

PROGRAM

HERRENHAUSEN CONFERENCE, APRIL 9-11, 2025

INTERNATIONAL URBAN HEALTH SUMMIT

HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY

Over 4.4 billion people globally live in urban areas and the urban population is predicted to reach 6.7 billion by 2050, accounting for 70 percent of the world's population. This poses social and environmental challenges that will have disproportionate impacts on the health and wellbeing of citizens, especially of socially and economically disadvantaged communities. The varied and complex nature of urban life can complicate the development and introduction of plans and policies to promote urban health in a holistic manner.

The "International Urban Health Summit" aims to bring together researchers and practitioners to address key issues of urban health through the lens of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The conference will foster interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange on various aspects of urban health.

The "International Urban Health Summit" is part of the Herrenhausen Conference Series initiated by the Volkswagen Foundation. There is no fee for attendance, but registration is essential. Please visit the conference website for more information.

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APRIL 9, 2025

12.00 REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH

1.30 WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY KEYNOTE

GEORG SCHÜTTE

Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation

JO IVEY BOUFFORD

Clinical Professor of Global Health and Pediatrics, New York University

DETLEV GANTEN

Founder, Virchow Foundation for Global Health

TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS

Director-General, WHO

NATHALIE RÖBBEL

Lead for Urban Health, WHO, Geneva

PEGGY HAMBURG

Former Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

3.30 COFFEE & NETWORKING

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4.00 SESSION 1 : URBAN PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

Jo Ivey Boufford

Clinical Professor of Global Health and Pediatrics, New York University

REMY SIETCHIPING

UN-Habitat

OLE PETTER OTTERSEN

former President, Karolinska Institutet

N.N.

Representative WHO

MARCUS GRANT

Senior Researcher and Practitioner, Environmental Stewardship for Health

HEIKE KÖCKLER

University of Health, Bochum, Germany

Chair : Rainer Fehr, *Sustainable Environmental Health Sciences, University Bielefeld, Germany*

5.00 COFFEE & GROTTO

5.30 BREAKOUT GROUPS : URBAN PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

Parallel Sessions with interactive discussions

Workshop A

Urban Planning for Equity and Cities' Resilience

Chairs: HEIKE KÖCKLER AND WHO REPRESENTATIVE

Participants including Planning experts from TU Dortmund, ISUH staff, Global Health Hub representatives.

Workshop B

Addressing Implementation Gaps

Chairs: N.N., UN-Habitat Representative

Focus on local strategies like "Health in All Policies" and presentations from Utrecht experts, LZG.NRW, and the Healthy Cities Network

7.00 POSTERSESSION AND MOVING DINNER

Early Career Researchers present their work to attendees.

9.00 END OF THE FIRST DAY

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APRIL 10, 2025

8.30 COFFEE AVAILABLE

9.00 OFFICIALLY OPENING THE DAY WITH WELCOMING REMARKS

BELIT ONAY

Mayor, City of Hanover

CHRISTOPH MARKSCHIES

President, Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences

SESSION 2 : BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN HEALTH

RICHARD BURDETT

Urban Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science

GRAHAM ALABASTER

Officer in Charge, UN-Habitat, Geneva

MEREDITH GLASER

Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

STEFANY MATTHYS

CEO European Network Architecture for Health gGmbH

BLESSING MBERU

Senior Research Scientist and Head of Urbanization and Wellbeing, African Population and Health Research Center, APHRC, Kenya

GISELLE SEBAG

Managing Director, International Society of Urban Health

Chair: N.N.

10.30 COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION

11.00 BREAKOUT GROUPS : BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN HEALTH
Parallel Workshops focusing on various aspects of the built environment's impact on health.

12.00 LUNCH AND WALK&TALK
An informal lunch promoting discussions in a walking format.

1.00 SESSION 3 : NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & URBAN HEALTH

VICTOR DZAU

President, United States National Academy of Medicine

Chair: N.N.

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2.00 BREAKOUT GROUPS: NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & URBAN HEALTH

Focused discussions on the interrelation of climate change and health outcomes.

3.00 COFFEE BREAK

3.30 SESSION 4 : PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND URBAN DECISION MAKING

TOLLULAH ONI

University of Cambridge

Chair: CHRISTOPHER BAILEY, President, United States National Academy of Medicine

5.00 BREAKOUT GROUPS : PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND URBAN DECISION MAKING

Exploring effective strategies for public involvement in urban planning.

Workshop A

Achieve your urban health goal using Urban Health Capacities Assessment and Response Resource Kit

Chair: NATHALIE LAURE ROEBBEL, UN-Habitat Representative

6.00 NETWORKING ACTIVITIES & DINNER

9.00 END OF THE SECOND DAY

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8.30 COFFEE AVAILABLE

9.00 SESSION 5 : AI AND URBAN HEALTH

Chair: JOCHEN BÜTTNER, Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Jena

10.00 BREAKOUT GROUPS : AI AND URBAN HEALTH

In-depth discussions and strategies for enhancing public participation

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11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 SESSION 6: EDUCATION & SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

ANNETTE GRÜTERS-KIESLICH

Former Dean, Berlin University Hospital

OLAF KALTENBORN

ETH Zurich Foundation

Chair: N.N.

12.30 BREAKOUT GROUPS : EDUCATION & SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

1.30 FINAL WRAP UP AND CLOSING REMARKS

JO IVEY BOUFFORD

Clinical Professor of Global Health and Pediatrics, New York University

DETLEV GANTEN

Founder, Virchow Foundation for Global Health and Member of the BBAW

CHRISTOPH MARKSCHIES

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2.00 LUNCH

3.00 END OF SUMMIT