



GLOBAL FORUM OF WHO COLLABORATING CENTRES

Collaborating for a Healthier Future

7 – 9 April 2026

Venue: Village Implid – Matmut Stadium & WHO Academy, Lyon, France

Format: Hybrid (in-person and virtual)

Language: English

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Forum Overview

The Global Forum brings together **WHO Collaborating Centres (CCs)**, **WHO leadership**, **Member States and partners** to strengthen collaboration, align priorities, and shape the future role of WHO Collaborating Centres in advancing global health in line with WHO Global Programme of Work (GPW14).

Day 1 – Tuesday, 7 April 2026

14:00 – 16:00	Registration
17:30 – 18:00	One Health Summit Closing Session and High-Level Opening of the WHO CC Forum (broadcast live from Palais des Congres, Lyon) WHO Director-General, UNESCO Director-General, President of the Republic of Indonesia, President of France.
18:00 – 19:00	Understanding and countering mis- and disinformation in Science CC Directors, WHO focal points
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome Reception WHO Director-General, High-level representative, French Government

Day 2 – Wednesday, 8 April 2026

09:00 – 09:20	High-level Welcome Address - Opportunities and Challenges in Global Health WHO Director General, Ministers of Health
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09:20-10:30	WHOCCs in evolving global health architecture Panel 1: WHO Regional Directors, Directors of Collaborating Centres Panel 2: WHO Assistant Director Generals (ADG), CC Directors
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	WHOCCs’ contributions to WHO Global Programme of Work (GPW14) WHO Chief Scientist, Chairs of CC networks, Regional reflections
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	WHO Collaborating Centre Marketplace and Poster Session CC representatives, CC network chairs, WHO staff
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30-17:00	Designing a stronger and more coordinated WHO CC community Participatory session (group work)
17:00-17:15	Regional reflections

Day 3 – Thursday, 9 April 2026

09:00 – 09:15	Opening of Day 3
09:15 – 12:30	Foresight session - Together for Science Participatory session
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	From global directions to regional impact Breakout sessions by regions with Regional Office representatives
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 17:40	Charting the way forward (closing session) WHO Director-General with WHO senior leadership and selected CC representatives