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APRIL 22-24, 2024

## **The first World Health Summit Regional Meeting in Australia opens on April 22 in Melbourne**

Global health in the Asia-Pacific region in focus

*Berlin / Melbourne, April 11, 2024*

Under the theme 'Shape the future of health across Asia and the Pacific' the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2024 in Melbourne, Australia from April 22-24 will bring together stakeholders from all sectors of global health.

Register now for the first WHS Regional Meeting in Australia, hosted by Monash University, Melbourne. During the three-day meeting and in over 40 sessions, more than 150 speakers will discuss strategies to improve global health.

### **World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2024 - Melbourne, Australia**

April 22-24

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)

1 Convention Centre Pl

South Wharf VIC 3006, Australia

[www.whsmelbourne2024.com](http://www.whsmelbourne2024.com)

#### **Topics include:**

- Health of Indigenous Peoples
- Achieving health equity for women and girls
- Clinician-led health system reform
- Putting lived and living experience at the centre of mental health care
- Priorities for education, training and a future-proof health workforce
- Impact of AI when ancient ways of knowing and new technology collide
- Protecting and improving health in an increasingly divided world
- Global preparedness for the next pandemic
- Misinformationitis: the impact of tech on health

#### **Speakers include:**

- Saia Ma'u Piukala, Regional Director for the Western Pacific, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Ged Kearney, Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Australia
- Helen Clark, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand & Former Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme
- Titilola Duro-Aina, Pacific Chief of Health, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu, Minister of Health and Medical Services, Fiji
- Papaarangi Reid, Deputy Dean Māori & Head of Department, Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, University of Auckland
- Michael Marmot, Director, UCL Institute of Health Equity, United Kingdom
- Adeeba Kamarulzaman, President and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Monash University Malaysia
- Ajay Tandon, Lead Economist, World Bank

Co-Presidents of the WHS Regional Meeting 2024 are Prof. Sophia Zoungas, Head of the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University and Prof. Christina Mitchell, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, Monash University.

“The calibre of people attending the Regional Meeting gives us real hope that we will be able to address some of the health inequities that exists in the Asia-Pacific region so that we can move towards the SDG of universal health care,” said Sophia Zoungas. Christina Mitchell added: “The Regional Meeting comes at a pivotal time of serious geopolitical conflict, climate change, infectious disease outbreaks, ongoing health equity challenges facing Indigenous communities globally, and a diminishing healthcare workforce, all hugely important issues that will be tackled at the meeting”.

Monash University Vice-Chancellor and President, Prof. Sharon Pickering, said Monash was proud to be convening the Regional Meeting as an important opportunity to make progress on addressing global health challenges. “As a top-50 global university and a leader in medical and health research, Monash is committed to working in collaboration with our partners for community benefit, and I’m hopeful the WHS Regional Meeting 2024 will lead to strong commitments towards improving health access and equity in the Asia-Pacific region.”

All information on speakers, program, and participation is available here: [www.whsmelbourne2024.com](http://www.whsmelbourne2024.com)

All session recordings will be available afterwards [here](#).

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### **Background:**

The World Health Summit Regional Meeting takes place every year in different parts of the world in addition to the annual World Health Summit in Berlin and brings regional topics to the forefront. Each Regional Meeting is hosted by the M8 Alliance member holding the World Health Summit International Presidency, which rotates every year.

The [M8 Alliance of Academic Health Centers, Universities and National Academies](#) is the academic foundation of the World Health Summit and a unique network of leading academic health centers, universities, and research institutions from all over the world.

[Monash University](#) is a founding member of the M8 Alliance. With 86,000 students, 17,000 staff, and more than 440,000 alumni, it is Australia’s largest university.

The [World Health Summit](#) is the international platform for global health. It brings together stakeholders from politics, science, the private sector, and civil society from around the world to set the agenda for a healthier future and well-being for all. The main conference World Health Summit is held each October in Berlin. This year’s World Health Summit will take place from October 13-15.

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