



**2025 HLPF Virtual Side Event  
Speakers' List  
Creating A Thriving World through  
Education and Health**

**Date: 16 July 2025; Time: 10:00am – 11:15am EST,**

**Speakers' List / Meet the Speakers / Agenda**

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

[http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Our\\_Brief\\_History.pdf](http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Our_Brief_History.pdf)

*Moderator/ Introducing WHEC's Initiatives to Improve Maternal and Child Health  
Worldwide. Summary of 25 years of Efforts in Global Health.*

- **Ms. Alima Taal**  
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*Empowering CDWD Women, through Equitable Access to Education and Health*

- **Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP**  
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*Reaffirming the Foundation of Child Health, Education and Development*

- **Dr. Vanathi Gopalakrishnan, PhD**

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*Sustainable Digital Twinning for Healthcare Education and Access*

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*Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emerging Economies*

- **Mr. David M. DiSabito Jr, MBA**

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*What If Artificial Intelligence (AI) Literacy Became New Global Health  
Imperative? Provocations on Generative AI's Untapped Potential*

## AGENDA

**10:00am to 10:05am**

**Dr. Rita Luthra**, Introduction

**10:06am to 10:15am**

**Dr. Rita Luthra**, Two Decades of advancing Global  
Health and Education Initiatives

**10:16am to 10:30am**

**Ms. Alima Taal**, The Gambia west Africa Project

**10:30am to 10:40am**

**Dr. Colleen Kraft**, *Reaffirming Child Health,  
Education and Development*

**10:40am to 10:50am**

**Dr. Vanathi Gopalkrishnan**, *Digital Twinning in  
Health and Education Sectors*

**10:50am to 11:00am**

**Dr. Ganesh Mani**, *AI and Emerging Economies*

**11:00am to 11:10am**

**Mr. David DiSabito**, *AI and new global health  
imperative*

**11:10am to 11:15am**

**Q & A**

## **Zoom Link Information to Join →**

WHEC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting – 2025 HLPF Side Event – Creating A Thriving World Through Education and Health.

Date: 16 July 2025; Time: 10 am to 11:15 am (EDT, New York Time)

No registration needed, No registration fee.

**Please join few minutes early; the Side Event will start promptly at 10am.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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