

## Rethinking Determinants of Health in Today's Global Context: From Knowledge to Action

19 May 2026 | 09:00 – 12:30 | Campus Biotech

Moderated by **Laura Catalina Izquierdo Martinez**, Physical Therapist, PhD candidate, Haute école de santé de Genève (HEdS-Genève).

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### 09:00 From Ottawa to Today: Rethinking Action on the Determinants of Health

- **Ilona Kickbusch**, Founder of the Global Health Centre.

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### 09:15 Translating Experience into Action: Country and Institutional Case Studies on the Determinants of Health

- *“Controlling the marketing of commercial formulas - a child's first UPF”*  
**Patti Rundall**, Policy Director, International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN) Global Advocacy.
- *“Coalition building for tobacco taxation: experiences from Kenya and Uganda”*  
**Zuzanna Tittenbrun**, Global Resources Manager at Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).
- *“Community-Based Management to Ensure the Human Right to Water and Address Environmental Determinants of Health”*  
**Sandra Ernesto**, Project and Fundraising Manager at emp'ACT.
- *“Trop Chaud”*  
**Anne Mahrer**, Co-President of Aînées pour le climat.

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### 09:45 Thematic Roundtables – Part 1: What Drives or Constrains Action on Health Determinants

Identification of key enabling and limiting factors, based on participants' experiences and case study reflections.

- **Governance and political factors** - *“Shaping governance systems to accelerate action on health”*. Moderated by:
    - **Jana Konstantinova**, Professor in international development at the Geneva School of Diplomacy & International Relations.
    - **Sara Botero Mesa**, Scientific Collaborator for the division of Infectious Diseases and Mathematical Modelling (IDMM) at the Institute of Global Health.
  - **Social and cultural factors** - *“Strengthening social conditions, community action and multisectoral collaboration for health”*. Moderated by:
    - **Nicole Valentine**, Technical Officer, Determinants, Urban Health, Promotion and Behaviours Unit (DUB), Department of Health Determinants, Promotion and Prevention (DPP), WHO.
    - **Chantal Autotte Bouchard**, Responsible of Public Health within Technical Services and Knowledge Management (STC) at Première Urgence.
  - **Environmental and structural factors** - *“Acting on environments to improve health”*. Moderated by:
    - **Diana Rizzolio**, Director of the Geneva Environment Network.
    - **Alexandre Robert**, Health Programme Manager at Climate Action Accelerator.
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- **Economic and commercial factors** - *“Aligning and engaging economic actors to protect and improve health”*. Moderated by:
    - **Nadya Wells**, Senior Research Adviser, Global Health Centre.
    - **Adela Beatriz Santos Domínguez**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Global Health Centre (Geneva Graduate Institute); researcher on global health governance, legislative institutions, and domestic implementation of international health agreements.
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**10:30**      **Coffee Break**

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**11:00**      **Thematic Roundtables – Part 2: From Insights to Actionable Levers for Change**

Table-level synthesis and prioritisation:

- Identification of 2–3 actionable levers per theme.
  - Consolidation of key barriers and success factors.
  - Formulation of emerging messages for policy and practice
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**11:30**      **Plenary Synthesis: Identifying Cross-Cutting Patterns and Action-Oriented Messages**

- **Maria Paola Lia**, Executive Director at The Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP).
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**12:00**      **Closing Reflection: Reimagining Global Health Cooperation to Advance the Determinants of Health Agenda**

- **Gauden Galea**, Honorary Professor, University of Malta & Former Strategic Advisor on NCDs and Innovation, WHO/Europe.
  - **Faten Ben Abdelaziz**, Head of the Enhanced Wellbeing Unit in the Department of Health Promotion at the World Health Organization (WHO).
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