



2nd WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit, 2025

Restoring balance for people and planet ***The science and practice of health and well-being***

December 17-19, 2025, New Delhi, India

Coordinated by the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre with the Government of India

The 2nd [World Health Organization \(WHO\) Traditional Medicine Global Summit](#) will take place from December 17-19, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India. The Global Summit will bring together up to 5'500 (500 in-person and 5,000 online) participants over three days of sharing, collaboration, and action to advance the objectives of the new WHO Global Strategy for Traditional Medicine (2025-2034), adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2025.

Vision: Restoring well-being and balance for our lives and world through insights from traditional medicine and science.

Goal: WHO is committed to organizing a Global Traditional Medicine Summit every two years. The first WHO Summit, in 2023, set a global agenda and raised the global visibility and political attention to the traditional medicine around the world, concurrent with the G20 Summit in India under India's presidency. The 2025 Summit will deepen and broaden knowledge of traditional practices linked to scientific advances to enhance health and well-being and restore balance. The contribution of traditional medicine to the improvement of national health systems will also be highlighted. Together, Summit participants will advance the development of an inclusive global movement to uphold the rights of all people to access comprehensive resources for health and well-being.

Rationale: The Summit will advance the implementation of the WHO Global Strategy for Traditional Medicine (2025–2034), adopted at WHA78. Bringing together policymakers with scientists, academics, health practitioners, and civil society, the Summit will focus on shared knowledge and approaches to integrate evidence-based traditional medicine in health systems, promote access and equity, and strengthen sustainability. As the world grapples with NCDs, climate change, AMR, and health inequities—against a backdrop of reduced investments—this is a critical moment to reimagine healthcare. By blending scientific innovation with cultural wisdom, and championing regulation and sustainability, the Summit will help advance Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals, while inspiring a global movement for health and planetary balance.

2025 Summit theme:

Restoring balance for people and planet: The science and practice of health and well-being

Discussions will be framed by the objectives of the new WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy, informed by the Gujarat Declaration, which capped the first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit in August 2023. Multistakeholder dialogue and actions to advance science, innovation, community experience, and advocacy will be based on the latest available evidence and data. An interactive “experience space/ exhibition” will complement the Summit proceedings, available for in-person and online participation.

Hybrid event: The 2025 WHO TM Global Summit will invite up to 500 invited delegates across all WHO regions for dialogue, political engagement, and multistakeholder action, engaging Indigenous Peoples, practitioners and health professional groups, Governments, youth groups, non-governmental organizations, academia, and the private sector. The Summit will also offer an interactive virtual platform for up to 5,000 online participants. It will unite and amplify the outcomes of national and regional meetings on traditional medicine, guided by a global roadmap of pre-Summit events and opportunities in 2025.

Participation: Indigenous Peoples, Government leaders, practitioners, health professionals, faith leaders, academics and researchers, media, private sector, NGOs, user groups, and others.

- **In person** – Up to 500 delegates, invitations and registration organized by six WHO regional offices
- **Online** – Open registration of up to 5,000 participants from all regions. Programming to be live-streamed and recorded for post-Summit access, including post-Summit launch of high-level interviews recorded during the Summit. UN language translations and sign language.

Summit Highlights

- *Champions:* Nobel winners, heads of state, faith and indigenous community leaders, Earth Elders on how traditional medicine can advance peace, stability, inter-connectedness and well-being at a time of global fragility and crisis;
- *Commitments:* New innovations and investments in traditional medicine for the well-being of societies and economies to advance the strategic objectives of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy, 2025-2034
- *Launches* including:
 - WHO Global TM Library on Traditional Medicine;
 - *WHO Bulletin* special issue on Traditional Medicine;
 - Health Heritage Innovations (H2I) Investment Pipeline;
 - Global TM Research Priorities and Roadmap;
 - TM Systems Framework and Data Network;
 - Indigenous Peoples Knowledge Exchange.
- *Plenaries:* Restoring balance: The science and practice of traditional medicine; Building the Global TM Innovation and Investment ecosystem; Indigenous Knowledge Exchange for Biodiversity and Health; Evidence, Equity, Environment: Operational Principles in TM
- *Parallel sessions:* TM strategy objectives: Research, Integration, Regulation, & Collaboration;
- *Immersive interactive TM experience space:* Innovative, immersive "experience space", exploring how TM is essential to past, present and future medical and scientific frontiers. Participants can test their knowledge and learn new skills, in science and practice, to restore balance.
- *Ministerial Round Table-* It provides a platform for sharing best practices, policy frameworks, and evidence for the safe and effective integration of TM. The roundtable seeks to identify opportunities for cross-country collaboration and capacity building, while exploring sustainable

financing and partnerships to advance TM research, innovation, and digital health solutions, thereby enhancing the global contribution of TM to universal health coverage and resilient healthcare systems.