



THE NEXT WAVE | PREVENTING AND PREPARING TO BEAT FUTURE PANDEMICS

LIVE IN BALANCE - SUSTAINABILITY TRACK
HEALTH & WELLNESS WEEK

EVENT DETAILS

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| DATE: | Monday, 31 January 2022 |
| TIME: | 14:00 - 16:00 |
| IN ASSOCIATION WITH: | World Health Organization and Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health Sciences |
| CO-CURATE PARTNERS: | Expo-Led |
| FORMAT: | Hybrid |
| VENUE: | Terra Auditorium |



EVENT SUMMARY

With a focus on COVID-19's tremendous impact on the world's health systems, societies, and economies, this event will feature a variety of sessions centred around responding to the current and future pandemics. The topics will range from spotlighting the undeniable link between human and animal health to strengthening the resilience of health systems in the face of future pandemics while keeping equity as a key theme throughout the day. The event will also host a pandemic emergence simulation exercise where participants will be able to discuss pandemic preparedness in a fictional setting.

AGENDA

| TIME | ACTIVITY |
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| 13:30 – 14:00 | Registration Start the day with an informal opportunity to meet and connect with other attendees. |
| 14:00 – 14:05 | Opening Remarks Riwa Al Atrash , Communications Advisor to the Lebanese Minister of Public Health and emcee for the event, will welcome speakers and participants, introduce the event topics and themes, and lay out the run of show for the day. |
| 14:05 – 14:25 | Transmission: An Origin Story This session will explore the nexus of human, animal, and environment interactions while taking a closer look at the current international scene when it comes to preventing the emergence of zoonoses. Dr. Neil Vora (virtual) , Fellow at Conservation International, and Professor Andrew Cunningham (virtual) , Deputy Director of Science, Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London, will engage the audience in a Ted Talk-style journey to discover the interdependence of human and animal health, exploring a "One Health" approach as a solution to preventing future zoonoses outbreaks. |
| 14:25- 14:40 | Creating a Fit-for-Future System Gabrielle Fitzgerald , Co-Founder, Pandemic Action Network will interview Donald Kaberuka , Chair of the Global Fund Board, about the lessons learned from fighting current epidemics and his perspectives on the role of global, collaborative networks for preventing future pandemics. |
| 14:40 – 14:42 | Video Interlude Dr. Seth Berkley , CEO, Gavi, will share a pre-recorded message calling on the international community to support the multilateral efforts addressing the inequity in access to vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics during pandemics. |

14:42 - 15:25

Interactive session: Pandemic Emergence Simulation

Dr. Rich Brennan, Regional Emergency Director, WHO EMRO, will engage the participants in a simulation session on the emergence of an unknown yet quickly-spreading disease in a fictional setting. Dr. Brennan will prompt participants to suggest solutions around fast-paced interventions for stemming the spread of an emerging outbreak.

15:25 - 15:40

Inequality in the Face of COVID-19: Vulnerable Nations and Grassroots Communities Taking Action

Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze, Dean of the School of Public Health, Professor in the Department of Disease Control and Environmental Health, Makerere University, will present learnings on how African countries responded to the pandemic, especially around capacity building, advocacy, and grassroots action. Take away stories of resilience will be shared to help pave a pathway to prevent future pandemics.

15:40 - 15:55

Looking Ahead: The Future of Vaccines and Pandemic Prevention

In this closing session, **Dr. Sarthak Das**, Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance, will speak to the outlook of vaccines in tackling future pandemics, including their overall efficacy as well as the wider vaccine strategies needed to prevent widespread infection.

15:55 - 16:00

Closing Remarks and Final Comments

Riwa Al Atrash will end the day by showing a word cloud with the most-discussed words in the event and sharing closing remarks.