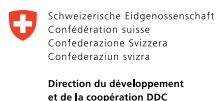




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GENEVA HEALTH FORUM

*Together, let's build
the health of tomorrow*



Who we are

Mission and Objectives

The Geneva Health Forum (GHF) is a **Swiss not-for-profit organization** that brings together a diverse range of stakeholders to discuss and address global health challenges. It serves as a neutral platform for dialogue and collaboration among policymakers, representatives from academia, civil society, and the private sector.

— The **mission** of the Geneva Health Forum is to facilitate dialogue among global health actors. This dialogue contributes to the improvement of health policies and access to care worldwide.

To fulfill this mission, the GHF has identified **three main objectives**:

- Giving increased visibility to innovative actors in the field of global health.
- Facilitating networking, the exchange of experiences, and collaboration within the Geneva Health Hub and beyond.
- Promoting the development of cross-cutting solutions and facilitating the launch of new initiatives.

Who founded the GHF and When?

Established in 2006 by the University Hospitals of Geneva (HUG) and the University of Geneva (UNIGE), the Geneva Health Forum is organized in collaboration with the most prominent international organizations present in Geneva.

The activities of the GHF focus on four thematic areas:

- 1 Environmental health, planetary health, and One Health
- 2 Digital health
- 3 Health as a common good – access to care, notably in regions with limited resources
- 4 Global health in fragile contexts (such as humanitarian, development and peacebuilding settings)



Organization and Governance

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee serves as the **Executive organ** of the Geneva Health Forum. It is composed of prominent representatives of the founding institutions, HUG and UNIGE.

Programme Committee

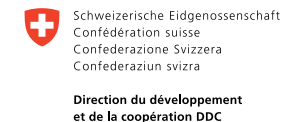
The Programme Committee is the **Scientific Organ** of the GHF. It is composed of representatives of partner organizations and invited experts. [See link: Committee Members](#)

Operational Team

The Operational Team is responsible for the **organization** of the GHF conference, thematic events, networking activities and communication.

Partners

Founding Institutions



Strategic partners



Context of International Geneva

Geneva is recognized today as the international capital of health. Not only does it provide the seat of the World Health Organization (WHO), but the city and canton host more than 300 governmental and non-governmental organizations active in the public health sector.

The Lake Geneva region, known to some as “**Health Valley**”, is home to a unique concentration of international organizations, health establishments, academic institutions, major companies and start-ups specialized in life sciences, medical technologies, biotechnologies, and innovative engineering.

Each year in May, the **World Health Assembly** brings together the health ministers of the 194 member states to discuss the main international health challenges and to set WHO’s agenda, priorities and policies.

The network of health attachés in the permanent missions to the United Nations (UN) is a further component of this dynamic environment.

With strong collaborations established alongside key pillars of the International Community in Geneva, the Geneva Health Forum (GHF) is acknowledged as an inclusive platform that adeptly brings together a diverse array of stakeholders committed to advancing global health:

- Premier universities
- Doctors and caregivers
- Policy-makers
- Diplomats
- International organizations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Public-private partnerships and funds
- Innovative enterprises active in the health sector

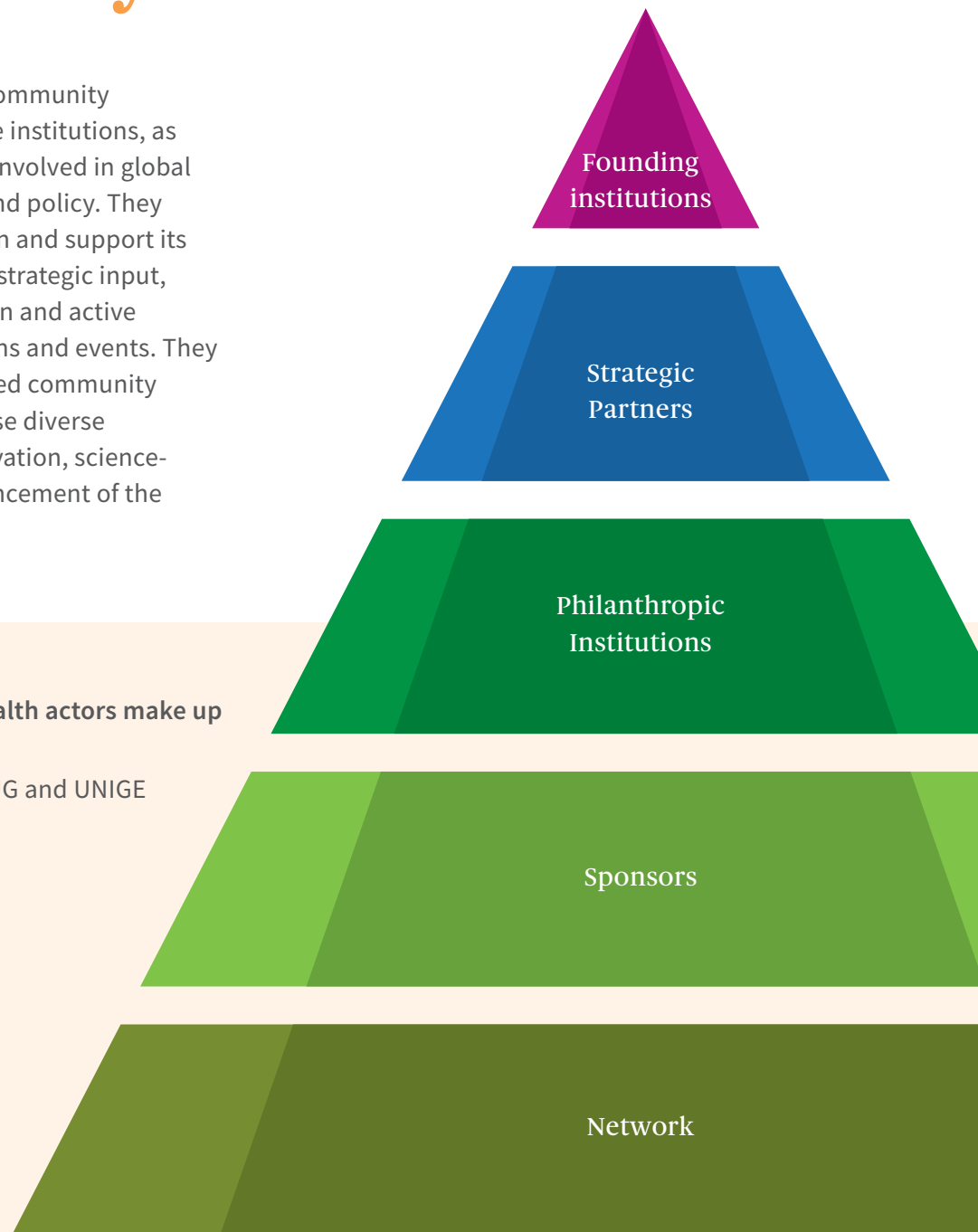


GHF Community

The Geneva Health Forum Community comprises public and private institutions, as well as individuals, actively involved in global health practice, advocacy, and policy. They identify with the GHF mission and support its goals and activities through strategic input, expertise, content production and active participation in its discussions and events. They form a dynamic and dedicated community of interest and practice whose diverse contributions promote innovation, science-based policies and the advancement of the global health agenda.

Five categories of global health actors make up the GHF Community.

- Founding institutions - HUG and UNIGE
- Strategic Partners
- Philanthropic Institutions
- Sponsors
- Network



What we do

2006-2022: a Bi-Annual Conference

During its first 16 years, the Geneva Health Forum (GHF) primarily operates as a biannual gathering, one of the largest health conferences worldwide, successfully bringing together key players in global health from the political, private, academic, and civil society sectors.

The forum provides a neutral space for participants to exchange ideas, showcase research findings, discuss best practices, and engage in policy debates. It also aims to promote innovative approaches and solutions that improve health and access to health care globally, with a particular focus on low- and middle-income countries.

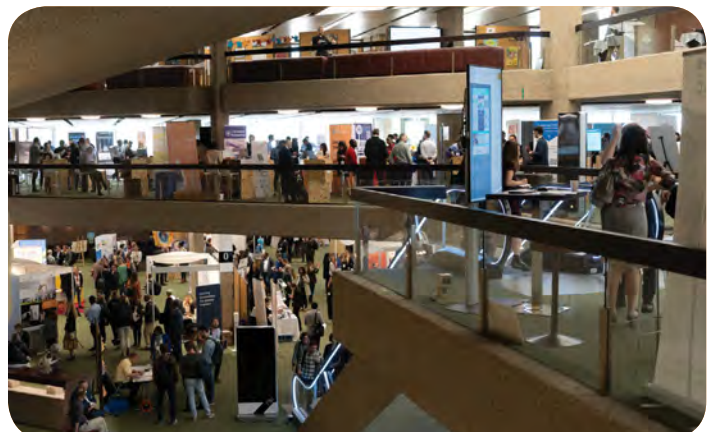
The Conference offers a comprehensive and dynamic platform featuring:

- Plenary sessions
- Panel discussions
- Workshops
- Poster presentations
- Exhibitions

– Since its establishment, the biannual GHF Conference has gained prominence and has become a significant event in the field of global health, attracting participants from around the world.

The themes covered over the ten editions are:

2006	Access to health around the world
2008	Strengthening of Health Systems and the Global Health Workforce
2010	Globalization, Crisis and Health Systems: Confronting Regional Perspective
2012	Growing challenge of chronic diseases
2014	Global Health: Interconnected Challenges, Integrated Solutions
2016	Global Health: Sustainable and affordable innovations in health care
2018	Precision Global Health in the Digital Age
2020	Improving Access to Health : Learning from the Field
2022	The COVID-19 pandemic and environmental emergency: Reinventing global health in times of global change
2024	Health, a Common Good!



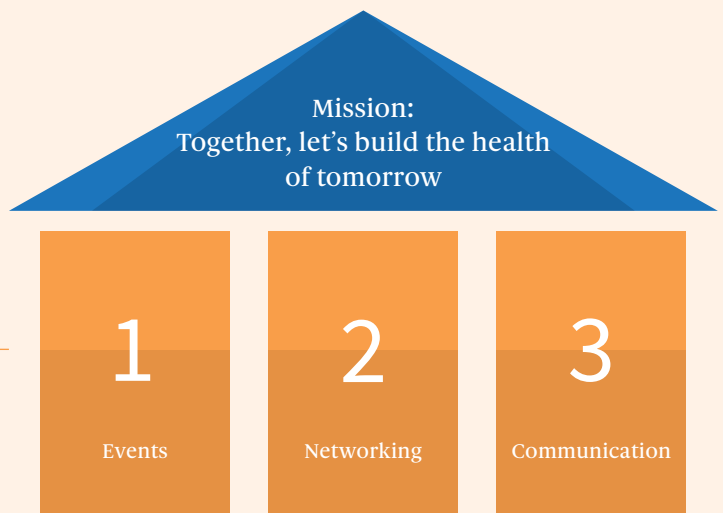
2023 onwards: New approach as an ongoing platform

2023 marks a turning point in GHF's history as it evolves into a continuous platform driven by the dynamics of the international health hub in Geneva. In addition to its annual conference, the GHF now develops regular activities throughout the year, in the form of panels, roundtables, or working groups. These regular activities will prepare the discussions for the next GHF conference or respond to specific requests from GHF partners.

As a result, the GHF now rests on 3 pillars:

Annual Conference

Annual Activities



1 Events

- **The GHF Conference** becomes an annual event, taking place in May alongside the World Health Assembly. As the WHA convenes a political audience, the GHF Conference represents the perspectives of scientists, medical practitioners and field actors on the main challenges and opportunities for global health.

- **Thematic Events** are organized throughout the year in collaboration with GHF institutional partners and various global health actors to develop solutions and launch new initiatives. Through a series of exclusive events, symposia, and workshops organized between two editions, the GHF amplifies its pivotal role and accelerates the connections and collaborations initiated at the conference.

2 Networking

- **Opportunities** are provided to members of the GHF Community to facilitate the exchange of experiences, identify synergies and encourage collaboration across specialties.

3 Communication

- **One of the main objectives** of the GHF is to support the visibility of innovative actors in global health. GHF events and platforms are leveraged to showcase innovations, highlight perspectives from diverse actors, as well as success stories and lessons from the field.

What makes the GHF Unique

The Geneva Health Forum (GHF) is unique for several reasons:

- **Interdisciplinary approach**

The forum actively engages a wide range of stakeholders, including policymakers, representatives from academia, civil society, and the private sector. This diverse participation fosters collaboration and knowledge sharing, leading to more comprehensive and sustainable solutions.

- **The voice of the scientific community and civil society**

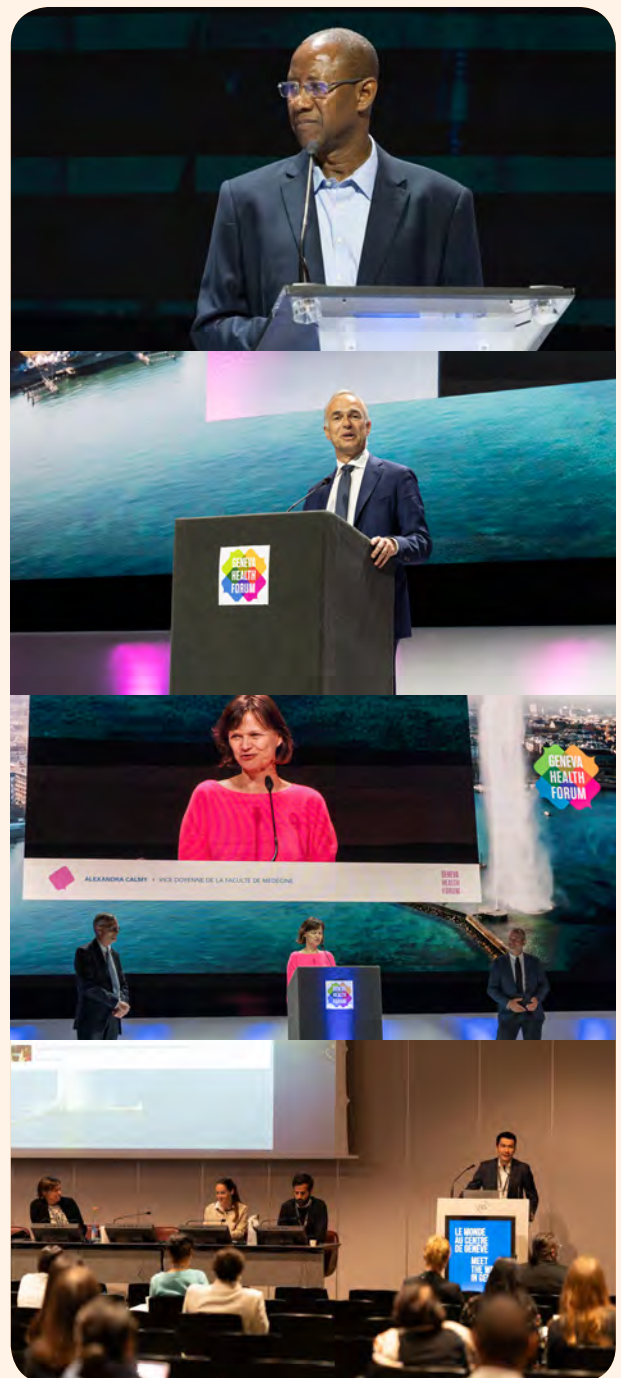
The Geneva Health Forum stands out in the global health ecosystem by distinctively carrying the voices of the scientific community, field actors and civil society. It effectively brings together diverse but complementary perspectives (research and science-based, field experience), allowing innovative solutions to emerge and, most of all, promoting real-world evidence to policymakers.

- **Attention to Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

The GHF places a particular emphasis on addressing health and systemic challenges faced by low- and middle-income countries. By focusing on these contexts, the forum seeks to promote health equity and address the specific needs of resource-constrained settings.

- **Networking and Collaboration**

The GHF provides excellent opportunities for individuals and organizations working in the field of global health. It allows participants to connect, share experiences, and explore potential collaborations, fostering a sense of community and collective action.



Why collaborate with the GHF

Collaborating with the Geneva Health Forum (GHF) offers several benefits for individuals and organizations working in the field of global health.

1 Contribution to Global Health
— By partnering with the GHF, you have the opportunity to help address critical health challenges, promote innovation, and drive positive change in healthcare systems worldwide. Participating in policy dialogue and high-level panel discussions allows you to share your expertise, contribute to policy debates and have a voice in shaping global health agendas and priorities.

2 Knowledge Exchange
— The GHF provides a unique platform for sharing knowledge, research findings, and best practices in global health. Here you can learn from experts, researchers, and practitioners from diverse backgrounds and gain valuable insights into the latest developments in the field.

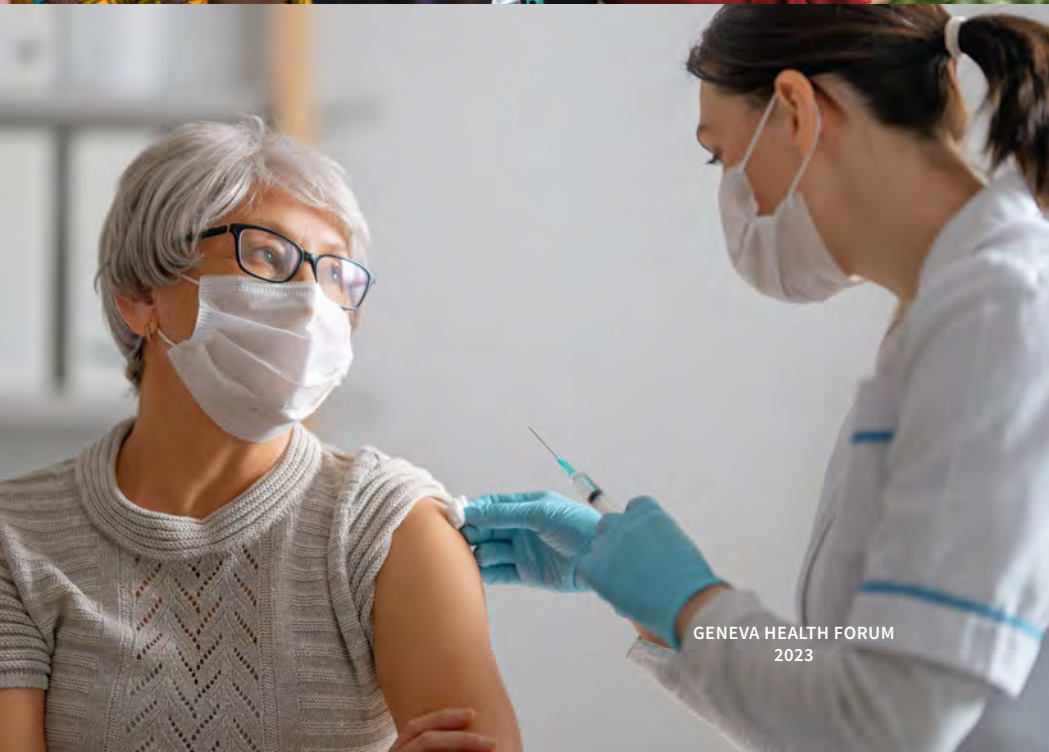
3 Networking
— By collaborating with the GHF, you can network with experts, decision-makers, and thought leaders in the field of global health. This can lead to new partnerships, collaborations, and business opportunities.

4 Collaboration and Partnerships
— The GHF offers a collaborative environment that encourages partnerships and joint initiatives. By engaging in discussions, workshops, and interactive sessions, you can identify potential partners who share your goals and interests, paving the way for collaborative projects and interventions in the field of global health.

5 Showcasing Innovation
— If your organization is involved in healthcare innovation, research, or technology, collaborating with the GHF provides a platform to showcase your initiatives and solutions. This can lead to valuable feedback, partnerships, and opportunities for scaling your innovations.

6 Humanitarian and Social Impact
— Collaborating with the GHF allows you to contribute to efforts aimed at improving health equity, access to care, and overall well-being, particularly in middle- and low-income countries and underserved communities around the world.





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