

WHO Global oral health meeting – Tentative daily programme
26–29 November 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

Tentative programme Day 1 – Tuesday 26 November 2024	
09:00–09:45	Opening ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction • Opening remarks by WHO Director-General/Regional Director WHO SEARO/Ministry of Public Health Thailand and other speakers (TBC) • Dance performance
09:45–10:30	Setting the scene – Global context and meeting objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Health for All – Pathways from PHC to UHC • Global context: The preparatory process towards the 4th UNHLM General Assembly on the Prevention and control of NCDs • Programme overview and expected key outcomes (including Bangkok Declaration)
10:30–11:00	Group photo and healthy break
11:00–11:30	Driving change: Governance, leadership and finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do we stand? Global reality check on targets • Policy and political leadership: Case studies from Malta and St Lucia • Connecting the dots: Integrating policies for impact
11:30–12:00	Country perspectives on governance, leadership and finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated panel discussion: Country perspectives from Kenya, Malaysia, Morocco and Vanuatu • Plenary questions and contributions
12:00–13:30	Lunch break
13:30–16:30	Regional country workshop 1 Six breakout rooms (one per WHO region) – see separate tentative programme (for Member State delegates only)
16:30–17:00	Healthy break
17:00–18:00	Side events (6 parallel sessions) See separate schedule
19:00–21:00	Thai dinner reception for all delegates

Note:

Interpretation in all six WHO languages will be available during the morning sessions on all days.

An AI interpretation service will be available for all afternoon sessions and side-events – requires a smartphone or tablet to access.

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Tentative programme Day 2 – Wednesday 27 November 2024	
09:00–09:15	Welcome and summary of Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and summary of Day 1 Overview of agenda for the day
09:15–09:30	Driving change: Promoting oral health and preventing oral disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do we stand? Global reality check on targets Tackling the commercial drivers of NCDs – WHO EURO Special Adviser Gauden Galea Leveraging upstream interventions for promotion and prevention
09:30–09:50	Preventing NCDs and risk factors: cross-sector approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal measures and health taxes - Thai Health Promotion Foundation experience Integrated setting-based oral health promotion – Fit for School, Philippines Improving fluoride delivery – Canadian perspectives
09:50–10:30	Challenges and opportunities of integrated promotion and prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated panel discussion including country perspectives Madagascar, other Member States (TBC) Plenary questions and contributions
10:30–11:00	Healthy break
11:00–11:30	Driving change: Oral health, primary health care and UHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do we stand? Global reality check on targets Oral health and primary health care: Essential considerations for achieving UHC Thailand's approach to UHC for oral health Evidence-update on mercury-free interventions
11:30–12:00	Country perspectives on integrating oral health, primary health care and UHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated panel discussion with country perspectives from Indonesia/France/Brazil/ Tanzania Plenary questions and contributions
12:00–13:30	Lunch Break
13:30–16:30	Regional country workshop 2 Six breakout rooms (one per WHO region) – see separate tentative programme (for Member State delegates only)
16:30–17:00	Health break
17:00–18:00	Side events (6 parallel sessions) See separate schedule

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Tentative programme Day 3 – Thursday 28 November 2024	
09:00–09:05	Welcome and summary of Day 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and summary of Day 2 • Overview of agenda for the day
09:05–09:35	Driving change: Health workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do we stand? Global reality check on targets • Global health workforce: Gaps and solutions – WHO Director James Campbell • Oral health workforce: Rethinking the dentist-centric model • Primary health care workforce to deliver essential oral health care
09:35–10:00	Panel 1 – Experiences from education and training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated panel discussion with country perspectives from Malawi, Barbados and other countries; European Dental Education Association • Plenary questions and contributions
10:00–10:30	Panel 2 – Experiences with innovating workforce models <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated panel discussion with country perspectives from Cook Islands, Zambia, and other countries and International Federation Dental Hygienists • Plenary questions and contributions
10:30–11:00	Healthy break
11:00–11:30	Driving change: Evidence-informed decisions – health information systems, surveillance and research agendas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do we stand? Global reality check on targets • Data-driven decision-making – ADG Samira Asma • Tracking progress: Monitoring national oral health policies and roadmaps • The future of the oral health surveillance – new realities and perspectives • Health research driving change: Cost-effective interventions priority setting for oral health research – experience from Peru
11:30–12:00	Driving change: Oral health care’s responsibility for planetary health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do we stand? Global reality check on targets • Building climate resilient health systems – WHO Director Maria Neira • The triple planetary crisis – United Nations Environmental Programme • NCDs and climate change – The Pacific Community • Towards phasing-down the use of dental amalgam – Senegal experience • Plenary questions and contributions
12:00–13:30	Lunch break
13:30–16:30	Regional country Workshop 3 Six breakout rooms (one per WHO region) – see separate tentative programme (for member state delegates only)
16:30–17:00	Healthy break
17:00–18:00	Side events (6 parallel sessions) See separate schedule

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High-level segment: Tentative programme Day 4 – Friday 29 November 2024	
09:00–09:05	Welcome and introduction to high-level segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks • Introduction to agenda of Day 4
09:05–09:15	Summary of proceedings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-level summary and key recommendations – Dymphna Kavanagh, Ireland
09:15–09:25	Keynote address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saia Ma'u Piukala, Regional Director, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office
09:25–10:25	From Bangkok to New York: Elevating oral health in countries and for the 4th UN High-level Meeting on NCDs 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the Bangkok Declaration drive change at the 4th UN High-level Meeting on NCDs? • How will the Global Coalition on Oral Health fast-track national oral health roadmap implementation? <p>High-level panel discussion with ministers of health and education from Canada, Comoros, Egypt, France, Malaysia, Philippines, Santa Lucia, and others (TBC).</p>
10:25–10:40	Healthy break
10:40–11:40	Unlocking leadership for action: Supporting accelerated GOAHP implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of a multistakeholder platform in the implementation of the Global oral health action plan 2023–30? • What contributions can stakeholders make to strengthen implementation and advocacy? <p>High-level panel discussion including representatives of UN agencies (UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF, UNRWA), non-State actors and the private sector</p>
11:40–12:00	Closing ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding remarks – WHO ADG Jérôme Salomon • Adoption of the <i>Bangkok Declaration: Towards UHC for Oral Health by 2030</i> – Minister of Health, MOPH Thailand