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# Scaling up STI responses: New WHO guidelines and gonorrhoea AMR surveillance in focus

Session at the STI & HIV 2025 World Congress in Montreal

**Organizer:** Dr Ismaïl Maatouk, World Health Organization

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, 30 July 2025, 07:30–08:30 (EST)

**Venue:** room 510 A

## Background

This session will present key STI-related updates from the World Health Organization (WHO), with a focus on advancing STIs services in vulnerable and resource-limited settings. It will cover the launch of two major guidelines: (1) [Management of asymptomatic STIs](#) and (2) [Delivery of health services for STI prevention and care](#), which introduce actionable clinical and programmatic recommendations with global applicability.

In addition, the session will spotlight progress from [WHO's Enhanced Gonococcal Antimicrobial Surveillance Programme \(EGASP\)](#), including the real-world and upcoming 2025 rollout country experiences from Malawi and Brazil, respectively.

Participants will gain insights into how global guidelines and surveillance translate into concrete action, particularly in the context of health systems under strain and growing STI burden.

## Agenda

Time	Session and speakers
15 min	<b>What's new in WHO in STIs in time of crisis?</b> <b>New WHO guidelines: Asymptomatic STIs and Service delivery</b> Ismaël Maatouk (Medical Officer, STIs cross-cutting, WHO)
15 min	<b>WHO EGASP and new gonorrhoea treatments in the pipeline</b> Magnus Unemo (Director, WHO Collaborating center, STIs and AMR, Sweden)
10 min	<b>WHO EGASP in Malawi</b> Mitch Matoga (EGASP Coordinator, Malawi)
10 min	<b>WHO EGASP in Brazil</b> Maria Luiza Bazzo (EGASP Coordinator, Brazil)
10 min	<b>Questions &amp; answers and conclusions</b> Ismaël Maatouk (WHO)

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