



VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT
78th World Health Assembly
WHA78
21st May 2025

Time: 16:00 to 17:15 CEST (Geneva Time); 10:00 am to 11:15 am EST (New York Time)

Health and Education: The Best Building Blocks for Sustainable Development

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

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Speakers' List / Meet the Speakers

- **Dr. Rita Luthra, MD**
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Our Brief History:

http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Our_Brief_History.pdf

Moderator, Introduction, Our Collective Efforts to Improve Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

- **Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP**
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Preparing Next Generation of Healthcare Providers in Global Health and Global Governance

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Ethical Framework for Obstetricians and Gynecologists

- **Dr. Vanathi Gopalakrishnan, PhD**

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Improving Health and Education for Women and Girls: PITT VIHAR Center in India.

And

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Role of AI in improving online health information content for low-income countries

And

- **Dr. Ganesh Mani, Ph.D.**

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) and impact on health and economy in developing countries

- **Ms. Upasana Chauhan**

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- **Ms. Lucky Gill**

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Ending Child Marriages: Our Efforts in India

AGENDA

10:00 am to 10:15 am	Dr. Rita Luthra , Our Collective Efforts to improve maternal and child health
10:16 am to 10:30 am	Dr. Colleen Kraft , Global Health & Global Governance
10:31 am to 10:45 am	Dr. Frank Chervenak , Ethical Framework for obstetricians and gynecologists
10:45 am to 11:00 am	Dr. Vanathi Gopalakrishnan + Edith Luhanga + Dr. Ganesh Mani <i>Our Efforts in India and Africa to improve health and education</i>
11:01 am to 11:10 am	Ms. Upasana Chauhan + Ms. Lucky Gill , Ending Child Marriages: our efforts in India
11:11 am to 11:15 am	Q & A



ZOOM Link to Participate →

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) is inviting you to attend Virtual Side Event, hosted during 78th World Health Assembly (WHA), Geneva, Switzerland, via this Zoom Link.

Title: **Health and Education – The Best Building Blocks for Sustainable Development.**

No Registration required and no registration fee.

The Side Event will start promptly at 10:00 am EST (New York Time); 16:00 CEST (Geneva Time) on May 21st

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