

# Accelerate action together



**SAVE LIVES – Clean Your Hands**  
**World Hand Hygiene Day, 5 May 2023**



**Title** Partnership in action: accelerating improvements in hand hygiene and infection prevention and control

**Date** May 5, 2023

**Time** 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm CET

**Background** Each year, on 5 May, WHO celebrates the World Hand Hygiene Day, in the context of the WHO “SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands” campaign. The aim of this global campaign is to bring people together in support of hand hygiene in health care improvement and thus, impact positively on the quality of care and patient safety across all levels of the health system. Hand hygiene is pivotal on maintaining clean and safe provision of care. The slogan for World Hand Hygiene Day 2023, “[Accelerate action together](#)”, is focused on the idea that together, we can accelerate action to prevent infections and antimicrobial resistance in health care and build a culture of safety and quality in which hand hygiene improvement is given a high priority. This year WHO is calling on Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other partners to engage with the campaign and accelerate progress towards achieving effective hand hygiene at point of care!

**Objectives** The objectives of this global webinar are to:

- 1) Highlight the main objectives and key messages of the World Hand Hygiene Day 2023,
- 2) Understand how civil society collaborates with communities in health care to improve hand hygiene and infection prevention and control at point of care, and
- 3) Showcase civil society views and experiences on working together with health care organizations towards the common goal of minimizing the risk of infections and the development of antimicrobial resistance in health care

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**Interpretation** Working language: English. Interpretation available in Arabic, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Chinese.

## Agenda

Chairperson: Mandy Deeves, Technical officer, WHO IPC Hub

Time (CET)	Topic	Presenter(s)
2:00-2:05 pm	Housekeeping	ECHO Institute
2:05-2:10 pm	Welcome remarks / Introduction of speakers	Dr Gaudenz Silberschmidt (Director Health and Multilateral Partnerships, WHO HQ)
2:10-2:15 pm	World Hand Hygiene Day video message	Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus (WHO Director General)

<b>2:15-2:35 pm</b>	Overview of World Hand Hygiene Day 2023	Professor Didier Pittet (Senior advisor of the World Hand Hygiene Day campaign)
<b>2:35-3:20 pm</b>	Panel discussion around the importance of hand hygiene and infection prevention and control, and CSOs actions and role to accelerate change at local, national and international levels.	<p>Moderator: Dr Benedetta Allegranzi (WHO IPC Hub &amp; Task Force)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Ms Mandy Forrester (Interim Head of Midwives and Advisor - Regulation, International Confederation of Midwives)</p> <p>Ms Robinah Kaitiritimba (Executive Director, Uganda National Health Consumers' Organization)</p> <p>Mr Howard Catton (Chief Executive Officer, International Council of Nurses)</p> <p>Dr Caline Mattar (Policy expert - public health &amp; infectious diseases, World Medical Association)</p> <p>Ms Helen Hamilton (Senior Policy Analyst – Health &amp; Hygiene, WaterAid)</p>
<b>3:20-3:30 pm</b>	Closing remarks	Dr Rudi Eggers (Director, Integrated Health Services, WHO HQ)