



WHS News

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Power, Partnerships, and the Future of Global Health

From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health
Side Event at the 79th World Health Assembly



During the 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva, the World Health Summit brought together leaders and experts from government, multilateral institutions, civil society, academia, and the private sector to explore how innovation can strengthen health systems and resilience. Under this year's leitmotif, "From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health," the side event focused on rethinking the global health architecture, partnerships, and financing models to build more adaptive and equitable systems for the future.

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WHS Perspectives | Commentary by Prof. Ilona Kickbusch It's about power – not architecture



Global health reform is often discussed in technical terms, but WHS Council Co-Chair Prof. Ilona Kickbusch argues that the real issue is power. She explains why reform efforts will fall short unless they confront the geopolitical and economic interests that shape priorities, control financing, and define evidence.

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79th World Health Assembly | Devex Partnership Without a Playbook

In conversation with WHS media partner Devex at the 79th World Health Assembly, Carsten Schicker, CEO of the World Health Summit, reflects on the future of global health cooperation, the shift from aid to investment, and why Europe must rethink its partnership with Africa. Drawing on insights from the WHS Regional Meeting in Nairobi, he discusses how trust, leadership, and new financing models can help build more resilient and equitable health systems.



WHS 2026

Opportunity to Host a Side Meeting Free of Charge for Civil Society Organizations and Youth Groups

Are you part of a civil society organization or youth group working on global health? The World Health Summit offers the opportunity to host one of three official side meetings free of charge at WHS 2026 in Berlin, including 15 complimentary registrations. Selected organizations can bring their topic into focused discussion, shape their own session concept, and engage with international stakeholders from across the global health community.

Applications open on **June 5, 2026** and close on **June 30, 2026**.
The application form will be available once applications open.

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News from the WHS Academic Alliance | Webinar Multilateral Health Diplomacy vs. Nationalist Agendas



The WHS Academic Alliance Working Group on Health Science and Diplomacy co-hosted its inaugural webinar at the American University of Beirut's Global Health Institute. The session explored

how competing political priorities shape global health governance and security, and identified opportunities to strengthen collaboration, coordination, and policy alignment. H.E. Amb. Luís Almeida Sampaio, Prof. Ilona Kickbusch, and Dr. Shadi Saleh offered complementary perspectives on the intersection of diplomacy, power, and health, emphasizing the need to reimagine global cooperation, renew multilateral engagement, and adapt governance to emerging geopolitical realities.

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From Fragmentation to Coherence: Partnering for Pandemic Resilience



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