

60TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

SIDE EVENT

THE ROLE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL IN ADVANCING THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

From guidance to implementation



Date: 25 September, 2025 15:00 - 16:00 CET



Venue: Room Concordia 1, Palais de Nations, Geneva

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

- How can Human Rights Council mechanisms help States turn international right-to-health commitments into national laws, policies, and financing that promote equity?
- What concrete legal and policy actions are needed to build inclusive, rights-based health systems and ensure non-discriminatory emergency preparedness and response? What role can health diplomacy play?
- How do trade and intellectual property rules affect equitable access to medicines, vaccines, and diagnostics—and how can the HRC promote coherence across the UN and WTO to address this?
- How can States, with HRC support, build coalitions to advance sexual and reproductive health rights and combat gender and racial discrimination, especially amid political pushback?

MODERATED PANEL FOLLOWED BY INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE

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