



**United Nations Science Summit (UNGA79)**  
**Global Health Connector Event on Women's Health**  
*convened by ECHAlliance & Society for Women's Health Research*

September 24, 2024 | 9:00am – 2:30pm ET  
Cure. | 345 Park Avenue S, New York, NY | Hybrid event

## **DESCRIPTION**

Women comprise approximately half of the world's population, yet their role in the global health care ecosystem is often underrepresented or inadequately considered. Women face unique challenges over the course of their lifespans, due to biological sex differences in health and disease, as well as sociocultural influences related to gender. Disparities exist across disease states and life stages that touch every race, ethnic group, geographic location, and socioeconomic status. A comprehensive strategy to advance research on women's health must be developed and implemented to address this global health deficiency. This series of sessions will discuss key developments and opportunities to advance women's health through research, with a focus on addressing female underrepresentation in clinical studies; the role of women in health care decision-making; and barriers to accessing care and improving health outcomes for women across the global landscape. Participants of the event will identify opportunities for domestic and global collaborations and inform the development of a women's health research agenda in the Outcomes Report to the United Nations.

## **OPEN SESSION (hybrid)**

9:00 – 9:10am

### **Welcome**

- Bleddyn Rees, Deputy Chair, ECHAlliance – The Global Health Connector
- Irene O. Aninye, PhD, Chief Science Officer, Society for Women's Health Research

9:10 – 9:40am

### **A Call to Action: Women's Unique Health Needs and the SDGs**

- Ru-fong Joanne Cheng, MD, FACOG, Director, Women's Health Innovations, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

9:40 – 10:30am

### **Transitioning Women's Health from Treatment to Prevention**

- Capt. Aisha K. Brooks, DNP, MPH, RN, FAAN, Senior Health Policy Administrator, U.S. Public Health Service
- Anuradha Gupta, President, Global Immunization, Sabin Vaccine Institute
- Rachel Sturke, PhD, MPH, MIA, Acting Deputy Director, Fogarty International Center

- 10:30 – 10:45am Break
- 10:45 – 11:35am **Ensuring Accountability: Women in Research, Health Care, and Policy Leadership**
- Janine Austin Clayton, MD, FARVO, Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health
  - Carolyn Harris, Labour MP for Neath and Swansea East, UK Parliament
- 11:35am – 12:15pm **Perspectives from Women Leaders in Women's Health**
- Janine Austin Clayton, MD, FARVO, Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health
  - Michele Barry, MD, FACP, Director for Center of Innovation in Global Health, Stanford University
  - Eleanor Nwadinobi, MBBS, EMA, FAAC, President, Medical Women's International Association
- 12:15 – 12:30pm **Wrap-up & Adjourn Open Session**
- Recommendations and future actions
  - Opportunities to connect

**INVITED SESSION (in-person only)**

12:30 – 1:30pm Women's Health Networking Lunch

1:30 – 2:30pm Concurrent Roundtables

**Strengthening the Maternal Health Workforce**

*(Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson)*

- Diversifying training and professional pathways into maternal health
- Maximizing workforce participation; nurses, community health workers
- Addressing maternal-fetal medicine specialty care across diverse economies
- Workplace safety and violence prevention

**Role of FemTech in the Women's Health Care Ecosystem**

*(Sponsored by Pfizer)*

- Trends in start-ups to address gaps in women's health care
- Implementing FemTech solutions across diverse economies
- Considerations for regulatory policies and practices