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<b>Monday, May 18</b>	11:00-11:45	NCD Alliance and Boehringer Ingelheim	NCDs and Mental Health: From Declaration to Delivery	This session focuses on how governments, civil society and the private sector can support effective implementation for the UN Political Declaration on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health and turn global policy ambitions into national progress for people living with NCDs and/or mental health conditions.	InterContinental	Register: <a href="https://luma.com/4ip83ivw">https://luma.com/4ip83ivw</a>
<b>Monday, May 18</b>	13:00-14:20	Finland, Belgium, Ethiopia, Indonesia, UNRISD, and NCD Alliance	Wellbeing, sustainable economies and future generations: Advancing the Economics of Health for All	What does a society that has achieved Economy of Health for All look like, and what policy choices made it possible? The session will produce actionable recommendations for integrating health into fiscal and economic policymaking at national and global levels. Focus on trust, mental health and longevity, gender equality and social investment frameworks.	Palais des Nations Salle VIII	Pasi.Mustonen@gov.fi
<b>Monday, May 18</b>	13:30-15:00	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Gobierno De La República Guatemala, Government of Sri Lanka, NCD Alliance, UNICEF, and Africa CDC	Childhood Cancer in the Global NCD Agenda: A Call to Action for Lifelong Integration and Access to Care	During the 79th World Health Assembly, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will co-host a side event to elevate childhood cancer survivorship within the broader noncommunicable disease agenda. This event will convene global health leaders, policymakers, researchers, and advocates to move beyond cure as the sole measure of success and advance concrete commitments to survivorship care as a global health priority. The program will include a discussion on the lifetime impact of childhood cancer and cancer therapy, alongside perspectives from people with lived experience.	International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent	Hybrid event. In-person attendance is by invitation only.  Register: <a href="https://www.stjudeglobalevents.org/event/childhoodcancersurvivorship/regProcessStep1:19e0b0ef-afe2-4b42-9704-4e39afaf7fe2">https://www.stjudeglobalevents.org/event/childhoodcancersurvivorship/regProcessStep1:19e0b0ef-afe2-4b42-9704-4e39afaf7fe2</a>
<b>Monday, May 18</b>	18:30-19:30 (followed by a reception)	NCD Alliance	Implementing the 2025 Political Declaration on NCDs	Held on the sidelines of WHA79, this high-level panel event will explore how recent global commitments can be translated into	Warwick Hotel	Register: <a href="https://ncdalliance.org/stories/events/2026">https://ncdalliance.org/stories/events/2026</a>

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			and Mental Health in an Era of Global Health Reform	<p>concrete action in a rapidly evolving health landscape. Bringing together policymakers, experts, and stakeholders from across sectors, the event will examine key opportunities to accelerate progress on NCDs, including mental health and neurological conditions, in 2026 and beyond.</p> <p>Discussions will highlight critical policy pathways, including sustainable financing, integrated and people-centred primary health care (PHC), and multisectoral action to strengthen the NCD positioning in the evolving global health architecture. The panel will also consider how the 2025 Political Declaration and other global health commitments can serve as catalysts for progress, and how upcoming processes—such as the Global Financing Dialogue on NCDs and Mental Health and the UN High-Level Meeting on HIV/AIDS—can be leveraged to advance these priorities.</p>		/implementing-the-2025-political-declaration-on-ncds-and-mental-health-in-an-era
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	8:00-9:35	Lilly	Ambition meets reality: Can governments deliver on obesity policy?	Join “Ambition meets reality: can governments deliver on obesity policy?”, sponsored by Lilly, for a discussion on the latest global developments in obesity policy and what is required to deliver population-level impact. The session will examine where progress is being made, what is holding countries and regions back, and how governments can ensure the next phase of obesity policy delivers more equitable and sustainable results.	Hotel Novotel	Register: <a href="https://events.economistenterprise.com/custom-events/ambition-meets-reality/">https://events.economistenterprise.com/custom-events/ambition-meets-reality/</a>
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	12:30-14:30	Access Accelerated, Coalition, FAN,	Financing NCDs for Impact: Evidence and Experience from Countries	The side event at the World Health Assembly will spotlight countries working to close the financing gap for NCDs, with a focus on how country priorities are being advanced through	Restaurant La Vie des Champs	By invitation only. For more information, please contact

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		PATH, and UCB		<p>both the Financing Accelerator Network for NCDs (FAN) and the Coalition for Access to NCD Medicines and Products (Coalition).</p> <p>The discussion will examine how FAN and the Coalition are responding to country-identified financing needs and access challenges, drawing on complementary analytical work, country assessments, and implementation experience. It will highlight practical, country-driven solutions supported by FAN and its partners alongside progress reported by Coalition countries since the UN General Assembly in New York and findings from recent country survey assessments.</p>		info@accessaccelerated.org
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	13:00-14:20	Government of Barbados, NCD Alliance, and United for Global Mental Health with the Government of the Philippines, UNDP, the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on NCDs and Healthy Caribbean Coalition	Adequate and Sustained Financing for NCDs and Mental Health: Approaches to Closing the Implementation Gap	The session is timely ahead of the third Global NCD and Mental Health Financing Dialogue in Manila (September 2026) and will help align NCD and mental health financing strategies with WHO's Fourteenth General Programme of Work and broader discussions on global health architecture. The event will highlight how governments and other stakeholders can coordinate and mobilise resources to translate global commitments into action and tangible health impact by showcasing successful financing mechanisms.	WHO HQ - Room C	<p>To attend this event, an access badge to enter the WHO HQ premises is required.</p> <p>Register: <a href="https://ncdalliance.org/stories/events/2026/adequate-and-sustained-financing-for-ncds-and-mental-health-approaches-to">https://ncdalliance.org/stories/events/2026/adequate-and-sustained-financing-for-ncds-and-mental-health-approaches-to</a></p>
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	13:00-15:00	NCD Alliance and Health Architecture Reimagined Civil Society Organizations	HEAR CSO Lunchtime Session	Global health architecture reform is at a pivotal moment, yet the communities most affected by health inequities remain largely excluded from the conversation. Evidence from Health Architecture Reimagined Civil Society Organizations (HEAR CSO) consultations shows that nearly three-	InterContinental	<p>Hybrid event. Due to limited capacity, in-person attendance will be confirmed by email.</p> <p>Register:</p>

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		Consortium (HEAR CSO)		<p>quarters of civil society actors are ready to engage — yet fewer than one in ten have been directly involved to date.</p> <p>This session will surface practical pathways for inclusive governance, explore regional leadership approaches, and gather insights to inform the WHO joint reform process. Join us to help shape a reform agenda that is truly built together and fit for all.</p>		<p><a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCez0gBHeou8FZ0kQ310CqP1M0v7OsfJn225gEILqCSJnnvg/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCez0gBHeou8FZ0kQ310CqP1M0v7OsfJn225gEILqCSJnnvg/viewform</a></p>
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	18:00-21:00	The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)	Always Innovating: How the next generation of medicines and vaccines can deliver a healthier, stronger future	<p>This IFPMA flagship convenes government leaders, industry, and partners to examine pharma as a strategic sector to advance health globally. Through evidence-rich stories and practical commitments, speakers will show how partnership models, regulatory agility, and long-term investment can accelerate outcomes now and unlock the broader health dividend for economies and societies.</p> <p>Designed for candid exchange and concrete takeaways, this forward-looking dialogue will focus on how each stakeholder brings their experience and expertise to maximize collective impact on health and keep it at the helm of policy and finance agendas in 2026 and beyond.</p>	InterContinental Ballroom ADE	<p>Door will open at 18:00. The event will begin at 18:30pm, with a networking reception to follow.</p> <p>Register: <a href="https://www.ifpma.org/events/ifpma-wha-flagship-event/#register">https://www.ifpma.org/events/ifpma-wha-flagship-event/#register</a></p>
<b>Wednesday May 20</b>	7:30-9:00	NCD Alliance and Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)	The Clean Air Dividend: Investing in Health for All	<p>This event on the sidelines of the 79th session of the World Health Assembly (WHA79) will highlight the urgent need for action and will mark the launch of a new NCD Alliance report showcasing national and subnational examples of clean air action, identifying best practices and lessons learned, and calling for accelerated implementation in line with recent global</p>	InterContinental Ballroom C	<p>The registration is currently closed as the event reached its full capacity. If you would like to enquire about the possibility of joining, please contact Rachael Stanton at</p>

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				<p>commitments.</p> <p>This discussion comes at a critical moment, as governments prepare to engage on the WHO's forthcoming strategy on the Economics of Health for All and seek pathways to achieve universal health coverage while addressing the environmental determinants of health. It also follows the second Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, WHO's new target to halve deaths from human-caused air pollution by 2040, and the adoption of the fourth UN Political Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health. The event will underscore why clean air must be treated as a core pillar of NCD prevention – and as a smart economic investment for health for all.</p>		rstanton@ncdalliance.org
Wednesday May 20	12:00-14:30	Global Stroke Action Coalition and the Ministry of Health and Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt	From Resolution to Implementation: Shaping the Future of Global Stroke Care	We are pleased to host a multi-stakeholder roundtable during the World Health Assembly to discuss adoption of the landmark stroke resolution, “Reducing the burden of stroke: strengthening prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and health-system readiness”, and the opportunities to support its implementation and accountability in member states. This resolution marks a historic milestone: for the first time, Member States are considering a comprehensive mandate to reduce the burden of stroke across prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and health-system readiness. Participants will showcase country case studies and the investment case for stroke, build awareness on advocacy campaigns and the role of stroke survivors and caregivers, and highlight the role of collaboration in driving access to	InterContinental	This event is by invitation only. To learn more or register your interest, please contact lifesciences@bciu.org.

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				evidence-based, cost-effective interventions and stroke plan adoption.		
<b>Wednesday May 20</b>	14:00-15:30	NCD Alliance and Health Architecture Reimagined Civil Society Organizations Consortium (HEAR CSO)	Global health architecture reform and UHC	<p>What does global health architecture reform mean for Universal Health Coverage — and for the communities who need it most? This dynamic session bridges the gap between reform processes and the real-world goal of equitable, accessible, quality healthcare for all.</p> <p>Drawing on findings from Health Architecture Reimagined Civil Society Organizations (HEAR CSO)'s global consultations, we will amplify civil society voices, strengthen understanding of how reform impacts UHC progress, and identify concrete ways to get connected and stay engaged.</p>	Auditorium de la Pastorale (CSEM 2030 networking space)	<p>Hybrid event. Due to limited capacity, in-person attendance will be confirmed by email.</p> <p>Register: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCez0gBHeou8FZ0kQ310CqP1M0v7OsfJn225gEILqCSJnnvg/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCez0gBHeou8FZ0kQ310CqP1M0v7OsfJn225gEILqCSJnnvg/viewform</a></p>
<b>Wednesday May 20</b>	16:15-17:45	Sanofi's Global Health Unit and Acasus	Solving for Citizens: Reimagining Health Delivery Through Integrated Systems	<p>This session arrives as health systems face rising pressure to deliver faster, fairer, and at scale. Existing approaches are often 'siloed by disease,' yet the citizens we serve are not. Whether it is a woman seeking both hypertension care and family planning, or a grandmother balancing her own diabetes management with a grandchild's immunization, our delivery models must respond to their reality. This session will explore how to solve for integration, so that every clinical interaction becomes an opportunity for holistic care.</p> <p>This is not a traditional panel discussion. Instead, we are hosting a dynamic and highly interactive session aimed at co-creating bold, operational levers that can be implemented to improve healthcare delivery.</p>	InterContinental	<p>Register: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ch/e/reimagining-health-delivery-through-integrated-systems-tickets-1987981301588?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.ch/e/reimagining-health-delivery-through-integrated-systems-tickets-1987981301588?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>

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<b>Wednesday May 20</b>	15:30-18:30	WHO Foundation and Lilly	Bringing Care Closer: Delivering NCD Services Through Primary Care	Join the WHO Foundation and Eli Lilly & Company for a forward-looking discussion to explore how countries can accelerate the integration of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and brain health into primary health care systems, building on the momentum of the United Nations General Assembly 2025 Political Declaration on NCDs and Mental Health.	InterContinental	Invite-only event.  Register: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeQmX3EBoZMgjflH6G5RVh4bqcuHsetDNGKFyAGYh_LIBa-gw/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeQmX3EBoZMgjflH6G5RVh4bqcuHsetDNGKFyAGYh_LIBa-gw/viewform</a>
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>	18:00-21:00	The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA)	Innovating for Health Security	<p>The global health landscape is facing converging pressures: resurgent infectious diseases, climate-driven outbreaks, rising AMR, zoonotic spillover, and increasingly interconnected populations. As highlighted in the recent IFPMA supported health security analysis, protecting societies from these threats requires sustained investment in systems that prevent, detect, and respond to health challenges—not only during crises but continuously.</p> <p>Innovation plays a central role across this continuum. From cutting-edge epidemiological tools and genomic surveillance to next generation vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and delivery systems, new advances are redefining what is possible for preparedness and response. Yet innovation only delivers impact when systems, regulatory pathways, and collaboration mechanisms and trust allow new solutions to reach people quickly and equitably. This event brings together thought leaders to explore how health innovation can strengthen global resilience, drawing on real-world lessons and forward-looking opportunities.</p>	Restaurant Vieux Bois	Hybrid event.  Register: <a href="https://www.ifpma.org/events/innovating-for-health-security/">https://www.ifpma.org/events/innovating-for-health-security/</a>

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Friday, May 22	13:00-14:20	The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), the International Federation on Ageing (IFA), and the Global Allergy & Airways Patient Platform (GAAPP)	Immunizing across the life course: Supporting healthy ageing, NCD management, and system resilience	<p>This event will explore how life-course immunization can strengthen PHC-led models designed to meet the needs of ageing populations and people living with NCDs. The discussion will highlight how life-course immunization can support healthier ageing, stable NCD management, and improved system efficiency at a time of tightening fiscal space and rising service demand.</p> <p>The side event will take the form of a moderated panel discussion featuring a diverse set of speakers representing government, patient groups, civil society, as well as economic and industry perspectives. The session, framed by a brief scene-setting keynote address, is designed for dynamic exchange, blending evidence, lived experience, and policy insights.</p>	WHO HQ	<p>Hybrid event.</p> <p>Register: <a href="https://www.ifpma.org/events/immunizing-across-the-life-course-supporting-healthy-ageing-ncd-management-and-system-resilience/">https://www.ifpma.org/events/immunizing-across-the-life-course-supporting-healthy-ageing-ncd-management-and-system-resilience/</a></p>