



**Virtual Side Event**  
**78<sup>th</sup> World Health Assembly (WHA78)**  
**Geneva, Switzerland**  
**21 May 2025; Time: 16:00 – 17:15 CEST**

**Summary and Video Link**

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

**Background**

Of all the health statistics monitored by the World Health Organization (WHO), maternal mortality and morbidity (both physical and mental), shows the largest discrepancy, between developed and developing countries. Every day, at least 700 women and girls die, one every two minutes, due to complications of pregnancy and childbirth. And hundreds more have short- and long-term disabilities. 90% of these deaths and disabilities occur in the developing countries. Quality education and universal health care are the most important investments that any country can make for its future and for its people. Investing in health and education is, investing in people, and investing in our collective future. If harnessed properly, the digital revolution can be one of the most powerful tools for ensuring quality health and education for all.

**Collective Advocacy and National / International Platform**

Future of health and education sectors is digital, in each and every country, rich and poor alike. Knowledge and understanding are precondition for action at all level. The Women's Health and Education Center launched an e-learning project in association with the Department of Public Information (DPI) of the United Nations (UN) on 24 October 2002

(<http://www.WomensHealthSection.com>). It has reached 227 countries and territories – serving about 14 million visitors, every year. Continuing medical education is a lifetime commitment requiring knowledge of current trends and developments in the science, technology and economics of healthcare. Convenience of provider-directed independent study activities allows healthcare professionals to reach the learning goals that must be incorporated into their demanding professional schedules.

**Concept Note:** <http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Side-Event-78th-WHA-Geneva-May-21st-Concept-Note.pdf>

**Key Points Discussed**

1. Foster societies where everyone is included. Both social justice and digital transformation can improve access to essential services for vulnerable communities, creating opportunities for everyone.
2. Expanding UNESCO Chair Program and promoting global collaboration.
3. Fostering inclusive digital transformation.
4. Building the capacity to care.

5. Preparing the next generation of healthcare providers in the international arena, deepening their knowledge and improving the skill set of a career in global health and global governance is urgently needed.

**WHEC Statement:** <http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/WHA78-LJ-Virtual-Side-Event-21-May-2025.pdf>

## **Key Recommendations and Actions**

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) is well positioned to advance all SDGs, with special focus on 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 16 and 17. Building sustainable partnerships, through WHEC's e-Learning, e-Health, and e-Government initiatives; such as [LINK \(Learning, Innovating, Networking, for Knowledge\) Access Project](#) – *To disseminate reproductive health information and research*, will offer way forward. Digital technologies including AI and Big Data Management have the potential to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities. While obligations to promote the rights of women's and children are protected by international conventions, difficulties in putting moral obligation into practice still abound. By supporting reproductive health and research, and open dialogue and objective analysis, WHEC, has laid the groundwork for mutual understanding among countries.

Simply expressed, we **cannot** leave anyone behind.

**YouTube Video Link:** [https://youtu.be/E\\_9naOJGv90](https://youtu.be/E_9naOJGv90)