



WHA79 ICS SIDE EVENT

Sunday, May 17, 2026

5:30 to 7:30 pm CEST

Mont Blanc Ballroom

Warwick Hotel, Geneva, Switzerland

Building Sustainable Perioperative Capacity for 2035

Opening Remarks: Dr. Thav Thambi-Pillai, ICS World President

Session I: Building Surgical Capacity through Collaboration

Moderator: Dr. Kathleen Casey, Consultant in Global Surgery

ICS Africa:

Dr. Peter Nussbaumer, First Vice President

PAN ECO Care, Nigeria:

Comrade Lawal-Aiyedun Olubunmi, CEO MARCH Health Care Initiative

Sanford World Clinics:

Ms. Karoliina Slack, Vice President

American College of Surgeons (ACS):

Dr. Girma Terfera, Director, ACS HOPE

ICS Latin America:

Dr. Guido Parquet, Immediate Past President

ICS Asia – Pacific:

Dr. Ruby Mahesparan, Neurosurgeon

ICS Europe – North America:

Dr. Rifat Latifi, WHO Liaison

Session II: Reimagining Perioperative Care for 2035

Moderator: Dr. Meena Nathan Cherian, Senior Advisor, ICS-Global Affairs; Director, Global Health New Challenges-GFMER; Former WHO EESC Program Lead

Minister of Health, Philippines:	Dr. Teodoro Herbosa
Director General of Health Service, Ghana:	Dr. Samuel Kaba
Emergency and Critical and Operative Care, WHO:	Dr. Lee Wallis
World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists:	Dr. Carolina Haylock-Loor, President
Global 4 Alliance (SOTA):	Dr. Neil Wetzig, President
International Federation of Surgical Colleges:	Dr. Fanus Dreyer, President
Foresight, Leadership & Ethics, Science for Health:	Ms. Kidst Bartolomeos
World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies:	Dr. Asra Al Fauzi, Indonesia



Session III: Moving Forward Together in Perioperative Care

Stakeholders Discussions and Closing Remarks

Moderators:

- Dr. Juan Carlos Puyana, Chair of Global Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, and University of Pittsburgh
- Dr. Chris Dodgion, Global Councilor, International Society of Surgery; President, Association of Academic Global Surgery
- Dr. Thav Thambi-Pillai, ICS World President; Vice President, International Medical Health Organization



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Following the event, you are cordially invited to a reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Foyer in the Mezzanine level.

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