

Decolonising Global Public Health: Indigeneity, Mental Health, Human Rights

Pre-Congress Side Event

Saturday 5 September 2026 • 15:00 – 20:00, CTICC (Cape Town International Convention Center)

About

Decolonising Global Public Health: Indigeneity, Mental Health, Human Rights and the intersectionality of history, culture and social design.

Join us in person for an eye-opening workshop that dives deep into how we can rethink global public health through the lens of Indigeneity. We're exploring the real connections between mental health and human rights and how to make health systems more inclusive and just. Come be part of the conversation and help shape a better future as we launch the STAG for GMHAN Indigenous Working Group and the NOURISH GLOBAL network. NOURISH GLOBAL in Partnership with GMHAN, PHA, UCT, WFPHA IWG and

Global public health stands at an important crossroads. While equity and inclusion have become central themes, many public health systems remain grounded in colonial structures and unequal power relationships. This full-day workshop explores what it truly means to decolonise global public health across cultures, institutions and communities while launching the GMHAN Special Task Action Group on Indigeneity and Decolonising Global Health powered by the NOURISH Initiative.

Objectives

- Define decolonising global public health across multiple contexts.
- Explore identity, power, privilege and allyship.
- Examine decolonisation within governance, research, education and health systems.
- Strengthen understanding of Indigenous rights and self-determination.
- Explore race, social design and structural inequity.
- Highlight Indigenous knowledge systems and mental wellbeing.
- Develop practical actions for transformational change.

Registration

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Speakers

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