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# 2022 GENEVA HEALTH FORUM Conference Report

The COVID-19 pandemic and environmental  
emergency: Reinventing global health in times  
of global change





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# The Geneva Health Forum:

## A fundamental gathering for global health

### Geneva, the international capital for global health

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.



On the strength of numerous collaborations created with pillars of the International Community in Geneva – such as WHO, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Global Fund, GAVI, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and the UN – the Geneva Health Forum (GHF) is recognized as an inclusive platform that effectively connects a broad range of diverse stakeholders dedicated to advancing global health. The GHF is proud to present this report, a summary of the events, participation, and themes of 2022.

## About the GHF Conference

Created in 2006, the biannual GHF Conference is organized by the University Hospitals (HUG) and the University of Geneva (UNIGE) in partnership with the main international health organizations present in the Canton.

The Conference takes place a few weeks before the World Health Assembly and serves as “the forum for innovative practices in global health”, a space for science-based and inclusive diplomacy. The age-old tradition of Swiss neutrality facilitates critical and respectful exchanges between health actors who might not normally meet. Thus, over the past 16 years and nine editions, the



GHF has become an essential venue for global health, bringing together premier universities, doctors and caregivers, policy-makers, diplomats, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, public-private partnerships and funds, and innovative enterprises active in the health sector.

Using an integrated and global approach, the Conference addresses the main issues affecting access to care and stimulates discussions on the major health challenges of the day. For each edition of the Conference a theme is chosen to provide a common thread to the proceedings.

## Mission and objectives

The mission of the GHF is to facilitate dialogue among global health actors. This dialogue contributes to the improvement of health and access to care worldwide.

### To implement this mission, the GHF has identified three main objectives:

- 1** Giving increased visibility to innovative actors in the field of global health
- 2** Facilitating networking, the exchange of experiences, and collaboration within the Geneva Health Hub
- 3** Developing solutions and launching new initiatives



## The activities of the GHF focus on the following themes:

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



## Governance and organization

### Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is the **executive organ** of the Geneva Health Forum. In this capacity, it:

- Sets the strategic direction of the GHF
- Represents the GHF
- Takes decisions concerning the organization of the GHF
- Chairs the Programme Committee
- Supervises the work of the operational team, and
- Takes responsibility for the financial and logistical management of the GHF.

The Steering Committee is composed of prominent representatives of the founding institutions of the GHF, HUG and UNIGE:



*Prof. Antoine Flahault, MD, PhD*

- Director of the Institute of Global Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva (UNIGE)
- Deputy Director of the Swiss School of Public Health, Zürich (SSPH+)
- Doctor, Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine Division, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

*Prof. Antoine Geissbuhler, MD, PhD*

- Vice Rector, University of Geneva (UNIGE)
- Director, Division of eHealth at Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)
- Director, Innovation Center, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

*Véronique Maye Voutat*

- Director, External Affairs, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

*Bruno Lab*

- Head of Humanitarian Affairs - Directorate of External Affairs, Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)

## Programme Committee

The Programme Committee is the **scientific organ of the GHF. In this capacity it:**

- Advises the Steering Committee on the orientations of the conference,
- Proposes a list of participants,
- Proposes topics for discussion, and
- Shares its opinions on the components of the programme.

The Programme Committee is composed of representatives of partner organizations and invited experts.

In 2022, the Programme Committee, which advised on the organization of the programme, was composed of 35 members, representing GHF partners (twenty), collaborative endeavours with UN agencies (three), experts (six), and one representative of our conference partner (World Health Summit). HUG and UNICEF were represented by five members. [See online listing of the members of the Programme Committee](#)

## Operational Team

The Operational Team is responsible for the organization of the conference. In this capacity, it:

- Implements the decisions of the Steering Committee
- Represents the GHF when delegated by the Steering Committee
- Ensures the technical and logistical organisation of the conference

It is composed of four people:

- Eric Comte, Executive Director
- Jelena Milenkovic, Director of Operations
- Awa Babington-Ashaye, Head of Workshops
- Sonia Mondo Brouze, Administrative Assistant

## A spirit of partnership and collaboration

### GHF partners

Since its inception, the GHF has drawn on a wide network of partners working at various levels on the content and the roll-out of the platform. These partnerships, established with health organizations in Geneva, are key to the success of the GHF. Partners have, in common, their:

- Participation in the Programme Committee
- Active involvement in global health, and
- Links to Geneva (or Switzerland).

A total of 24 institutional partners contributed to the strategic and financial organization of the 2022 conference. The GHF thanks them all warmly for their support. [See Annexe 1: List of organizers and partners.](#)

### GHF contributors

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the GHF also collaborates with private-sector actors who support the conference financially. [See Annexe 2: List of sponsors and donors.](#)



## Collaborations

Over the years, the GHF has engaged a broad network of organizations that contribute to its promotion at local and global levels.

They include:

- BioAlps
- CAGI - International Geneva Welcome Centre
- CleantechAlps
- Cité de la Solidarité Internationale
- EPFL EssentialTech Centre
- ETH4D
- Falling Walls
- Fongit
- Foraus
- Geneus.ch
- Geneva Center of Humanitarian Studies
- Geneva Science Policy Interface
- Global Health Young Professionals Initiative
- ODESS - global south e-health observatory
- Health Innovation Exchange
- Impact Hub Basel
- Impact Hub Geneva
- Open Geneva
- SIG
- Sustainable Finance Geneva
- Swiss HealthcareStartups
- Swissnex
- Swiss NGOs




# Call for contributions

A public call for contributions was held from 1 October to 31 December 2021. Responses comprised:

**217** contributions

proposed for oral or written presentations

 **56%**

of proposals for contributions put forward by **women**



Proposals for contributions  
were received from  
48 countries, of which:

22%

came from Switzerland

25%

from Africa

25%

from Europe (countries  
other than Switzerland)

20%

from America

8%

from Asia

Each abstract received in response to the call for proposals was reviewed by three individuals. In total, 61 reviewers from the network of partners took part in this exercise. Their work contributed to making the programme rich and pertinent.

## Results of the call

Of the proposals received, 69% were accepted (higher than 51% in 2020 and 45% in 2018). Of those accepted, 105 were presented as posters, and 46 as oral presentations or via participation in a roundtable. The GHF expresses thanks for the many, enriching contributions.



# Conference Programme

The GHF 2022 conference took place three weeks before the World Health Assembly, from 3 to 5 May 2022, at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG). The theme of this edition was:

*“The COVID-19 pandemic and environmental emergency: Reinventing global health in times of global changes”*

The intention was to identify lessons from the COVID-19 crisis and to explore how degradation of the environment influences global health.

The conference consisted of **66 sessions** conducted in-person, **2 parallel events** on the Wednesday evening and **3 hosted events**.

As many as 20 sessions were broadcasted on the GHF digital platform, called Forum Genie. A portion were then made available to the public on YouTube, notably opening and closing ceremonies and the *“One Health: Is there a paradigm shift?”* session with the quadripartite One Health High-Level Experts Panel (OHHLEP).

**New session formats** were successfully introduced and held, called: **Public interview, Discussion panel, Oral presentation, and Interactive meeting.**



## Official ceremonies

The GHF 2022 conference held official opening and closing ceremonies, marked by the presence of and comments from prestigious guests of honour. The GHF expresses their appreciation to all those who contributed to these ceremonies.



### Opening

At the opening ceremony, hosted by Véronique Maye and Prof. Antoine Geissbuhler, seven eminent leaders of the Geneva Health Hub launched the 2022 edition of the GHF:

- Bertrand Levrat, Director General of the HUG
- Mauro Poggia, Minister of Health, Population and Security, Canton of Geneva
- Jürg Lauber, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN and to the other international organizations in Geneva
- Tatiana Valovaya, Director General of the UN in Geneva
- Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director General of WHO

### Official speeches

- Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC
- Monique Eloit, Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health

### Closing

Prof. Antoine Flahault (Institute of Global Health, UNIGE; HUG) and Bruno Lab (External Affairs Directorate, HUG) were masters of ceremony for the closing, and Prof. Alexandra Calmy spoke on behalf of UNIGE and its Faculty of Medicine.

During the closing ceremony, the Jet d'Or prizes were awarded by the sponsors of this edition:

- **Jet d'Or for the Best Poster:** Prof. Antoine Flahault representing Stéphane Couty, Private Foundation of the HUG
- **Science Speed Talks:** Dr Emily Reeves, Swiss School of Public Health
- **Jet d'Or for innovation:** Jürg Utzinger, Foundation R. Geigy-Stiftung
- **Grand Jet d'Or de Genève:** Aly Shalaby, AXA

The **Anne Maurer-Cecchini Foundation prize** was presented by Guy Maurer-Cecchini and Prof. François Chappuis of the HUG.



Jens Nielsen of the World Climate Foundation announced the organization – in collaboration with the GHF – of the World Resilience Summit, planned in Geneva for 24 May 2023.

## Plenary sessions

Four plenary sessions exploring the two aspects of the GHF theme took place during the conference. The 60-minute plenary sessions were broadcast online:



### Planetary Health

#### *One Health: Is there a paradigm shift?*

- The first plenary was facilitated by WHO. The session was introduced by a short video presentation of the four directors of the Quadripartite working on OHHLEP. The speakers were leaders of their respective organizations within the Quadripartite.

#### *Planetary health in the pandemic era: A humanitarian perspective and priorities for action*

- The fourth plenary brought together, as is uniquely possible in Geneva, both humanitarian and environmental perspectives. The session was organized in collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

### The COVID-19 pandemic

#### *Pandemic preparedness and response: Implications for global health governance*

- The second plenary was organized in collaboration with the Graduate Institute, Geneva. The session addressed the question of a Pandemic Treaty, one of the principal subjects at the 2022 World Health Assembly. The session brought together three distinguished individuals: Seth Berkley (Gavi), Xavier Castellanos (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies), and Marijke Wijnroks (The Global Fund).

#### *Data sharing in the time of COVID-19: What works and what we need*

- The third plenary addressed key issues that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Parallel sessions

Fifteen parallel sessions afforded as many opportunities to explore the conference themes (such as COVID-19 and environmental health). These sessions, run as 90-minute discussion panels, explored a facet of the themes, and most began with two or three short technical presentations. A number of these sessions were organized in collaboration with GHF partners.

### COVID-19

- The new WHO Nursing and Midwifery Global Community of Practice: A platform to share experience and knowledge during COVID-19
- After the COVID-19 crisis, which community health care approach to promote?
- Mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic: Emerging issues
- Deploying digital contact tracing: Challenges and opportunities
- Global health as seen by field actors: From awareness to action
- Nothing will happen without communities: The role of NGOs in strengthening environmental health
- The effects of pollution on health: Current risk and possible solutions
- Physical resources and energy consumption: How four countries estimate needs for items used in the COVID-19 response
- Beyond climate change: The need for system-wide stressor analysis for healthcare

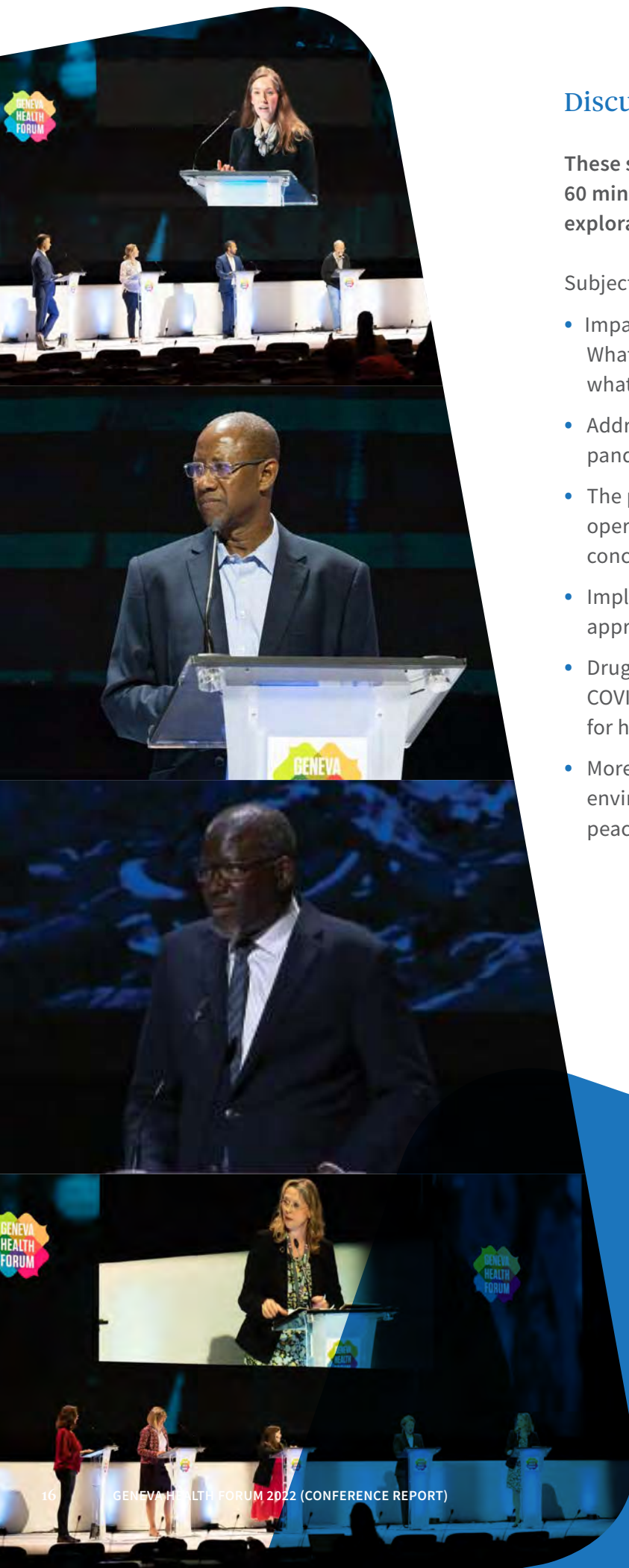
### Environmental health

- For a new approach to neglected tropical diseases based on One Health
- Achieving sustainable antibiotic access using a One Health approach
- Mapping and modelling climate risks for maternal and newborn health services
- PREZODE: Preventing Zoonotic Disease Emergence: Join forces to tackle pandemic risks

**A session co-organized with Geneva Sustainable Finance offered the GHF an opportunity to reach out to the financial community in Geneva:**

- Lessons learnt from innovative finance partnerships in healthcare in low- and middle-income countries





## Discussion panels

These six discussion panels, lasting 60 minutes each, allowed further exploration of the conference themes.

Subjects were:

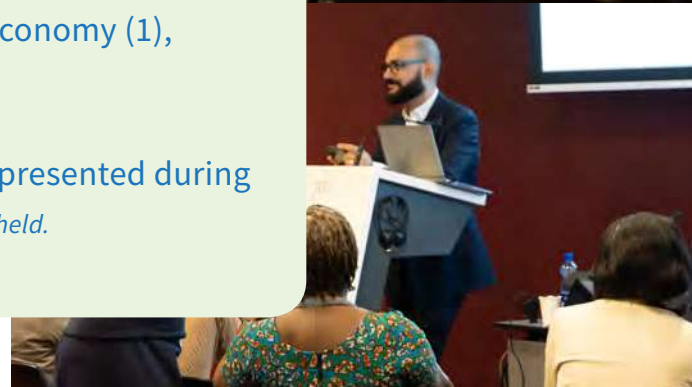
- Impact of climate change on health: What is the scale of the problem and what action to take?
- Addressing the environmental drivers of pandemics
- The private sector as a key player in the operationalization of the One Health concept
- Implementing the One Health approach: What is being done?
- Drugs and drug policies in times of COVID-19: Obstacles and implications for health and human rights
- More effective responses to health and environmental emergencies through peacebuilding

## Workshops

The role of the workshops is to promote collaboration between actors from public, private, and academic spheres. Their goal is to catalyse the development of solutions relevant to certain global health challenges.

In 2022, the strategy adopted for the workshops was based on two main purposes, namely:

- Enhancing support to leaders and workshop participants with a view to achieving practical outcomes beyond the discussions that take place during the sessions, and
- Improving the visibility of the outcomes produced by the various working groups.



— A total of eight workshops covering six themes were arranged during the months leading up to the conference: e-health (2), planetary health (2), paediatrics (1), mental health (1), pharma/sustainable economy (1), and women's health (1).

The outcomes of these workshops were presented during the conference. *See Annexe 3: List of workshops held.*



## Oral presentations - Lessons from the field

A total of 36 presentations were selected to create a platform showcasing actors and experiences from the field. These sessions, co-chaired by partners, were grouped into six themes:

**1 The need for a global approach**  
— chaired by HUG

**2 Involving communities in global health**  
— chaired by UNIGE

**3 Health of nomadic pastors: A OneHealth model**  
— chaired by the Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute

**4 E-health: diagnostic and monitoring**  
— chaired by the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA) and the Geneva Hub for Global Digital Health

**5 The role of health professionals in the face of environmental challenges**  
— chaired by the Alliance Santé Planétaire and the International Hospital Federation

**6 One Health Projects**  
— chaired by UNIGE

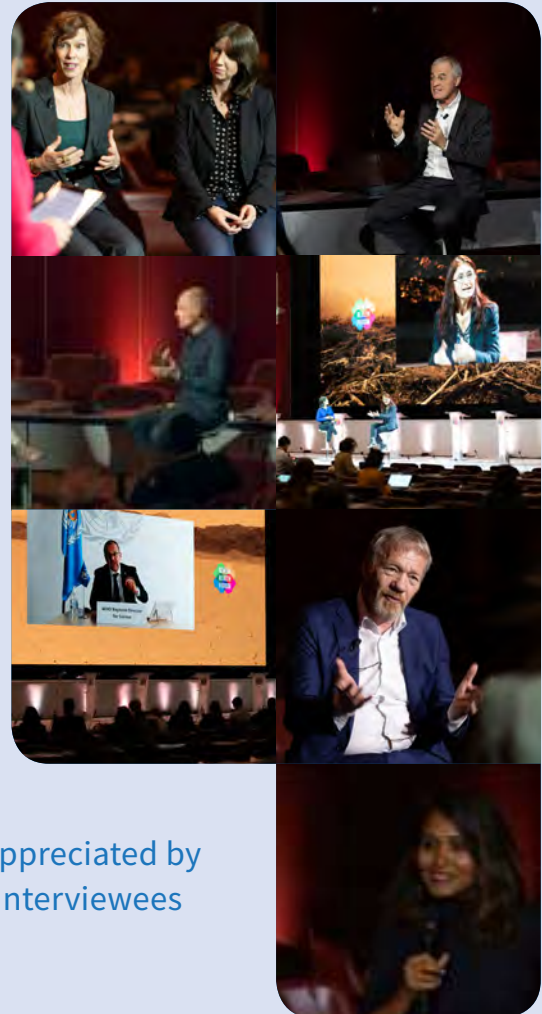


## Public interviews

Public interviews were a new format at the conference, too. They took the form of a 15–20-minute interview of a high-profile personality by a professional journalist. Six interviews were conducted at the CICG and were broadcast online, and one interview was held by videoconference from Brussels.

The individuals interviewed were:

- Gabrielle Landry Chappuis and Helen Prytherch, Women in Global Health Switzerland
- Didier Pittet, Promoter of hydroalcoholic gel
- Bertrand Piccard, Chairman of the Solar Impulse Foundation
- Françoise Vanni, Director of External Relations at The Global Fund
- Hans Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe (by videoconference)
- Jens Nielsen, CEO of the World Climate Foundation, and
- Richa Shrivastava, Director at Maker's Asylum.



— This exercise proved to be lively and appreciated by the audience. The GHF is grateful to the interviewees for sharing their inspiring insights.

## Breakfast sessions (roundtables)

The breakfast sessions were organized to facilitate the meeting of people working in the same domain and having an interest in sharing experiences. They also allowed solution providers to meet with potential users and were largely held as roundtables.

Six sessions were organized:

- Developing electronic patient records in resource-constrained countries: *What are the challenges for humanitarian and health actors?*
- Discover three structures of Geneva at the service of innovation
- Advancing global health using space technologies
- Adaptations of training in COVID-19 situations: *What lessons can be learned?*
- Equitable access to oxygen: *Sustaining COVID-19 investments to protect new-borns and children fighting for breath*
- Innovation in humanitarian settings: *Why is collaboration crucial yet challenging?*





## Sponsored lunch sessions

Six Lunch sessions were held, with the following areas of interest.

### Tuesday, 3 May

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Healthcare system resilience beyond a moment of crisis: How can we ensure long-term change towards more sustainable, equitable care?

— Organized by Roche



Building authentic public-private partnerships to sustainably transform public health

— Organized by Sanofi



### Wednesday, 4 May

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Building strong partnerships to end the neglected tropical disease, schistosomiasis  
(Organized by Merck)



Pathogen sharing: The unspoken condition for pandemic preparedness and response  
— Organized by the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)



### Thursday, 5 May

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Meet the experts  
— Organized by OHHLEP and led by WHO



Festival "Taking care together"  
Healing Collectives - Festival off



## Interactive gatherings

Interactive meetings were a brand-new format at the GHF. In the spirit of hackathons, this format catalyses a group of people to work together on a specific subject. Participants needed to register in advance as places are limited (to between 20 and 50 persons). These meetings were organized by a partner or an external organization.

Four interactive meetings were held:

- “Co-constructing for better action: Co-construction at the heart of global health issues”

— organized by the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD) and the Wildlife Conservation Society



- “Rethinking the science-policy interface for evidence-based governance”

— organized by the European project MOOD and the Geneva Science–Policy Interface of UNIGE.



- “Planetary health in medical curriculum”

— organized by the Medical Students Association of Geneva (AEMG) and the International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA)



- “Zoonoses, AMR, food safety and security threats: How can One Health prevent them in 2050? Let’s test it!”

— arranged by Foraus



— These meetings were greatly appreciated by the participants and organizers, notably for being dynamic and interactive.

## Hosted events

These events were organized over the course of a full day, under the responsibility of a third party.

- Noma Day 2022 (*International No Noma Federation*)  
Tuesday, May 3



- Data science for global health: Training the next generation of analysts (*The Graph Network*)  
Tuesday, May 3



- Integrating cervical cancer screening and care through innovative solutions (*Association de Soutien aux Centres de Recherches, d'Enseignements et de soins (ASCRES)*)  
Wednesday, May 4



— In this way, the GHF facilitates events exploring themes that resonate with the spirit of the conference. The organizers and participants enjoy the logistical advantages of the conference venue (such as the recording systems, meeting rooms, coffee breaks, and lunch venue), in addition to exposure to the GHF network.





## Posters

A total of 111 posters were presented and made available for consultation on the kiosks of the CICG as well as on the Forum Genie digital application that formulated recommendations according to the interests of the user.

The posters were eligible for two Jets d'Or prizes supported by the Private Foundation of HUG and could be consulted after the conference on the GHF website. A compendium of these posters will be published by Summer 2023.



## Innovation Salon

A total of 102 innovations were presented at the Global Health Lab, and five of the six breakfast sessions were organized in connection with these innovations.

The Innovation Salon is a key component of the GHF as it showcases innovations that can be used sustainably in countries with limited resources.

— The participants appreciated the encounters and networking that these breakfast sessions offer.



## Stands

There were 22 exhibitor stands offering added occasions for exchanges between partners, sponsors, and experts.

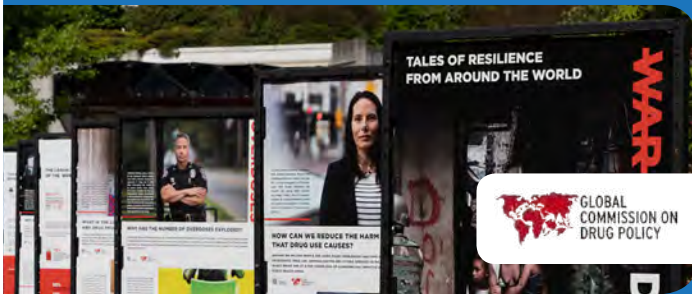


## Photo exhibitions

Four photo exhibitions were organized.

*Through the lens of MSF: Vulnerable populations in Switzerland at times of COVID*

- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) wanted to keep a record of its engagements in Switzerland in the context of COVID-19. Swiss illustrator Carole Isler kindly accompanied the process, expressing the project as art.



## *War on drugs, tales of resilience from around the world*

— by the Global Commission on Drug Policy

- The exhibition showcased human histories and inspirational stories of resilience that question opinions about the so-called “problem with drugs”.

## *Art To Be Alive*

— by Art Impact For Health and SDGs Initiative

- This art exhibition promoted sustainable health for all and planetary health.



## *Our Planet, Our Health*

— by the International Organization for Migration

- The International Organization for Migration joined forces with other UN agencies, inviting participants to reimagine a world where clean air, water, and food are accessible to all, where economies are oriented towards planetary and human health and well-being, and where healthy and people-centred cities, villages, and communities create conditions for humans to lead better lives.





# Geneva Jets d'Or awards

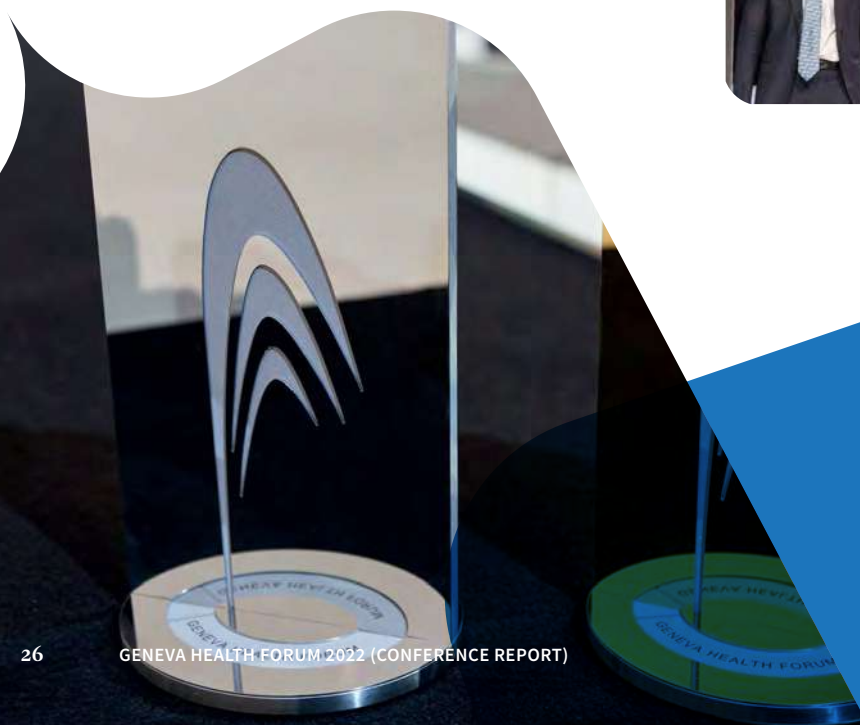
The Jets d'Or prizes were awarded to personalities from academic and scientific circles to reward contributions made to research. Each Jet d'Or benefited from the patronage of a private foundation.

In 2022, five Jets d'Or were awarded. The Grand Jet d'Or awards were designed by sculptor, Igor Ustinov.

## **The Grand Jet d'Or of Geneva in partnership with the AXA Research Fund (CHF 50,000)**

- Principle: The Grand Jet d'Or was awarded to a person, a research team, or an organization to encourage a particularly worthy research project.
- Participants: From among some 30 projects submitted, a selection committee chose seven.

- Who votes: The Programme Committee of the GHF.
- Winner: Health in Harmony, USA for “Healthy Forests, Healthy People: Health In Harmony”, by the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Zoo New England and Partners.





*Two Jets d’Or rewarding the **best scientific posters** in partnership with the Private Foundation of the HUG (CHF 1,000 each)*

- Principle: A first Jet d’Or rewards the poster most appreciated by visitors while a second Jet d’Or rewards a poster particularly appreciated by the Private Foundation of HUG.
- Participants: A selection committee chooses seven nominees amongst the posters accepted for the conference.
- Who votes: One winner is chosen by conference visitors and one by the Private Foundation of HUG.
- Winners: Public prize – One Health Community-Based Wildlife Mortality Surveillance for Ebola (Alain Ondzie); and Foundation prize – The importance of investing in preventing deforestation to limit future emerging infectious disease outbreaks (Shaila Nagpal).



*The Jet d’Or for Innovation in partnership with the R. Geigy-Stiftung Foundation (CHF 2,000)*

- Principle: Rewards the innovation with the greatest impact on health or access to care.
- Participants: A selection committee nominates seven innovations from amongst the 102 presented at the Innovations Salon. The seven nominees then “pitch” their innovation to a jury and to the audience.

- Who votes: The audience.
- Winner: CUBE, Biosecure Emergency Room for Epidemics.



*The Jet d’Or for Science Speed Talks in partnership with the Swiss School of Public Health (CHF 1,000)*

- Principle: In this competition, four doctoral candidates have three minutes each to present their research in as interesting and clear a manner as possible to the audience. The audience then votes for the presentation it deems the most remarkable.
- Participants: Students presenting a poster at the conference can participate, and some 30 video presentations were submitted. The Programme Committee selected four to be presented on stage during the closing ceremony.
- Who votes: The audience.
- Winner: Kirubel Mussie (PhD in biomedical ethics, University of Basel).



# VIP lunches

Four VIP lunches were held during the Conference.

- **VIP lunch 1:** the objective was to welcome organizations that are newly established in Geneva and to consider current global health challenges from the perspective of the Geneva international hub — organized by the Canton of Geneva, hosted by Béatrice Ferrari and Antoine Geissbuhler.
- **VIP lunch 2:** the theme was “Sustainability in healthcare” — arranged by HUG, hosted by Bertrand Levrat, Ron Lavater, and Véronique Maye.
- **VIP lunch 3:** the theme discussed was how to integrate environmental health into the education of medical students — held at the Biotech Campus by the Faculty of Medicine and hosted by Alexandra Calmy and Antoine Flahault.
- **VIP lunch 4:** the topic was “Common goods in health” — arranged by the French Permanent Mission, hosted by Sana de Courcelles and Antoine Flahault.



# Parallel events

The parallel events took place in the evening of the second day of the conference. They were arranged by outside organizations, and they can be sponsored. Two such events took place at the 2022 conference.



The first, organized and sponsored by the World Economic Forum, was titled *“Rethinking healthcare: Lessons learnt and enablers of change for value-based healthcare”*. About 50 people attended.

The purpose of this event was to provide a setting for the global innovation hubs, the payments community, and the wider value-based healthcare community to raise awareness, to hear lessons and discuss challenges and opportunities to accelerate progress towards a value-based healthcare system.



The second event, organized by Alliance Santé Planétaire, brought together 450 people for a preview of the documentary film *“La fabrique des pandémies”* (*“The pandemic factory”*).





# Open Village, “Taking care together” festival

The operating principle of Open Village is the participation of citizens. Open Village led three activities during the GHF conference:



- A lunch session presenting the concept of the “Taking care together” festival,
- A public interview with Richa Shrivastava, Director at Maker’s Asylum
- Open Village held a Citizens Festival “Taking care together” (May 3-5: CICG Esplanade, May 6-7: Mamajah Gardens) which explored other visions of health and well-being in creative and participative formats.

— This was a time to get off the beaten track, in a convivial atmosphere.

Learn more about the Open Village:  
[www.openvillage.ch](http://www.openvillage.ch)

# Participants

## Number of participants

As many as 1,689 participants came to the CIGG and a further 295 participated online, making a total of 1,984 participants.

— This is a significant increase over the last two editions (1,230 in 2020 and 1,241 in 2018).

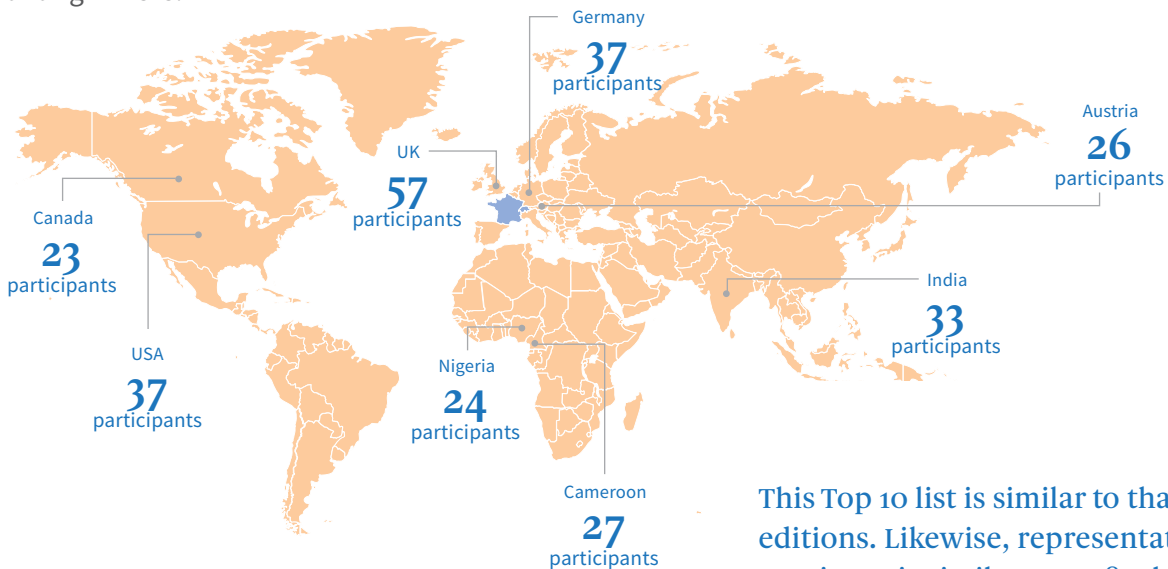


## Geography of the participants

People from 77 different countries came to the conference centre, while online participants joined from 62 different countries. In total, 94 countries were represented.

This diversity contributes to making a vibrant event, rich in differences of perspectives and insights.

Of the participants, 1,152 (59%) said they worked in Switzerland and 214 (11%) in France. Of the rest, the top ten countries of origin were:



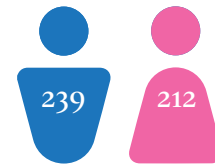
This Top 10 list is similar to that of previous editions. Likewise, representation by continent is similar to 2018. The year 2020 was exceptional as the conference took place exclusively online.

Participants	2022	%
Western Europe	1,562	78.7%
Eastern Central Europe	19	1.0%
Asia	109	5.5%
Africa	178	9.0%
North America	60	3.0%
Latin America	18	0.9%
Oceania	6	0.3%
Undetermined	32	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,984</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Of the participants, 37.3% were men, 55.3% were women, and 7.4% were undetermined or not recorded.

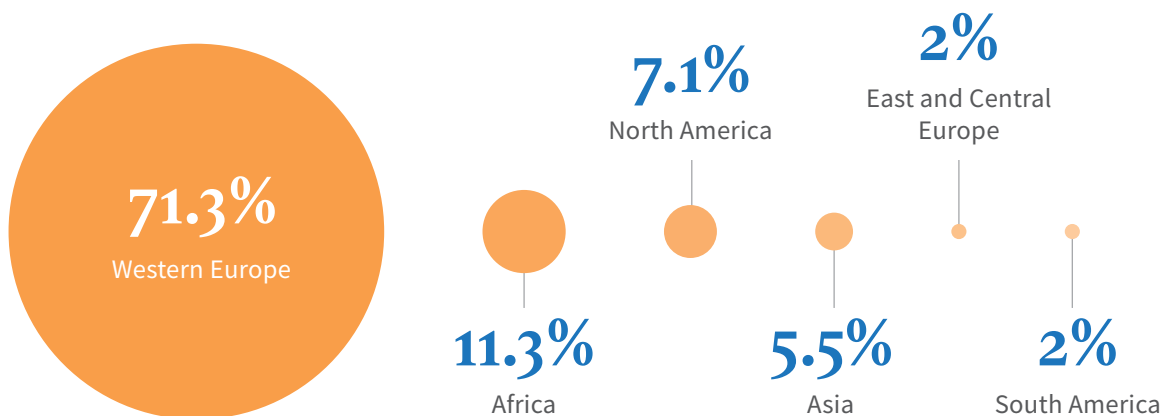
## The GHF, a participative congress

— A total of 818 active participations took place (such as poster, speaker, innovator, and interacting in workshops). Of these, 451 contributions, by 397 speakers, were made during sessions and workshops.



Of these 397 speakers, **47% were women** (212 women to 239 men).

Regarding the origins of the speakers, 71.3% came from Western Europe (including Switzerland), 11.3% from Africa, 7.1% North America, 5.5% from Asia, 2% from East and Central Europe, and 2% from South America:



The top 10 countries of origin of speakers were:

Countries	No. of speakers	%
Switzerland	160	39.8%
France	50	12.6%
United Kingdom	22	5.5%
USA	19	4.8%
Germany	18	4.5%
Canada	9	2.3%
Nigeria	9	2.3%
Belgium	8	2.0%
Cameroon	7	1.8%
The Netherlands	7	1.8%



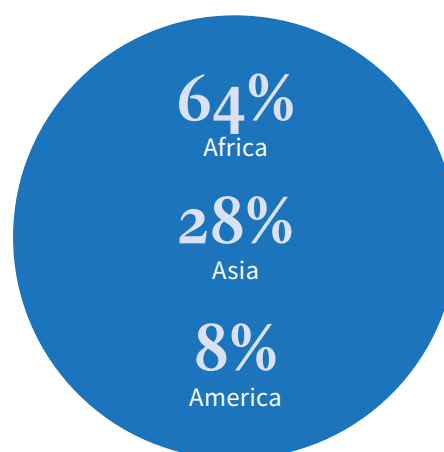
## Travel grants

There were 36 travel grants made for the GHF 2022.

### Countries Grants

Bangladesh	1
Brazil	1
Burkina Faso	3
Cameroon	7
Chad	1
Colombia	1
Costa Rica	1
Ghana	1
India	6
Iran	1
Kenya	5
Madagascar	1
Malaysia	1
Nigeria	3
Senegal	2
Thailand	1

These grants allowed 21 women and 15 men to attend the conference and those benefitting from travel grants came from 16 different countries.



In sum, 23 (64%) grantees came from Africa, 10 (28%) came from Asia, and 3 (8%) came from America.

### Those receiving grants participated in the following activities:

• In a workshop	6
• Presenting a poster	1
• Participating at an oral presentation	8
• Participating in a session or roundtable	7
• Participating at Global Health Lab	11
• Participating at a VIP Lunch	1
• Participating at Science Speed Talks	2



# Annexes

# Annexe 1

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## Annexe 3

### List of workshops held

Title	Topic	Lead
Swiss and international post-COVID-19 One Health scientific landscape for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response: Implications for Swiss international relations and the role of Geneva	planetary health/ COVID-19	UniGE, DDC
Recommendations to update the WHO Classification of Digital Health Interventions	e-health	UniGE/Gdhub/PATH
Building a recommendation system for a global health network	e-health	UniGe (Gdhub)
How to develop a sustainable pharmaceutical distribution in African countries	sustainable economy	Swiss TPH
Improving access of children to surgical care in Africa	paediatrics	AXA, UNITAR, NSOAP
What training should we build for planetary health?	planetary health/ COVID-19	UniGe, Swiss TPH, UNITAR
How can we improve the access to mental health care in Asia	mental health	AXA/MIASA/IAPO
Swiss Women's Health Alliance	Women's health ; Concept	Foundation/Gendro

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