

**Welcome**  
**Briefing: FDI Members**  
June 2024

# Global advocacy updates

# WHO World Health Assembly (WHA) Update

# FDI statements at WHA77 (27 May-1 June)

- FDI partnered with the (International Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (IADR) to deliver six statements on:
  1. Universal Health Coverage
  2. Noncommunicable diseases
  3. Wellbeing and health promotion
  4. Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
  5. Antimicrobial resistance: accelerating national and global responses
  6. Draft fourteenth general programme of work, 2025–2028



# Elysium Noma Survivors Association

The opportunity to hear from its co-founders Mulikat Okanlawon and Fidel Strub and discuss ways in which future collaborations (WOHD, AMR, Noma conference etc.) could be strengthened (May 27).



# Strategic meetings and events



**New strategy launched at a reception celebrating the Alliance's 25th anniversary (26 May)**



**NCDs and health workforces and what needs to be done to empower health professionals to tackle the problem? (28 May)**  
**High-level speakers from WHO: Dr Bente Mikkelsen, Director, NCD Department, and Jim Campbell Director, Health Workforce Dept**



# World Medical Association & Global AMR Hub\*

**Roundtable “AMR – Looking Towards UNGA and Beyond” (27 May). The event identified urgent opportunities for collective action towards the UNHLM on AMR political declaration draft. It also explored areas of mutual interest for collaboration beyond the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).**



\*The Global AMR Research and Development (R&D) Hub was launched in May 2018, following a call from G20 Leaders. It is a global partnership currently consisting of 18 countries, the European Commission and two philanthropic foundations. The Global AMR R&D Hub supports global priority setting and evidence-based decision-making on allocation of resources for AMR R&D through the identification of gaps, overlaps and potential for cross-sectoral collaboration and leveraging in AMR R&D.

It aims to address challenges and improve coordination and collaboration in global AMR R&D using a One Health approach.



# Side event on Oral Health led by the Govt of Ireland

(co-sponsors Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Canada and Sri Lanka)



**« We cannot achieve universal health coverage without oral health »**  
**Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala the WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific**



**Recently, we launched a report entitled “Partnerships to achieve oral health for all: The Role and Value of Industry” to highlight how the private sector’s strengths and expertise can accelerate the Action Plan’s implementation. FDI President**

**Speakers included: Minister Colm Burke, Dr Hans Kluge (WHO Regional Director EURO), Dr Bente Mikkelsen (WHO Director NCDs), FDI President among others (May 28).**

# WHO Global Oral Health Meeting

**First-ever global oral health meeting in Bangkok, Thailand from 26–29 November 2024.**

**All 194 WHO Member States and relevant non-State actors will be invited.**

**Target participants: Chief Dental Officers and Universal Health Coverage Leads.**

**Main anticipated outputs: 1) development of each country's national roadmap on oral health aligned with GOHAP 2023–2030; 2) Bangkok declaration; 3) Global coalition for oral health.**



**World Health  
Organization**

**Key preparatory meeting for the 4<sup>th</sup> United Nations High-Level Meeting on NCDs 2025**

# World Refugee Day and FDI

# Addressing oral health needs in refugees policy and collaboration strategies

## Background /

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)<sup>1</sup>, the global refugee population reached 36.4 million as of mid-2023, marking a doubling in just seven years. Along with displacement comes a myriad of challenges, among which access to healthcare, including oral health services, remains a significant concern. In addition to barriers known among disadvantaged populations, limited resources, displacement, cultural and language barriers, trust and a shortage of skilled healthcare professionals frequently contribute to the absence or inadequacy of such services for refugees<sup>2</sup>.

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### Overview

#### DESCRIPTION



This webinar aims to discuss the distinctive challenges confronted by dentists operating in unstable environments and humanitarian crises. Through open discussions, we will shed light on the increased prevalence of oral health conditions and disparities encountered in these regions. While outlining the obstacles faced by dental professionals, including limited resources, complex dental needs, infrastructure deficiencies, and safety concerns - with a view of considering solutions. We would like this session to cultivate networks of research and support to address these challenges. The session will feature dentists and dental researchers actively engaged or collaborating to promote the provision of oral healthcare or research in these environments.

Our panel comprises experts working across various regions currently grappling with such crises, including Sudan, the Middle East, Latin America and other areas.

July 3, 2024

Wed 8:00 AM EDT 🕒

DURATION 1H 0M

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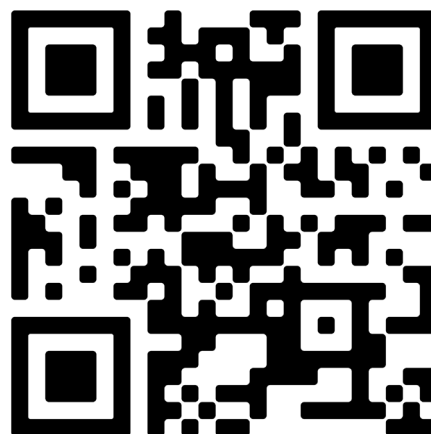
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# Minamata Convention on Mercury and dental amalgam

# Dental amalgam ban in the EU



- **July 2023:** European Commission adopted a proposal to revise the **Mercury Regulation** in EU
- **February 2024:** The Council and European Parliament reached a **provisional political agreement** on the proposal to phase out the use of dental amalgam
- **April 2024:** The legislation was **voted upon** at the European Parliament plenary

# FDI World Dental Congress 2024 (WDC24)

Advocacy-related sessions

# Sugar strategy: Policies to reduce free-sugars intake



## FDI global target

By 2030 every FDI member country implements policy measures aiming to reduce free sugars intake.



## WHO global target

By 2030, 50% of countries implement policy measures aiming to reduce free sugars intake.



# Sugar-related sessions at WDC2024

1. Capacity building workshop:  
Effective advocacy on sugar-use  
reduction  
**15 Sept; 9:00–10:30**

2. Session: *FDI Position on Free  
Sugars - what have we learnt  
one year in?*  
**15 Sept; 11:00–12:00**



# WDC 2024 advocacy sessions



1. World Oral Health Forum:  
Partnerships and alliances to bridge  
the oral healthcare gap: 14 Sept:  
09:00-10:30
2. Session: Reforming health systems  
through interprofessional  
collaboration: 14 Sept: 11:00-12:30

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**fdi** Istanbul 2024  
World Dental Congress

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**istanbul**

BRIDGING  
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**12-15**  
**September 2024**  
ISTANBUL TÜRKİYE

The logo for the Turkish Dental Association (TDB), featuring a red square with a white circular emblem containing a stylized dental symbol. To the right of the emblem, the letters 'TDB' are written in white, and below the square, the text 'TURKISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION' is written in a small, white font.

# See you in Istanbul: 9-15 September



## Register a group and take advantage of following discount:

- For groups of 5-9 participants: 5% discount
- For groups of 10+ participants, a 10% discount will apply.

Contact [fdiregistration@opteamist.com](mailto:fdiregistration@opteamist.com) to register your group!

## Get your ticket for the social events

- Gala Dinner: 13 September - Divan Kuruçeşme
- City night: 14 September – Bosphorus Cruise

Register here: <https://www.ecomagent.com/2024fdi/>

The call for registration to the General Assembly was sent to all FDI members on 11-12 June with the deadline of 12th July.

Please contact the FDI office if you did not receive the communication.

[www.worlddentalcongress.org](http://www.worlddentalcongress.org)

# Save the dates for 2025



**16 - 18**  
January 2025  
RIYADH - KSA

**See you in**  
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**Early Bird deadline**  
**15 August 2024**

**Early Bird**  
**Registration fee**  
**160 USD**

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**fdi**  
World Dental Congress

SHANGHAI 2025

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*Shaping the future of oral health*

9-12 September, 2025  
**Shanghai China**  
National Exhibition and Convention Center

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE  
**31 March 2025**

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
**2 June 2025**

**Parliament dates  
6 – 11 September 2025**

**Congress dates  
9 – 12 September 2025**

# Questions & answers

# Thank you!

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