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## PROGRAM

Day 1 – 17 APRIL, Wednesday

Morning Session

### Opening Ceremony

**08:00/08:50** Opening Registration Desk

**09:00/10:00** Luisa Borgia - President of National Bioethics Committee and President of 14th Global Summit, Republic of San Marino

Mariella Mularoni – Minister of Health, Republic of San Marino

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus – WHO General Director (video message)

Hans Henri P. Kluge - Regional Director WHO for Europe

Gabriela Ramos - Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO (video message)

Katherine Littler - Co- Unit Head of the Global Health Ethics & Governance Unit at WHO Headquarters

### Plenary Session

#### I – Preparing for crises in times of resource shortages: role of National Ethics Committees

*Introduction: Belgium* - Virginie Pirard - Member of the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics

*Moderation: Zambia* – Godfrey Biemba - Director and CEO for the National Health Research Authority

Talk 1 - *Trinidad & Tobago* - Shakuntala Thilstead - Director for Nutrition, Health and Food Security Impact Area Platform, CGIAR

Talk 2 – *United Kingdom* – Katherine Wright – WHO Consultant, Climate Change, Health & Ethics

Talk 3 – *United States* - Anne Barnhill - Associate Research Professor and Core Faculty at the Berman Institute of Bioethics

Panel & Plenary Discussion



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12:00/13:30 Lunch & posters

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### Parallel Session I\*

13:30/14:30 **a) Issues of crisis: pandemic preparedness**

*Italy* – Claudia Navarini - Deputy Vice President of the National Bioethics Committee (CNB)  
**“Covid-19 Pandemic, Food Insecurity and Health Implications in Children”**

*Barbados* – Mike Campbell - Chair, UWI- Cave Hill & Ministry of Health & Wellness Research Committee  
**“Building Sustainable Ethics Systems in Small Island Developing States”**

*South Africa* - Penelope Engel-Hills - Chairperson National Health Research Ethics Council (NHREC)  
**“Preparing for Crises in Time of Resources Shortages: role of National Ethics Committees”**

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### Parallel Session I\*

13:30/14:30 **b) Issues of crisis: pandemic preparedness**

*Iran* - Bagher Larijani – Director of Medical Ethics and history of Medicine Research Center, UNESCO chair in bioethics, WHO collaborating center  
**“Challenges of Education, research and providing health services during COVID-19 pandemic and lessons learned from best practices”**

*Portugal* - Pedro Fevereiro - Member of the Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences  
**“The right to food and the morality of farming under the scope of “One Health”**

*Mexico* - Patricio Santillan-Doherty - National Bioethics Commissioner of Mexico  
**“Preparing for crises in times of resource shortages: role of National Ethics Committees”**

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## Plenary Session

### 14:30/16:30 II – Contributions and challenges of National Ethics Committees in fostering inclusion for persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups

*Introduction: San Marino* – Giampiero Griffo - Member of National Bioethics Committee

*Moderation: Portugal* – Adionilde Aguiar - President of the Ethics Committee of the Ministry of Health

Talk 1 - *Argentina* - Agustina Palacios - Human Rights Teaching, Faculty of Law

Talk 2 – *To be confirmed*

Talk 3 – *Switzerland* - Darryl Barrett – Technical Lead (Disability), WHO HQ

#### Panel & Plenary Discussion

*NECs 1,2,3*

16:30/17:00 *Coffee-break*

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## Parallel Session II\*

### 17:00/18:30 a) Inclusion, exclusion and ‘vulnerability’

*Sweden* - Sven-Erin Söder – The Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics  
“Working towards a more inclusive pandemic preparedness plan”

*Belgium* - Florence Caeymaex - Member of the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics  
“Facing vulnerabilities: lessons from the social model of disability, and beyond”

*Spain* – Juan Carlos Siurana – Vice Chair of the Spanish Bioethics Committee  
“Fair access to health care. A case for universal (national) health card”



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### Parallel Session II\*

#### 17:00/18:30 **b) Issues & challenges in Research Ethics**

*India* – Roli Mathur - Scientist “F” & Head, ICMR Bioethics Unit, ICMR -  
“ICMR-DHR Outreach Program to strengthen the functionin of Ethics Committees in India”

*Greece* - Vasiliki (Vicky) Mollaki - National Centre For Scientific Research Demokritos AND  
National Commission for Bioethics & Technoethics  
“A call for action in the ethics review process to address the changing research  
environment”

*WHO Regional office EMRO* - Director of Science, Information and Dissemination Arash  
Rashidian  
“Science and Misinformation: part of the problem, part of the solution”

*Senegal* – Samba Cor Sarr - Permanent Secretary of National Ethics Committee for Health  
Research  
“Achieving ISO9001 Certification: A significant Step in Quality Management for Nationl  
Research Ethics Committees – The case of the Senegal Research Ethics Committee”

- *Brasil* - Andrea Leite – Technical Consultant e General Coordination of Strategic Actions in  
Clinical Research of the Department of Science and Techonology of the Secretariat of Science  
“Ethical regulation of research involving human beings in Brazil: bioethical reflections on  
law proposition no.7082/2017”

18:00

*Welcome Aperitif*

End of Day 1

## Day 2 – Thursday 18 APRIL

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### Plenary Session

**09:00/11:00 III – Striving for equity in the face of medical innovations: how can National Ethics Committees help redress the balance?**

*Introduction: Portugal* – Maria Do Ceu Patrao Neves - President of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences

*Moderation: Italy* - Lorenzo Montrasio – Independent Expert at the Minister for the Family, Birth Rate and Equal Opportunities

Talk 1 *South Africa* – Jantina De Vries - Associate Professor in Bioethics University of Cape Town

Talk 2 *Oman* - Faryal Khamis - Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Royal Hospital in Muscat

Talk 3 *Italy* – Nicola Magrini - Co-director, WHO Collaborating Centre for evidence synthesis and guideline development

**Panel & Plenary Discussion**

**11:00/11:30** *Coffee-break*

**Parallel Session III**

**11:30/12:30 a) Equitable access and benefit sharing: prevention, diagnosis and treatment, adapting resources to unforeseen challenges**

*Singapore* - Yuan a/Professor Ngiam Kee - Deputy Chair of Bioethics Advisory Committee  
**“Ethical Issues Arising from Use of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Biomedical Research and Healthcare”**

*Portugal* – Inês Godinho – Council Member National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences (CNECV)

*Portugal* – Margarida Silvestre - Council Member National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences (CNECV)  
**“AI and Decision-making in Medicine”**

*Philippines* - Atty. Charade B. Mercado - Assistant secretary of Health Department of Health  
**“Navigating Ethical Considerations in Stem Cell Regulation: A Closer Look at the Philippine Context”**

*France* – Florence Jusot – Member of the CCNE  
**“Revolution in therapeutic innovations: what are the ethical issues?”**



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### Parallel Session III

#### 11:30/12:30 **b) Issues & challenge in Research Ethics**

*Guinea* – Alpha Ahmadou - General Secretary of National Ethics Committee  
**“Implication éthiques soulevées par la recherche clinique avec la participation des couchés vulnérables em situation d’urgence de santé publique em Afrique de l’Ouest ”**

*Malawi* - Billy W. Nyambalo - REC Administrator for the National Health Sciences Research Committee (NHSRC)  
**“Ethics in Health Researches Priority setting: The Case of The National Health Sciences Research Committee (NHSRC)”**

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### Plenary Session

#### 14:00/16:00 **IV – The role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare**

*Introduction: United Kingdom* - Sarah Cunningham-Burley - Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics

*Moderation: Saudi Arabia* - Mohammed Alkawi - Director, Research Ethics Monitoring

Talk 1 *San Marino* – Felice Strollo Member of National Bioethics Committee

Talk 2 *Ghana* - Paulina Tindana - Associate Professor of Bioethics at the University of Ghana School of Public Health

Talk 3 *Council of Europe* – Lee Hibbard – Human Rights and Biomedicine Division – Council of Europe

**Panel & Plenary Discussion**

*NECs 1,2*

16:00/16:30 *Coffee-break*



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### Parallel Session IV

#### 16:30/17:30 **a) Trust, misinformation and engagement**

*Poland* - Bartnik-Jaszewska Magdalena - Deputy Director Medical Research Agency  
**"The role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare role of National Ethics Committees in promoting public engagement, dialogue, and trust in public health and welfare"**

*Singapore* - Gregory Vijanyendran - Deputy Chair of Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC)  
**"Public Engagement Efforts of the Bioethics Advisory Committee"**

*France* – Jean-François Delfraissy - President of the CCNE  
**"The French experience through two examples: the general debates on bioethics and the process regarding end-of-life issues"**

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### Parallel Session IV

#### 16:30/17:30 **b) Trust, misinformation and engagement**

*Lebanon* – Michel Daher - General Secretary Lebanese National Ethics  
**"The way-out Pandemic Crisis: making it the last pandemic?"**

*Saudi Arabia* - Mohammed Alkawi – Member National Committee of Bioethics, KACST  
**"The role of NECs during crises"**

*United Kingdom* - Danielle Hamm - Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics  
**"The importance of public engagement and deliberation - reflections on AI & genomics, assisted dying and more"**

*WHO Regional office EMRO* - Arash Rashidian - Director of Science, Information and Dissemination  
**"Role of Eastern Mediterranean Bioethics Summits in Promoting Dialogue and Trust in Public Health"**



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20:00 *Gala dinner*

End of Day 2

Day 3 – 19 April, Friday

Morning session

### REPORTS FROM REGIONAL MEETINGS

09:00/10:00 Chair: NBC member, SC member, WHO/UNESCO as co-chairs

Rapporteur:

AFRO

AMRO+EURO

EMRO

SEARO+WPRO

### Plenary Session I

10:00/10:40 Conclusions of the Regional Meetings

10:40/11:00 *Coffee-break*

### Plenary Session II

11:00/11:45 Reporting back: from Lisbon to San Marino

Global Summit 2026 – Announcement of Next Venue

11:45/12:00 San Marino Conclusions  
Closing Ceremony

End of Day 3



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