 2024:
GHF Conference



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