

# 2020 EWEC Calendar



Key Events, Intergovernmental Discussions & Pulse Points	Location	Date(s)
<b>JANUARY</b>		
<p><b>Launch of UN75 Initiative – Shaping Our Future Together</b> Starting in January 2020, the United Nations will hold dialogues around the world and across borders, sectors and generations. The aim is to reach the global public; to listen to their hopes and fears; and to learn from their experiences. While UN75 seeks to drive conversation in all segments of society, it will place special emphasis on youth and those whose voices are too often marginalized or not heard in global affairs.</p> <p>Through the upcoming dialogues, UN75 aims to build a global vision for the year 2045, the UN's centenary; to increase understanding of the threats to that future; and to drive collective action to realize that vision.</p> <p>The views and ideas that are generated will be presented to world leaders and senior UN officials at a high-profile event during the 75th Session of the General Assembly in September 2020.</p>	Global	All year
<b>Year of the Nurse and the Midwife (YONM)</b>	Global	All year
<b>World Economic Forum Davos, Switzerland</b>		21–24
<b>33rd Ordinary Session of the African Union Summit Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</b>		21–3 Feb
<b>PMNCH/Countdown2030 PMAC Side-event: Leaving no woman, no child, no adolescent behind in efforts towards UHC</b>		28
<p><b>Prince Mahidol Award Conference: UHC Forum 2020</b> The Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC) is an annual international conference focusing on policy-related health issues. The PMAC 2020 is co-hosted by the Prince Mahidol Award Foundation, the Thai Ministry of Public Health, WHO, The World Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, UNAIDS, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, United States Agency for International Development, among others. The theme of the conference is "Accelerating Progress Towards Universal Health Coverage".</p>	Bangkok, Thailand	28–Feb 2
<b>International Conference on Family Planning Sydney, Australia</b>		30–31
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Humanitarian networks and partnerships week</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	3–7
<b>WHO 146th session of the Executive Board</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	3–8
<b>OECD High-level Conference on Ending Violence Against Women</b>	Paris, France	5–6
<b>International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation</b>	Global	6
<p><b>World Urban Forum</b> Organized and convened by UN-Habitat, the World Urban Forum has become the foremost international gathering for exchanging views and experiences on sustainable urbanization in all its ramifications.</p>	Abu Dhabi, UAE	8–13
<b>PMNCH Board Retreat</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	16–18
<p><b>2020 Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the UN</b> This joint IPU-UN hearing will call for greater political resolve to ensure that the Sustainable Development Goal on education, SDG 4, is fully realized by 2030. As a priority theme of the 74th General Assembly, education is an important part of a series of events at the United Nations that will include the observance of the International Day of Education on 24 January.</p>	New York, USA	17–18
<b>Launch of the Lancet-WHO-UNICEF on child health and wellbeing in the sustainable development context</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	19
<b>MARCH</b>		
<p><b>Fragility Forum 2020 (Partnering for Development and Peace)</b> The Fragility Forum is a high-level event organized by the World Bank Group which brings together practitioners and policymakers from around the world to exchange knowledge and experience on engaging in environments affected by fragility, conflict and violence (FCV).</p>	Washington DC, USA	2–4

<b>International Women's Day</b>	Global	8
<b>Women's Leadership and Empowerment Conference</b>	Bali, Indonesia	8–10
<b>64th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64) celebrating Beijing+25</b> In 2020, the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). The main focus of the session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly.	New York, USA	9–20
<b>DIHAD: Annual international Aid &amp; Development Conference and Exhibition</b> 2020 Theme: Aid, a focus on Africa	Dubai, UAE	10–12
<b>GAVI Board retreat</b>	TBA	18–19
<b>Antimicrobial Resistance Summit (Hosted by The Economist)</b> The goal is to expand the community of discussants, to include a greater focus on environment, food and agriculture, which are underappreciated domains of AMR. The potential of AI and machine learning for improving surveillance, and ways to develop economic impact data that can galvanise policy makers, will also be explored. The conference will provide an opportunity to evaluate progress since 2019, such as new government AMR action plans and the experiences to date of 'push' and 'pull' mechanisms to incite R&D. In the food and environment domain, the summit will look at concrete ways to reduce antibiotics in crops and livestock and explore the emergence of antimicrobial resistance genes in the food system.	London, UK	19
<b>World Water Day</b>	Global	22
<b>Commission on Population and Development fifty-third session</b> Theme: Population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development	New York, USA	30 March–3 April
<b>Social and Behaviour Change Communication Summit</b>	Marrakech, Morocco	30 March
<b>United Nations Youth Plenary session</b>	New York, USA	31
<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>2020 ECOSOC Youth Forum</b> Every year, the ECOSOC Youth Forum provides an opportunity for young people to engage in a dialogue with Member States. They discuss policy frameworks and promote innovative, institutionalised approaches and initiatives for advancing the youth development agenda at national, regional and global levels. The ECOSOC Youth Forum 2020 will be guided by the high-level political forum theme on "Accelerated Action and Transformative Pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development"	New York, USA	1–2
<b>The SDG Global Festival of Action</b>	Bonn, Germany	1–3
<b>The ECOSOC Partnership Forum</b> Every year, the Partnership Forum provides the opportunity to listen to the world's most influential thinkers and actors. The Forum engages high-profile representatives from governments and non-state actors for dynamic discussions on how to define and promote effective partnerships and how partnerships can best advance the sustainable development agenda and the 17 SDGs.	New York, USA	3
<b>World Health Day</b>	Global	7
<b>2020 Spring Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank Group</b>	Washington, DC	13–19
<b>142nd Assembly of the IPU</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	16–20
<b>World Immunization Week</b>	Global	24–30
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>International Day of the Midwife</b>	Global	5
<b>Kick off: Generation Equality Forum, Beijing+25</b>	Mexico City, Mexico	7–8
<b>Global Fund 43rd Board meeting</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	14–15
<b>Third Walk the Talk: The Health for All Challenge</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	17

<b>73rd World Health Assembly (WHA)</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	17–21
<b>UN High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation</b>	TBC	26–29 May
<b>Seventh Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians</b>	Tbilisi, Georgia	TBC
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>UN Ocean Conference</b> The General Assembly through resolution 73/292 decided to convene the 2020 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14. The overarching theme of the Conference is “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”.	Lisbon, Portugal	2–6
<b>Gavi Replenishment</b>	London, UK	4–5
<b>ISSA Conference</b> Every year ISSA hosts an international conference on an important theme around Early Childhood. ISSA's Annual Conference is a unique platform to listen to the world's leading Early Childhood experts, uniting researchers, practitioners and policymakers from around the world. 2020 Focus: “Equity in Early Childhood”	Belgrade, Serbia	5–9
<b>G7 Meeting</b>	Camp David, USA	10–12
<b>International day of the elimination of sexual violence in conflict</b>	Global	19
<b>World Refugee Day</b>	Global	20
<b>ICM Triennial congress 2020</b>	Bali, Indonesia	21–25
<b>UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	23–25
<b>GAVI Board meeting</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	24–25
<b>International Day of the Elimination of Sexual Violence Against Women</b>	Global	25
<b>Commemorating Signing of UN Charter</b>	New York, USA	26
<b>PMNCH Board meeting</b>	virtual	30
<b>JULY</b>		
<b>The 3rd African Youth SDGs Summit</b>	Accra, Ghana	1–3
<b>23rd International AIDS Conference</b> 2020 Theme: Resilience	San Francisco & Oakland, USA	6–10
<b>Round off: Generation Equality Forum, Beijing+25</b>	Paris, France	7–10
<b>High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)</b> The theme will be “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development “  In 2020, 50 countries (27 first time presenters, and 23 second time presenters) will present their national voluntary reviews to the HLPF. The VNR presentations are planned to begin on Monday, 13 July 2020 (the last of the first five days of HLPF) and proceed for the three days of the ministerial segment of HLPF (14 – 16 July 2020).	New York, USA	7–16
<b>World Population Day</b>	Global	11
<b>World Youth Skills Day</b>	Global	15
<b>International Neonatology Conference</b>	Budapest, Hungary	24–26
<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>World Breastfeeding Week</b>	Global	1–7
<b>International Youth Day</b>	Global	12
<b>13th Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament</b>	Vienna, Austria	17–18
<b>World Humanitarian Day</b>	Global	19

<p><b>Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament</b> The Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament is scheduled to take place in 2020 and is expected to build on the outcomes from the previous sessions and further reinforce the parliamentary dimension of global governance.</p> <p>Preparations for the Speakers' Conference are guided by a Preparatory Committee, chaired by the IPU President, composed of parliamentary leaders, representatives of the IPU Executive Committee, the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians, the Secretary General of the IPU, and the high-level representative of the UN Secretary-General.</p>	Vienna, Austria	19–21
<p><b>WHO Regional Committee for Africa: seventieth session</b></p>	Lome, Togo	24–28
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<p><b>WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia: seventy-third session</b></p>	Thailand	7–11
<p><b>ICM Africa Regional Congress</b></p>	Windhoek, Namibia	12–14
<p><b>WHO Regional Committee for Europe: seventieth session</b></p>	Tel Aviv, Israel	14–17
<p><b>75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA75)</b> Special focus on UN75 / All Goals including a <b>High-level Event will be convened to commemorate the UN's 75th anniversary on 21 September 2020 with the theme 'The Future We Want, the UN We Need: Reaffirming our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism.'</b> This theme also will "guide all activities, meetings and conferences organized by the United Nations in 2020," including the general debate of the UNGA's 75th session. Resolution adopted detailing the specifics of the 75th anniversary of the UN can be found <a href="#">here</a></p>	New York, US	15–30
<p><b>WHO Regional Committee for the Americas: seventy-second session</b></p>	Washington, DC	28–2 Oct
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<p><b>UN Biodiversity Conference (COP25)</b> COP 15 will review the achievement and delivery of the CBD's Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. It is also anticipated that the final decision on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be taken, together with decisions on related topics including capacity building and resource mobilization.</p>	Kinming, China	5–10
<p><b>World Mental Health Day</b></p>	Global	10
<p><b>International Day of the Girl Child</b></p>	Global	11
<p><b>143rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union</b></p>	Kigali, Rwanda	12–15
<p><b>WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean: sixty-seventh session</b></p>	Cairo, Egypt	
<p><b>Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank Group</b> The Annual Meetings bring together central bankers, ministers of finance and development, parliamentarians, private sector executives, representatives from civil society organizations and academics to discuss issues of global concern, including the world economic outlook, poverty eradication, economic development, and aid effectiveness. Also featured are seminars, regional briefings, press conferences, and many other events focused on the global economy, international development, and the world's financial system. Theme/Focus areas are TBD</p>	Washington DC, USA	16–18
<p><b>Opening of Dubai Expo 2020</b></p>	Dubai, UAE	17
<p><b>UN World Data Forum</b></p>	Bern, Switzerland	18–21
<p><b>UN Day – 75th Anniversary</b></p>	Global	24
<p><b>Committee on World Food Security (CFS 47)</b> The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together to ensure food security and nutrition for all. The Committee reports to the UN General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to FAO Conference.</p>	TBC	TBC
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<p><b>Internet Governance Forum</b></p>	Katowice, Poland	2–6
<p><b>Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR2020)</b> The Sixth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (HSR2020) will seek to break old silos and re-orient health systems to address public health and engage the political, social, and environmental forces that perpetuate health inequities and social injustices. It will explore how technological, data and social innovations can address these challenges, and how health systems research can support essential transformations in health systems. 2020 Theme: Re-imagining health systems for better health and social justice</p>	Dubai, UAE	8–12

<b>Annual GA Resolution Discussion: Global Health and Foreign Policy (TBC)</b>	New York, USA	Early/Mid Nov. (TBC)
<b>2020 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 26)</b> The 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC	Glasgow, Scotland	9–19
<b>143rd Assembly of the IPU and related meetings</b>	Kigali, Rwanda	11–15
<b>Global Fund 44th Board meeting</b>	TBA	11–12
<b>World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW)</b>	Global	11–17
<b>World Pneumonia Day</b>	Global	12
<b>World Prematurity Day</b>	Global	17
<b>Universal Children’s Day</b>	Global	20
<b>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</b>	Global	25
<b>G20 Leaders’ Summit</b>	Riyadh, Ar Riyad, Saudi Arabia	20–21

## DECEMBER

<b>World AIDS Day</b>	Global	1
<b>26th PMNCH Board meeting</b>	Mexico City, Mexico	1–3
<b>Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2020 (N4G 2020)</b> The summit is an unprecedented opportunity to set the world on a pathway towards achieving the SDG targets – in particular, to end malnutrition in all its forms by 2030 and strengthen the link between diet, food systems and health. At N4G 2020, the government of Japan aims to work with partners to galvanise commitments from governments, civil society, private sector, donor agencies and the UN to end malnutrition in all its forms.  In August 2019, the government of Japan released its <a href="#">N4G 2020 Vision and Roadmap</a> : “The road to the Tokyo N4G Summit 2020 will kick off with a pledging event on July 23, 2020, on the eve of the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, to spur action towards the December Summit. The outcomes of the December Summit will be enshrined in a 2020 Compact designed to accelerate the achievement of the objectives of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the SDGs.”	Tokyo, Japan	Dec., date TBC
<b>Human Rights Day</b>	Global	10
<b>International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day</b>	Global	12
<b>Gavi Board Meeting</b>	TBA	16–17
<b>International Migrants Day</b>	Global	18