



2026 ECOSOC Partnership Forum; Virtual Side Event

Our Collective Advocacy and Global Platform

For

Education and Health Sectors

Date: 26 January 2026; Time: 10 am to 11:15 am (EST, New York time)

Sponsor / Organizer: Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC)

Background

A coordinated action across sectors is needed for the greatest impact. The aim of this Side Event is to understand the potential of social and economic impacts, that quality education and improved health can bring in achieving peaceful co-existence. For policy-makers and individuals alike, this means planning for the future, and working together. The initiatives of the Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC), have been hard at work for the last two decades, to achieve education- and health-for-all. It is at the heart of our projects and programs to focus on eliminating poverty, hunger and achieving the United Nations' 2030 Agenda. Our initiatives have an unique role to play in strengthening the health and educational systems worldwide. Cultural diversity is now the norm in each and every country.

Concept Note: <http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/2026-ECOSOC-Concept-Note.pdf>

Key Issues discussed

The global movement towards education- and health-for-all will directly facilitate the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda. As an enabler of several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), education and health can become the driving force behind poverty reduction strategies, in the service of humanity, democratization of the resources and an inputs for regional development in social and economic development – especially relevant for universal health coverage and access.

The objectives of this Side Event and key issue discussed were:

1. Health and educational services should be free or low-cost and provided by educators and healthcare providers, who are non-judgmental;
2. Healthcare workers are trained in providing age-appropriate health information and welcoming towards adolescents' health and contraceptive needs;
3. Availability of preventive services such as birth-control, psychological counseling, and/or testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

4. Measure and publicly report on progress to achieve gender equality at regional, national and international levels.
5. Building the evidence-based, mainly community-based research that is affordable and has immediate implications for programs and local partners.
6. Provide strong and coherent leadership in support of Member States' priorities and efforts, building effective partnership and civil society and other relevant actors.

WHEC Statement: <http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/2026-ECOSOC-Partnership-Forum.pdf>

Key recommendations for action

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC), aims to mobilize humanity's collective intelligence, which involves youth, educators, civil society, governments, businesses, corporations, and stakeholders. There is a rich diversity of ways of knowing, which relies on a broad and open-process. The 17 SDGs are integrated and education- and health-for-all is the backbone of the strategy – No One Left Behind.

Our Recommendations:

1. Quality education and providing timely evidence-based information in health-sector, which is accessible to all reliable disaggregated data, will be needed to help with the measurements of progress of all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in health and education sectors.
2. To ensure that no one is left behind, open science, artificial intelligence (AI) and Big Data Management will be the key to the decision-making process, in the future.
3. The utilization of AI and Big Data can be capitalized upon through the construction of dynamic, robust and inclusive public data ecosystems, via UN funded data co-operatives and algorithmic accountability programs.
4. Promote education, training and professional development for women of all ages.
5. Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women- and men-workers.

Education and Health are human rights.

Program Video (YouTube Video): <https://youtu.be/Qsz-ubE094k>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qsz-ubE094k>

