

# 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.

Within 6 Plenary Sessions and 6 topic-specific as well as interdisciplinary Breakout Sessions, which consist of Breakout formats, presentations with discussions, artistic Breakouts and other formats, future-oriented questions will be discussed and placed at the center of interest in a holistic view of urban health.

Plenary 1: Urban Planning & Governance

Plenary 2: Built Environment & Urban Health

Plenary 3: Natural Environment, Climate Change & Urban Health

Plenary 4: Public Engagement & Urban Decision Making

Plenary 5: AI & Urban Health

Plenary 6: Education & (Urban) Health

The Plenary Sessions feature 4-6 speakers, including the possibility of an opening impulse of 3-5 minutes followed by a joint discussion.

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 summit's website for more information and to register:

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/events/international-urban-health-summit>

Or follow our page on the social media platform LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-urban-health-project/>

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APRIL 9, 2025

12.00 REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH

1.30 WELCOME & INTRODUCING THE PARTNERS

**Georg Schütte**

*Secretary General, Volkswagen Foundation*

**TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS (REMOTE)**

*Director-General, WHO*

**Anacláudia Rossbach**

*Executive Director UN-Habitat*

**Peggy Hamburg**

*Former Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*

**Jeff L. Sturchio**

*Chair of the Board of ISUH*

*Chair : **DETLEV GANTEN**, Founder, Virchow Foundation for Global Health*

2.00 SETTING THE SCENE

**Jo Ivey Boufford**

*Clinical Professor of Global Health and Pediatrics, New York University*

**PETER McGRATH**

*IAP Coordinator*

**OLE PETTER OTTERSEN**

*Lancet Commission*

3.00 COFFEE BREAK & VISIT OF THE GROTTA OF NIKI DE SAINT PHALLE IN THE HERRENHAUSEN GARDENS

3.30 PLENARY 1 : URBAN PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

**MARCUS GRANT**

*Editor in Chief – Cities & Health*

**LOCANA GUNARATNA**

*Fellow of The National Academy of Sciences of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka*

**HEIKE KÖCKLER**

*Bochum University of Health, Germany*

**CARLOS MORENO**

*Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne and École des Ponts ParisTech*

**FRANCE MARK NIEWENHUIJSEN (remote)**

*Director, Urban Planning, Environment and Health Initiative, ISGlobal*

**REMY SIETCHIPING**

*UN-Habitat, Kenya*

**WU ZHIQIANG**

*Architect & Chief Planner, Expo Shanghai (tbc)*

*Chair : **RAINER FEHR**, Sustainable Environmental Health Sciences, University of Bielefeld, Germany*

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5.00 COFFEE BREAK

5.30 BREAKOUTS 1 : URBAN PLANNING & GOVERNANCE

## Breakout A

Urban Planning for Equity and Cities' Resilience

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

*Moderator: HEIKE KÖCKLER AND WHO REPRESENTATIVE*

## Breakout B

Addressing Implementation Gaps

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

*Moderator: N.N., UN-Habitat Representative*

## Breakout C

Good Practices – small interventions and huge outcomes

*Moderator: THOMAS WILLEMEIT., GRAFT Architects*

## Breakout D

Governance?

*Moderator: THOMAS GÖTZ., Staatssekretär a.D.*

## Nature Therapy

Nature Therapy as an Evidence-Based Urban Health Practice

The Breakout will take place outside in Herrenhausen Gardens. The maximum number of participants is 12.

*Moderator: LENA GROß, therapist for yoga, psychotherapy and forest therapist, Germany*

## ART goes Urban Health

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*Moderator: ROMAN KROKE, Artist, Germany/France*

7.00 POSTERSESSION AND MOVING DINNER

Early Career Researchers present their research.

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*

**N.N.**

*Representative from City of Berlin*

9.30 PLENARY 2 : BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN HEALTH

**MEREDITH GLASER**

*University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

**Gil Peñalosa**

*Founder, Cities for Everyone, Canada*

**NATHALIE ROEBBEL**

*Coordinator UH, WHO*

**OLGA SARMIENTO**

*Professor, University of the Andes, Bogota, Colombia*

*Chair: GISELLE SEBAG, Executive Director, International Society for Urban Health*

10.30 COFFEE BREAK AND POSTER SESSION

11.00 BREAKOUTS 2 : BUILT ENVIRONMENT & URBAN HEALTH

**Breakout A**

Neurourbanism as a Novel Approach to Urban Mental Health

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

*Moderator: MAZDA ADLI, Charité Berlin, Germany*

**Breakout B**

Nature and Green Space Interventions – Current Overview of Clinical Evidence

*Moderator: GEORG SEIFERT, Charité Berlin, Germany*

**Breakout C**

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*Moderator: BLESSING MBERU AND LOCANA GUNARATNA*

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## 12.00 LUNCH

## 1.00 PLENARY 3 : NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & URBAN HEALTH

### **GEORGE CHRISTOPHIDES**

*Imperial College London, UK/Cyprus*

### **DAVID GABRIEL**

*TU Braunschweig, Germany*

### **BRUNO MARQUES**

*International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA), Victoria University, New Zealand*

### **LEILA NIAMIR**

*Member of the Urban Health and Well-being Working Group IAP*

### **PAULO SALDIVA**

*Member of the WHO and researcher of the Department of Environmental Health of Harvard University, USA (remote)*

### **GEORG SEIFERT**

*Charité Berlin, Germany*

### **SOTIRIS VARDOLAKIS**

*Director of the Healthy Environments And Lives (HEAL) National Research Network and Professor of Environmental Public Health at the University of Canberra Health Research Institute, UK (remote)*

*Chair: **VOLKER TER MEULEN***

## 2.00 BREAKOUTS 3 : NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

### Breakout A

Soil Health – Urban Health: Study Case Metropolitan Area Berlin

*Moderator: **REINHARD HÜTTL, UWE SCHNEIDER**, GERMANY*

### Breakout B

Cities for Everyone: Parks & Trees, Nature Everywhere

*Moderator: **GIL PEÑALOSA**, Founder, Cities for Everyone, Canada*

### Breakout C

Climate Change & Urban Health (developed by IAP)

*Moderator: **N.N.***

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### 3.00 COFFEE BREAK

### 3.30 PLENARY 4 : PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & URBAN DECISION MAKING

#### **CHRISTOPHER BAILEY**

*Arts and Health Lead, WHO*

#### **CHRISTINE HOLMBERG**

*MHB, Germany*

#### **ETHAN KENT**

*PlacemakingX, USA*

#### **BLESSING MBERU**

*APHRC, Kenya*

#### **DAVID NAPIER**

*University of Cambridge, UK/Nigeria*

#### **TOLLULAH ONI**

*University of Cambridge*

*Chair: **JO IVEY BOUFFORD***

### 5.00 BREAKOUTS 4 : PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & URBAN DECISION MAKING

#### Breakout A

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

*Moderator: **NATHALIE LAURE ROEBBEL**, UN-Habitat Representative*

#### Breakout B

Community Engagement through Arts

*Moderator: **ALEKSANDAR STEVANOVIC**, Serbia YPL (Grantee)*

#### Breakout C

including vulnerable population in decision making

*Moderator: **N.N.***

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6.00 **APERITIF & DINNER**

9.00 **END OF THE SECOND DAY**

## APRIL 11, 2025

8.30 **COFFEE AVAILABLE**

9.00 **PLENARY 5 : AI & URBAN HEALTH**

### **WALESKA TEIXEIRA CAIFFA**

*Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil*

### **BETTY CHEMIER**

*UNDP Panama Accelerator Lab, Panama*

### **AHMED HASSOON**

*Faculty member, Epidemiology and Neurology Department, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA*

### **JUDE KONG**

*University of Cambridge, UK/Nigeria*

### **PETER SPEYER**

*Head of Data & Analytics, Novartis Foundation*

### **KATHRIN WOLF**

*Helmholtz Munich, Germany*

*Chair: **ALJOSCHA BURCHARDT**, Principal Researcher, AI and Language Technology DKFZ*

10.00 **BREAKOUTS 5 : AI AND URBAN HEALTH**

### Breakout A

Zooming in: Local Perspective in SDG indicators and data justice

*Moderator: **JULIA MAYER**, German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)*

### Breakout B

UHeal – towards an AI assistant for Urban Health

*Moderator: **JOCHEN BUETTNER**, Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology, Germany*

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## Breakout C

AI for chronic disease prevention in cities

Moderator: **PETER SPEYER**

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## 11.00 COFFEE BREAK

## 11.30 SESSION 6 : EDUCATION & (URBAN) HEALTH

### **ESTHER PRESILLA DANQUAH**

*Municipal Director of Health Service, Kpone Katamanso Municipality, Ghana*

### **SAROJ JAYASINGHE**

*former Chair Professor of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka*

### **ROMAN KROKE**

*Interdisciplinary Artist, Germany/France*

### **CAMILLE MAADJHOU BERJAULINE**

*Consultant in Diabetology/Lecturer of Epidemiology and Nutrition, Cameroon*

### **AKINYINKA OMIGBODUN**

*Former President, West African College of Surgeons, Nigeria*

### **TANIA SINGER**

*Max Planck Berlin, Germany*

Chair: **STEFAN WILlich**

## 12.30 BREAKOUTS 6 : EDUCATION & SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

### Breakout A

Education & Health

Moderator: **ANNETTE GRÜTERS-KIESLICH**

### Breakout B

Initiative18

Moderator: **KLAUS-PETER SCHULZ**



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## 1.30 FINAL PLENARY : WRAP UP, NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS

### Wrap-up of the Plenaries

**JO IVEY BOUFFORD**

*Clinical Professor of Global Health and Pediatrics, New York University*

**PETER MC GRATH/PEGGY HAMBURG**

**ANNETTE GRÜTERS-KIESLICH**

*Managing Director, International Society of Urban Health*

**CHRISTOPH MARKSCHIES**

*President, Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences*

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## 2.00 LUNCH

## 3.00 END OF SUMMIT