17th World Congress on Public Health

HELD BY THE WORLD FEDERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS (WFPHA), THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE EUROPEAN REGION (ASPHER), AND THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF HYGIENE, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH (SITI), THE 17TH WCPH CONVENED FROM MAY 2 TO 6 IN ROME.

Under the theme “A World in Turmoil: Opportunities to Focus on the Public’s Health”, the Congress provided an international platform for the exchange of knowledge and experiences regarding significant public health issues such as planetary health, social determinants of health, digital health, lessons learnt from the covid-19 pandemic, mental health, vaccine confidence, health workforce, and conflicts and public health. The 17th WCPH provided for more than three thousand professionals from across the globe to come together to share experiences, highlight the learnings and progress made, document emergent competencies and focus on the lessons learned for the future.

Read the Congress final declaration [here](#).

Short interview with the WFPHA Executive Director, Bettina Borisch, that explains her rationale for proposing a session on war and global health and talks about the role that public health professionals should play during times of armed conflict.

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Latin America and the Caribbean are halfway to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. However, progress towards these goals has been dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected the region heavily since 2020. The last two years have also seen global conflicts and challenges, including trade tensions, geopolitical conflicts, forced migration, and inflation, all of which have hindered progress toward the SDGs.

This report examines three key issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): progress towards achieving all the goals, the need for greater investment and a shift in public policy, and the institutional processes for implementing and monitoring the SDGs.

Read the full report here.
SHEM co-chairs, Dr. Norbert T. Tchouaffe, Dr. Luis Eugenio de Souza and Dr Atiya Mosam have been actively involved in global events focused on the future of health policies. Dr. Norbert spoke at the UN World Data Forum, discussing how science, public policy, and data assisted disabled individuals in Sub-Saharan Africa during COVID-19. Dr. Luis Eugenio opened the 17th World Congress on Public Health (WCPH), emphasizing the need for alliances between public health practitioners and activists in managing the current period of urgent crisis we are living in. Yet, on the WCPH, Dr. Atiya and colleagues discussed the relevance of the Young Physician Leaders (YPL) initiative in training emerging physician leaders in research, policy, and practice.

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