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81 UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT

23RD SEPTEMBER 2026; 10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM (EST, NEW YORK TIME)

OPEN SCIENCE: AS OPEN AS POSSIBLE *FOR* HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

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

SPEAKERS LIST / MEET THE SPEAKERS

1. Dr. Rita Luthra, MD

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Our Brief History:

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

Our Collective Efforts: Introduction and A Way Forward

From American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and USA

2. Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP

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Open Science: A Path Toward Equity in Maternal-Child Health

From India (UN, WHO, UNESCO Member State)

3. Dr. Manisha Jhawar

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*Building an evidence based frontline care network for mothers & children
to turn empirical practice to evidence based primary care*

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4. Dr. Ganesh Mani, Ph.D.

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*Artificial Intelligence (AI) and 3Cs for Knowledge;
(Creation, Curation and Communication)*

AGENDA

10:00am to 10:15 am (15 minutes) Dr. Rita Luthra, Our collective Efforts

10:15am to 10:30 am (15 minutes) Dr. Colleen Kraft, path towards equity

10:30am to 10:45 am (15 minutes) Dr. Manisha Jhavar, building evidence-base

10:45am to 11:00 am (15 minutes) Dr. Ganesh Mani; AI and 3Cs

11:00 am to 11:15 am (15 minutes) *Video Messages*

11:15 am to 11:30 am (15 minutes) Summary, Q & A

ZOOM LINK TO PARTICIPATE

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) invites you to participate in this Side Event and discussion. There is NO Registration Fee. No Registration required. Share your initiatives in Global Health with us.

Open Science: As Open As Possible for Health Development

The program will start promptly at 10 am. Join few minutes early to settle in.

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