

GNAPH at the 18th World Congress on Public Health

Join us in Cape Town!

September 6–9, 2026 | Cape Town, South Africa

Health Without Borders: Equity, Inclusion, and Sustainability

The Global Network for Academic Public Health (GNAPH) is excited to join public health leaders, educators, researchers, practitioners, and partners from around the world at the **18th World Congress on Public Health**. Held for the first time in Southern Africa, the World Congress will bring the global public health community together to exchange ideas, strengthen partnerships, and explore solutions to some of today's most pressing public health challenges.

Connect with GNAPH at WCPH 2026

Throughout the Congress, GNAPH and members of our regional academic public health associations will contribute to an exciting lineup of sessions and conversations exploring critical issues for the future of public health.

Topics include:

- Academic public health leadership and collaboration
- Global public health diplomacy
- Public health workforce development
- Equity, inclusion, and sustainability
- Climate change and climate action
- Mental well-being in academia
- Peace, health, and justice
- Professionalization of the public health workforce
- Healthy longevity and emerging public health priorities

We invite you to join us, connect with colleagues from across the GNAPH community, and be part of these important global conversations.

Explore the GNAPH WCPH 2026 Session Lineup on the following pages
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GNAPH and our regional association members will be participating in sessions throughout the Congress. Plan your schedule and join us for these important conversations spanning academic public health, workforce development, diplomacy, climate action, leadership, equity, and more.

Sunday, September 6

8:00 – 9:00	Room 2.42	Healthy Longevity: Global Public Health's Next Frontier	<i>L. Magaña, R. Surenthirakumaran, E. Nezami</i>
	Hall B	[Poster] Powerful, Greedy Old Men Are Bad for Your Health': Towards a Public Health Teaching Curriculum for 'geopolitical Health	<i>J. Middleton</i>
	Hall B	[Poster] Engaging the Police and Public Health Sectors to Collaborate for the Public Good	<i>J. Middleton</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Room 1.63/1.64	Getting a GRIP on the WHO Road map for public health workforce development : the work of the WFPHA_GNAPH implementation group	<i>J. Middleton, P. Robinson, T. TBC, N. Squires, K. Czabanowska, L. Magana, A. Mosam, S. Smalley, M. Kaseje, W. Tong</i>
	Room 1.61/1.62	Where does public health go after the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change summit in Belem, Brazil (CoP30)? Opportunities arising from the International Court of Justice advisory opinion and a UN General Assembly Special Session on climate change	<i>D. Patterson, F. Tahzib, H. Marcus, Sheweta Narayan, B. Mfutso</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Room 2.44	[Oral Presentation] ASPHER Core Curriculum Programme, Supporting Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals	<i>K. Conyard, et al</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Room 1.63/1.64	Growing the voice for academic public health: the work of the Global Network for Academic Public Health	<i>J. Middleton, M. Kaseje, M. Codd, L. Magana, W. Tong</i>
	Room 1.61/1.62	Masterclass in strategic litigation for climate action and energy equity: the power of public health professionals, legal experts and communities working together to address climate change and energy poverty as determinants of health	<i>D. Patterson, F. Tahzib, B. Mfutso, M. Hesselman, Sheweta Narayan, C. van</i>

Monday, September 7

11:45 – 12:45	Auditorium 1	A Legacy of Learning: Celebrating the Anniversary of Public Health Schools Worldwide	
14:00 – 15:00	Room 1.43/1.44	Academia, Public Health, and the Challenges of the Current Environment	<i>L. Magaña, L. King, R. Lyn, G. Crawford</i>
	Roof Terrace	From Theory to Practice: Cost-Effective Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Education for Global Public Health Curricula	<i>J. Kumawat, K. Conyard, S. Mohite, M. Codd</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Room 1.63/1.64	Strengthening collaboration for public health action: equity, inclusion and sustainability in an age of populism and fragmentation	<i>A. McCallum, A. Bauernfeind, M. Koivusalo, A. Magid, H. Lopes, M. Codd, C. Cunningham, F. ASPHER, M. Green, B. Wong</i>
17:00 – 18:00	Room 2.44	A Cross-Region Agenda for Public Health Diplomacy	<i>A. Joshi, R. Kalédiené, P. Barach</i>
	Room 1.63/1.64	The Future in Our Hands: Idea Lab to Sustain and Evolve the ASPHER Core Curriculum Programme	<i>K. Conyard, S. Levesque, J. Kumawat, S. Mohite, M. Codd</i>

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 – 9:00	Room 2.43	Moral distress and injury in the public health workforce and implications for policy and practice	<i>F. Tahzib, T. Daszkiewicz, L. Jutta, D. Morris, J. Mfutso-Bengo, Shona Mackinon</i>
9:00 – 10:00	Ballroom West	Advancing Global Public Health Diplomacy Through Academic Partnerships	<i>L. Magaña, A. Joshi, T. LaVeist, W. Amde</i>
	Room 2.61/2.62	Training of national workforces for essential public health services and public health functions considering a global competency and outcome framework - how can we make this fly?	<i>O. Ahlers, J. Middleton, P. Robinson, T. Rech, J. Giesecke, W. Cordier, S. Smalley</i>

11:15 – 12:15

**Room
1.41/1.42**
World Leadership Dialogue: Promoting Mental Well-Being in Academia: Evidence, Tools and Action Plans
A. Odone, L. Magaña

12:30 – 13:30

Roof Terrace
The Global Public Health Alliance: Turning Vision into Action

13:30 – 14:30

**Room
1.63/1.64**
Contributions of the ASPHER Core Curriculum for Public Health to Quality Improvement in Public Health Education in the European Region
M. Codd, K. Conyard, H. Agha, J. Kumawat, S. Levesque, A. Magid, A. McCallum

16:00 – 17:00

Room 2.43
No Health Without Peace: Public Health Leadership for peace, health and justice in a world in turmoil
F. Tahzib, M. Codd, K. Czabanowska, J. Mfutso-Bengo, L. Magana, P. Rawson-Te, F. Ogunlayi, T. Daszkiewicz, M. Hunter, J. Middleton

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 – 9:00

**Room
2.43**
Creating code of ethics and professional conduct for public health professionals and institutions
F. Tahzib, M. Codd, K. Czabanowska, J. MfutsoBengo, J. Thomas, P. Schröder-Bäck, P. Athanasopoulos

11:00 – 12:00

**Room
2.43**
Building pillars for professionalization of the public health workforce
F. Tahzib, T. Daszkiewicz, K. Czabanowska, F. Ogunlayi, J. Mfutso-Bengo, M. Codd, L. Magana, A. Mosam

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