

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
15:30 – 16:30	Welcome tea and coffee break
16:45 – 17:00	Access of participants to the plenary room
17:00 – 17:30	Welcome and agenda overview Moderator
17:30 – 18:00	One Health Summit Closing Session and High-Level Opening of the WHO CC Forum (broadcast live from Palais des Congrès, 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

08:00 – 08:45	Arrival and check in of participants
08:45 – 09:30	High-level Welcome Address - Opportunities and Challenges in Global Health WHO Director-General, Ministers of Health
09:30-11:00	WHOCs in evolving global health architecture Panel 1: WHO Regional Directors, CC Directors Panel 2: WHO Assistant Director Generals, CC Directors
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	WHO CCs' contributions to WHO Global Programme of Work (GPW14) WHO Chief Scientist, Chairs of CC networks, Regional reflections
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	WHO CC Marketplace and Poster Session CC representatives, CC network chairs, WHO staff (<i>incl. coffee break</i>)
15:30-17:00	Designing a stronger and more coordinated WHO CC community Participatory session
17:00-17:15	Regional and WHO CC reflections

Day 3 – Thursday, 9 April 2026

08:00 – 08:45	Arrival and check in of participants
08:45 – 09:25	Opening of Day 3 – Reflections on day 2 Assistant Director-General, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and Care
09:25 – 10:15	Foresight session - Together for Science (part 1) WHO Chief Scientist; Keynote speaker: Quarraisha Abdool Karim
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:45	Foresight session - Together for Science (part 2)
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>

14:00 – 16:00 **From global directions to regional impact**
Breakout sessions by regions with Regional Office representatives

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30 – 18:00 **Charting the way forward**
WHO Chief Scientist, WHO Director-General

All times in Central European Time – CET