

# 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis

Making the Next Success Story in Global Health

**78<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Health Assembly (WHA78)**  
**Official Side Event**

Saturday, 24 May 2025  
12:30 – 13:50 CET

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Palais des Nations Room XXII



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## Purpose

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In line with 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Fourteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 14) of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Side Event aims to catalyze transformative actions for saving 2 million lives from Sepsis by 2030 through stronger political leadership, health systems strengthening, R&D and more effective prevention and management of Sepsis during health emergencies.

Specifically, the event aims to consolidate political momentum for the 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis launched by the Global Sepsis Alliance (GSA) at the German Parliament in September 2024 in partnership with the Global Health Sub-Committee of the German Bundestag, UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health, Virchow Foundation and Sepsis Stiftung.

The Global Sepsis Alliance and its partners were honoured to receive a special video address from Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus – WHO Director-General for the occasion of the Agenda launch.

The 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis is the 1<sup>st</sup> global strategy on how to reduce suffering of 48.9 million children, women, and men annually and improve health outcomes from Sepsis. It was elaborated through engagement of more than 70 stakeholders and Sepsis survivors from 6 geographic regions, including MWIA, CHAI, UNITE, Virchow Foundation and Sepsis Stiftung (Side Event co-organizers).

Engaging the governments of Guyana and Egypt, the Side Event will also encourage other UN Member States to join the High-Level Political Panel on Sepsis to be established in September 2025. The Panel will bring together Heads of State, Health Ministers, and Parliamentarians for positioning Sepsis higher in the global political agenda, including at G7/G20, UN, WHA, national and regional Parliaments, Ministerial summits, and other forums.

## Relevance of the Side Event to the World Health Assembly

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The side-event addresses the WHA78 agenda items 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 28 of the WHA78. However, while closely related to Maternal and Child Health, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), Emergency, Critical and Operative Care (ECO), Universal Health Coverage (UHC), antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and other topics covered by WHA78 agenda, Sepsis is still not adequately visible in WHA discussions, compared to its massive human and economic burden.

Sepsis affects 48.9 million people annually, including 26.2 million women and 20.3 million under-5 children. Sepsis accounts for 20% of deaths worldwide, claiming lives of 2.9 million children and 5.1 million from NCDs and injuries. 78% of COVID-19 patients in ICUs had viral Sepsis and every future pandemic will increase the risk. Estimated 4.95 million AMR-related deaths annually are part of 13.66 million Sepsis-related deaths. Finally, over 360 million people in humanitarian crisis and displacement, due to climate- or man-made emergencies, are at increased risks of Sepsis.

The 2030 Global Agenda calls for national action plans and policies to integrate Sepsis into primary health care, emergency, critical and operative care (ECO), Universal Health Coverage (UHC) packages, and emergency response plans. Sepsis policies must be also aligned with patient safety, infection prevention and control (IPC), AMR and other priorities.

The Side Event will ensure better visibility of Sepsis, the major killer of children, women and men, and encourage stronger political momentum from UN Member States and multiple stakeholders, on how to attain the 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis and avert millions of unnecessary deaths and disability, especially in low- and middle-income country contexts.

## Expected Outcomes of the Meeting:

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- Reaffirming that the 2030 SDGs and aspiring targets for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, UHC, AMR, Pandemic or other emergency preparedness cannot be achieved without stronger Sepsis response at national, regional and global levels.
- Understanding the 5 Strategic Pillars of 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis, how to reduce Sepsis incidence and mortality by > 20% in the next 5 years.
- Encouraging UN Member States to join the High-Level Political Panel for Sepsis to be launched on the World Sepsis Day – September 13, 2025, and
- Learning about the Global Sepsis Innovations Platform (GSIP), World Sepsis Day (WSD) Movement and other initiatives, how different stakeholders can contribute to the success of the 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis.

12:30

## Opening Remarks

### H.E. Dr. Leslie Ramsammy

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations Office at Geneva  
Former Senior Minister of Health

### Dr. Jarbas Barbosa

Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/  
WHO Regional Director for the Americas

### Dr. Eleanor Nwadinobi

President, Medical Women's International Association  
Co-Chair, Immunization Agenda (IA) 2030 Partnership Council

### Prof. Niranjana 'Tex' Kissoon

President, Global Sepsis Alliance; Past President, World Federation of Paediatric Critical and Intensive Care Societies (Video-Address)

### Prof. Konrad Reinhart

President, Sepsis Stiftung  
Founding President, Global Sepsis Alliance

13:00

## Keynote Address "2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis"

### Hon. Mariam Jashi

CEO, Global Sepsis Alliance; Secretary General, MWIA  
Former Parliamentarian and Deputy Health Minister of Georgia

13:10

## Strategic Partner's Statements

### Hon. Ricardo Baptista Leite

President, UNITE Parliamentarian Network for Global Health  
CEO, Health AI Agency (Video Address)

### Dr. Amany Asfour

National Council for Women, Government of Egypt

### Dr. Lee Wallis

Lead, Emergency Care, World Health Organization

### Prof. Detlev Ganten

Cofounder, Virchow Foundation  
Founding President, World Health Summit (Video Address)



13:25

**Interventions from Multiple Stakeholders**, Including Member States and NSAs who have supported WHA70.7 Resolution, WHA77 Constituency Statement on Sepsis or endorsed the 2030 Global Agenda for Sepsis

**Dr. Janet Diaz**

Lead Clinical Management and Operations Unit, World Health Organization

**Rev. Nicole Nicqi Ashwood**

Programme Executive, Just Community of Women and Men

World Council of Churches

**Patrick Ayres Taran**

President of Global Migration Policy Associates

**Dr. Eliza Lo Chin**

Executive Director, American Medical Women's Association

13:35

**Moderated Discussion**

13:50

**Closing Remarks**

**Dr. Teri Reynolds**

Unit Head, Clinical Services and Systems

Technical Lead, Acute Care Action Network World Health Organization

**Hon. Mariam Jashi**

CEO, Global Sepsis Alliance; Secretary General, MWIA

Former Parliamentarian and Deputy Health Minister of Georgia



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### Co-organizers of the WHA78 Official Side Event

- Medical Women's International Association
- Clinton Health Access Initiative
- Government of Guyana
- Government of Egypt (National Council for Women)
- Global Sepsis Alliance
- UNITE Parliamentarians Network for Global Health
- Virchow Foundation
- Sepsis Stiftung



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