



**WHO Headquarters Infection Prevention and Control
Global warm-up webinar
for
World Hand Hygiene Day, 5 May 2026**

***Action saves lives!
Are you ready to plan and act?***

Please join us:

13 April 2026, 13:00-14:00 CET

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This is a warm-up webinar for World Hand Hygiene Day, 5 May 2026 and for achieving the WHO IPC global monitoring framework for infection prevention and control (IPC).



INTRODUCTION:

Each year WHO's World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD) aims to maintain a global profile on the importance of hand hygiene and IPC in health care and to 'bring people together' in support of improvement globally. In this 18th year of the campaign day, WHO calls on all those providing and supporting health care to refresh their plans and actions on hand hygiene and IPC to ensure patient and health worker safety.

OBJECTIVES:

- To outline the importance of promoting **inclusion of hand hygiene** within action plans and standard operating procedures (SOPs), according to the recommendations of the WHO Global action plan and monitoring framework indicators and targets to be achieved incrementally by 2030. This includes an advocacy and communications strategy and implementation plan, supported by WHHD activities.
- To highlight **the role of experts/champions** in supporting hand hygiene and IPC promotion.
- To promote **one of the WHO indicators** which is - hand hygiene compliance monitoring and feedback, to be established as a key national indicator, at the very least in all reference hospitals by 2026 and tools that might support this.
- To explore the **actions and resources linked with World Hand Hygiene Day 2026** to help plan your approach.

DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker
13.00	Opening and introduction	Mandy Deeves, WHO HQ
13.05	A recap on the WHO global action plan and monitoring framework indicators and targets as outlined in the WHO practical guide to implementation	Julie Storr, WHO HQ
13.15	Creating your plan for advocacy and communications, including promoting WHHD and enhancing the role of experts and champions	Claire Kilpatrick, WHO HQ
13.30	How advocacy plans have supported both World Hand Hygiene Day, hand hygiene improvement and IPC progress	Bobson Derrick Fofanah, WHO Sierra Leone
13.40	The countdown is on – how you can act to save lives and be part of WHHD	Claire Kilpatrick, WHO HQ
13.50	IPC progress in the context of the global patient safety action plan and quality agenda	Blerta Maliqi, WHO HQ
13.55	Closing summary	Paul Rogers, WHO HQ