



PONTIFICIA ACADEMIA
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XXXI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS

DRAFT PROGRAM WORKSHOP:

“Healthcare for all. Sustainability and equity”

16-18 February 2026
Augustinianum Institute
Via Paolo VI, 25 – Rome (Italy)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th Morning

8:00 – Registration

First Plenary Session: Moderators:

9:00 – Welcome address
R. PEGORARO (President, Pontifical Academy for Life)

9:15 – Video-testimonials (5 min.)

- Western Countries (Elderly – Somos, CONFIRMED)
- Africa (Infant mortality) – CUAMM?
- India (Essential drugs)
- Latin America (The challenge of sustainability)

9:40 – Sustainable?

- *Francesca COLOMBO (OECD, France) - CONFIRMED*
- *Sheila TLOU (Botswana) - CONFIRMED*

10:40 – Coffee break

11:00 - Move to Apostolic Palace

12:00 – Papal Audience

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13:00 – Break

Afternoon

Second Plenary Session: Fundamental Ethical Principles

Moderators:

14:30 – Catholic Social Teaching in Health Care
Emilce CUDA (Argentina) - CONFIRMED

14:55 – Fundamental rights and justice
Stefano SEMPLICI (Italy) - CONFIRMED

15:20 – Discussion

16:00 – Coffee break

16:25 – Efficiency, Justice and Care. Philosophical Reflections on Scarcity in Health Care
Yvonne DENIER (Leuven) - CONFIRMED

16:50 – The Right to Healthcare as a Fundamental Right: When More Can Be Less
Federico DE MONTALVO J. (Spain) - CONFIRMED

17:15 – Discussion

18:30 - Conclusion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Morning

Third Plenary Session: A Comparison of Approaches

Moderators:

9:00 –
Ezekiel J. EMANUEL (USA) - CONFIRMED

9:25 – Chinese Perspective
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9:50 - Catholic perspective on the sustainability of Western healthcare Systems and organizations

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Emili BARGALLÓ (Spain) – CONFIRMED

10:15 – Catholic hospitals in developing countries: challenges relating to identity, economics, and the humanization of healthcare facilities

Jacques SIMPORE (Burkina Faso) - TBC

10:40 - Discussion

11:00 – Coffee break

11:30 – Challenging areas

Moderator: Henk ten Have

- Elderly (David Johnson) - TBC
- Disability and Mental Health (Bill Sullivan) - CONFIRMED
- Migrants (Bob Vitillo) - CONFIRMED
 - o Discussion
- War (Rok Civliak) - CONFIRMED
- Epidemics (John Nkengasong) - CONFIRMED
 - o Discussion

13:30 – Lunch Break

Afternoon

Third Plenary Session:

Moderators: Maria Chiara Carrozza - TBC

14:30 – Emerging Technologies in Healthcare Systems

Gert VAN DER WILT (The Netherlands) - CONFIRMED

14:55 – Politics

Walter RICCIARDI (Italy) - CONFIRMED

15:20 – Discussion

15:50 – Coffee Break

16:20 – Prevention and Education

Gifty IMMANUEL (India) - CONFIRMED

16:45 – Communication

Speaker from The Lancet - TBC

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17:10 – Discussion

18:00 – Concluding remarks

18:15 - “Guardian of Life” Award

20:00 – Gala Dinner

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
(Restricted to PAV Members)

8:00 – Holy Mass

9:00 – Breakfast

9:30 – Plenary session

11:30 – Break

11:45 – Plenary session

12:45 – Conclusion

13:00 – Lunch

14:00 – Board of Directors Meeting