



2026 HLPF Virtual Side Event Speakers' List

Clean Drinking Water, Sanitation, Mental Health and Social Wellbeing – Our Initiatives

Date: 08 July 2026; Time: 10:00am – 11:15am EST, New York time

Speakers' List / Meet the Speakers / Agenda

- **Dr. Rita Luthra, MD**
President and Editor-in-Chief,
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Our Brief History:

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.*

From American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and University of Southern California (USC), California (USA)

- **Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP**
Professor of Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California,
Children's Hospital Los Angeles;
2018 President of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
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Climate Stewardship and Maternal-Child Health

From India (UN, WHO and UNESCO Member State)

- **Dr. Manisha Jhawar**
Consultant Obstetrician, Gynaecologist and Fetal Medicine Specialist,
KCJ Hospital and Maternity Home
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*Menstrual Health, Sanitation and Dignity:
Building Sustainable Solutions for Women and Girls*

From Massachusetts, (USA)

- **Mr. David M. DiSabito Jr, MBA**
AI Liaison and AI Working Group Chair to the College of Business
Professional Educator of Business Analytics and Information Management
Western New England University
Springfield, MA (USA)
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*AI Agents, Women's Wellbeing, and Human Connection: Questions from the Front
Lines of AI Integration and Academia*

From Minnesota (USA)

- **Ms. Serena Mani**
Master of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
Incoming doctoral student in developmental psychopathology and clinical science at
University of Minnesota
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*Water and Sanitation Essential to Improve Brain Health for
Women and Children*

AGENDA

10:00am to 10:15am (15 minutes): Dr. Rita Luthra, Introduction, 25 years of
advancing Global Health;

10:16am to 10:30am (15 minutes): Dr. Colleen Kraft, Climate change and Maternal
& Child health;

10:31 am to 10:45 am (15 minutes): Dr. Manisha Jhavar, Menstrual Health,
Sanitation and Dignity

10:46am to 11:00 am (15 minutes): Mr. David DiSabito, AI and women's
wellbeing connection

11:00am to 11:15 am (15 minutes): Ms. Serena Mani, Essential Services for
maternal and child health – Water and Sanitation

Q & A: Please contact the Speakers directly, for Q & A. Their contact e-mail, and contact information is provided to you. Thank you.

Zoom Link to participate in the Side Event

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) invites you to participate in this Virtual Side Event, hosted by WHEC in the margins of 2026 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) Virtual Side Event;

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Please join few minutes early to settle-in. The Program will start promptly at 10 am.

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