World Health Organization

Co-Host *Eurêka* at WHO headquarters

Call for Proposals

CLOSING DATE:
1 JUNE 2026

OVERVIEW

WHO invites WHO Collaborating Centres (CCs) and selected innovation partners to co-host *Eurêka*, WHO's flagship innovation space at its Geneva headquarters, in partnership with the WHO Innovation Hub for a one-to three-month period.

This initiative aims to strengthen collaboration between WHO and its global network of institutions working in science and innovation, by creating a structured opportunity for institutions to engage directly with WHO and the broader global health community.

WHAT IS *EURÊKA*?

Eurêka is WHO's dedicated innovation space at its Geneva headquarters. It serves as a platform for exchange and collaboration, convening stakeholders across the health and innovation ecosystem to connect science, innovation, and global health practice.

Eurêka is a contemporary, purpose-built collaboration space accommodating up to 25 participants. Designed for both in-person and hybrid engagement, it is equipped with integrated digital screens and flexible furnishings to support meaningful exchange within a dynamic and inspiring environment.



HOW WILL IT WORK?

From July 2026 until December 2027, selected institutions will co-host *Eurêka* with the WHO Innovation Hub, each hosting for one to three months and leading the programme during that time.

Co-hosts will organise activities such as expert dialogues, workshops, seminars, and hybrid events, showcasing their work in science, innovation, including AI and digital health, while fostering collaboration across sectors and regions. Co-hosts may also engage directly with WHO counterparts at HQ (e.g. technical departments) and use this opportunity to develop new partnerships and joint initiatives with WHO teams and other partners.

The WHO Innovation Hub will provide access to the *Eurêka* space, including basic technical setup, and will support coordination where appropriate. The Hub may also facilitate connections with relevant WHO teams and, where appropriate, support visibility of outputs through WHO channels.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

This call for proposals is open to:

- WHO Collaborating Centres working on science and innovation, incl. AI and digital health
- Selected, vetted WHO innovation partners with demonstrated expertise in these areas

Applicants are required to meet the minimum criteria set out below:

Relevance & Focus	A clear focus on science and innovation and its role in improving public health outcomes
Collaborative Approaches	Active engagement with the broader global innovation ecosystem (including stakeholders beyond the applicant institution), leveraging innovative collaboration approaches, e.g. hybrid co-creation workshops, roundtables
Programme Delivery	A proposed set of activities, including at least one global, public-facing hybrid event (e.g. seminar, workshop) and regular engagements (e.g. weekly events)
Digital Outputs	A plan to produce digital content suitable for WHO global platforms (e.g. recordings, visual materials), including content for *Eurêka*'s internal displays.
Financial Coverage	Co-hosts are required to cover all expenses related to their participation, including travel and accommodation for team members, and event-related costs incurred during hosting (e.g. catering, materials). Co-hosts are also required to contribute *Eurêka*'s operating costs at the following rates: - USD 500/day for institutions from Least Developed Countries - USD 1000/day for all other institutions

WHAT ARE THE KEY DATES?

7 April 2026	Call for proposals opens (at Global Forum of WHO Collaborating Centres)
1 June 2026	Deadline for applications to be submitted
June 2026	Internal review panel assessment and selection; successful applicants notified; hosting calendar established
July 2026 onwards	Co-hosting begins

HOW TO APPLY?

Interested parties should review the minimum requirements outlined above to confirm their eligibility. Applicants are then invited to complete the one-page Application Form and submit it to the WHO Innovation Hub by **15 May 2026**.

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FAQs

1. WHAT IS EXPECTED OF CO-HOSTS DURING THEIR HOSTING PERIOD?

Co-hosts are expected to design and deliver a programme of activities over their assigned hosting period. This should include a mix of formats such as expert dialogues, workshops, seminars, or demonstrations, including at least one public-facing hybrid event. The scope and scale of activities can be tailored to the institution's approach and capacity, ranging from small working sessions to larger events. Co-hosts are responsible for programme design, speaker engagement, outreach and communications, and the end-to-end planning and delivery of activities, as well as covering all associated costs.

2. WHAT CAN INSTITUTIONS EXPECT FROM THEIR TIME HOSTING?

Co-hosting provides an opportunity to showcase institutional work in science, innovation, AI, and digital health within WHO and the broader global health community. Institutions may engage more closely with relevant WHO teams, enabling in-person exchange and collaboration. Co-hosting also offers opportunities to develop new partnerships and joint initiatives with WHO and other stakeholders. The WHO Innovation Hub may support this by facilitating connections, and—where appropriate—by sharing outputs through WHO platforms, including potential co-branded content.

3. WHAT SUPPORT DOES WHO PROVIDE?

The WHO Innovation Hub provides access to the *Eurêka* space, including its audiovisual and hybrid setup, and supports coordination where appropriate. The Hub may also facilitate connections with relevant WHO teams and, where relevant, support visibility of outputs through WHO channels.

4. WHAT IS THE EUREKA SPACE LIKE?

Eurêka is a modern, purpose-built collaboration space for up to 25 participants. Designed to spur new ways of working, it draws on evidence that physical environments shape behaviour; the space combines natural elements—wood surfaces, organic forms, a living moss wall, and large windows overlooking lawns and trees—to create a calm, inspiring setting.

The space comprises one main facilitation room with a large digital screen and modular furnishings that can be reconfigured (e.g. three round tables, chairs, moveable whiteboards) as well as a reception area a one desk and screen (e.g. for registering guests), three screens for visual storytelling and space for showcasing innovative technologies or tools. Standard audiovisual capabilities are available; any additional technical requirements should be arranged by the co-host.

5. DOES THE CO-HOST NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE CO-HOSTING PERIOD?

No. Physical presence can be flexible and concentrated around key activities. Co-hosts are not required to be on-site continuously, and activities may be scheduled across selected days or spread throughout their co-hosting period. However, co-hosts are responsible for covering the operating costs for the full duration of their assigned co-hosting and for providing the required human resources for managing their events.

6. WHAT DOES THE OPERATING COST CONTRIBUTION COVER?

The daily contribution supports the use and operation of the *Eurêka* space, including facilities, utilities, and basic technical setup. Co-hosts are required to cover operating costs for the full hosting period, regardless of usage. Payment is expected upon confirmation of selection.

7. CAN INSTITUTIONS INDICATE PREFERRED HOSTING MONTHS?

Yes. Applicants may indicate preferred and alternative months in their application. Final scheduling will be determined following the selection process.

8. HOW WILL PROPOSALS BE SELECTED?

Proposals will be reviewed by an internal WHO panel based on relevance, quality of the proposed programme, level and innovativeness of collaboration and engagement, and contribution to a diverse and balanced hosting calendar.

9. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER AN APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

Successful applicants will be notified and assigned a hosting period; they will receive at least 3 weeks' notice of their hosting period. A virtual preparatory meeting will be organised with the WHO Innovation Hub to discuss the proposed programme, provide guidance, and support planning for the hosting period.

10. ARE APPLICATIONS BINDING?

Yes. Applications are considered binding. Selected institutions are expected to fulfil their co-hosting responsibilities for the assigned hosting period and cover the associated operating costs.

11. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

For any questions, please contact the WHO Innovation Hub at: innovation@who.int